

got compassion?

James, the manager of Marian House Community Outreach, regularly helps people in need. He delivers food, household goods, and furniture to families and individuals who are just getting their start in a new apartment, home or hotel room. He connects people to providers who help with such things as car repair so they can get to their jobs, or financial support to buy tools or other necessities, so they can get a job. But that isn't all he does. When James sees someone in need, he does what he can to make their life better.

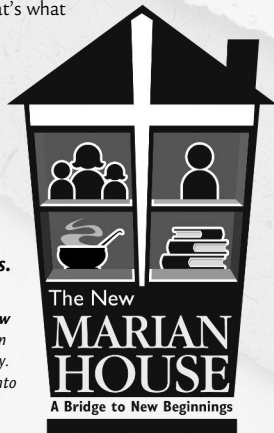
When James met Christine, she was recovering from a stroke as a result of a horrible car accident. The stroke left her paralyzed on her left side so she was having difficulty getting around. She had been coming down the stairs in her home scooting on her bottom until James installed a hand rail on the left side of her stairs so she could stabilize herself. He also enlisted support from volunteers to make her bathroom handicapped accessible. These little things have made a tremendous difference in Christine's ability to be more self-sufficient. He built a handicap ramp for another woman because she couldn't afford to have a contractor build one for her. These are not services you would normally associate with the Marian House, but James saw a need and filled it.

This past December when Colorado Springs was hit with two back to back blizzards, James was at the Marian House helping distribute blankets, sleeping bags, coats, hats and gloves to help those without homes try to stay warm. When they ran out of gloves, he gave his own leather gloves to a guest. When asked why he gave his gloves away on such a cold day, he said, "I have someplace to go and get warm. The man who got my gloves didn't. He needed them more than I did." That's what James does everyday; he gives a part of himself to help those in need.

This is just another example of how the services, staff and volunteers of Marian House help people in their time of need. We don't just provide a meal, or deliver material goods;

We make a difference in people's lives.

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