

New Life Mission to mark 15th anniversary with community luncheon

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New Life Mission, a nonprofit focused on assisting homeless women with children on the Space Coast, is celebrating its 15th anniversary with an annual Community Care & Share Luncheon fundraiser on April 18 and 19 at the Hilton Melbourne Rialto Place.

Guests are invited to attend either 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 18 (Thursday) or 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., April 19 (Friday), and can register by emailing CCS@NewLife-Mission.org. There is no cost to attend, and guests will be asked to donate.



Amy Lyon
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During the luncheon, attendees will learn about the history of New Life Mission, formerly Brevard Rescue Mission, and the impact the organization has had on transforming the lives of homeless women with children during the last 15 years. They also will learn about upcoming campus tours, volunteer opportunities and other ways to become involved.

“Our mission started in 2009 with a few apartment units, and, today, we have four campuses in Melbourne with capacity to serve 30 families in our program and another eight in affordable graduate housing,” New Life’s CEO Amy Lyon said. “It’s incredible to watch a mom go from living in her car to working a full-time job with a livable wage and providing for her family.”

New Life Mission opened its fourth campus, New Life Village, last spring on the site of the former Hacienda Girls Ranch in Melbourne. The expansion not only opened the door to serve more families, but also prompted the organization to launch its own full-time child care center called Kids Academy and expand the Transformed Shop sewing center.

“It takes a village to keep our doors open, and community support is the lifeblood of our organization,” Lyon said. “We are always looking for individuals and groups to help in our Kids Academy, in our Transformed Shop and with our facilities team.”

While in the program, families live at one of New Life Mission’s four campuses for one to two years while they receive one-on-one case management, mental health counseling, financial coaching, life skills classes, and educational and career guidance.

Upon successful completion of the program, they have the opportunity to apply for affordable graduate housing.

For more information, go to www.NewLife-Mission.org.