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COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS WITH OPEN HOUSE **Miracle Center Honors Volunteers and Community Support During Open House on Friday, Dec. 2nd**

Miracle Center is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that funds faith-based transitional living and rehabilitation for women recovering from alcohol and drug addiction within the Tucson community. “A sign of these extraordinary times tells us that the numbers of people with addictions are on a steep rise. Our community needs more of these facilities right now, which means we should look to expanding,” commented Director Jennifer McPheron. The organization is considering looking into the possibility of a second facility with the same arrangements and programs for men. This could lead to the inclusion of a second thrift store location. While retail traffic in the store has been steady, McPheron has an ongoing concern for customer demand and the flow of sales exceeding the donations of second-hand merchandise. The plea for donations is an ongoing endeavor.

The **Miracle Center Christmas Open House is set for Friday, December 2 from 5p to 9p** with tours, food and music. The public is invited to see how their donation dollars are put to work bettering our citizens and community. Volunteer recognition is scheduled from 7p to 8p at the home, located on the southwest corner of Prince Road and Tucson Blvd.

PROGRAM DETAILS: Each woman resident is required to complete weekly attendance at church, house meetings, 12 step meetings, chapel service, bible study and counseling administered by a licensed counselor. Each one is also required to work with a sponsor and to do outreach and volunteer work. They each complete a written schedule every Sunday for the following week and are assigned responsibilities for that week. The program is very comprehensive to assist in developing structure, accountability and life-skills. Thrift Store visitors can meet some of the women whose lives have been positively changed by The Miracle Center at the thrift store’s location at 5557 E. Pima Rd.

At the Miracle Center Thrift Store cash and merchandise donations may be made in person and monetary donations with credit card by phone at 296-3337 and at www.MiracleCenterAZ.org. **Donation pickup arrangements are gratefully encouraged by calling 296-3337.** Tax deductible receipts are provided. For more information and details: 808-0746. Website: www.MiracleCenterAZ.org.

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