

Direct Mail

NON-FOR-PROFIT SOLICITATION MERCY HOME FOR BOYS & GIRLS



Mercy Home for Boys & Girls
Mission of Our Lady of Mercy
1140 W. Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, IL 60607



...and I never had to be scared again!

Sample A. Sample
123 Any Street
Apartment 000
Anytown, US 12345-6789



Sample,
All I want is love and shelter and
someone to give me a chance.
Doesn't anyone care?

Dear Sample,

Put yourself in my place for a moment. You're an old, tired priest and you've seen first-hand the pain and despair that challenges every ounce of your faith.

You've ministered to Jimmy, a kid who had been chained to a radiator by his mother for days on end. In her psychotic rages, she'd beat him daily to within an inch of his life.

You've soothed Peggy, an innocent young girl with an irrepressible spirit. Her mother's boyfriend burst into her room one night and raped her over and over again, while her coke-addicted mother ignored her plaintive pleas for help.

And every night, right before you drift off to an unsettled sleep, you think: have I really done enough today? Could I have tried a little harder? Given a little more? Fought a little more strongly for these damaged victims?

I'm Father Jim Close, and I run Mercy Home for Boys and Girls. And virtually every day, I ask myself heartbreaking questions like these. Deep down in my soul, I know I'm going to do everything in my power to make a difference, until my last dying day. But time is catching up with me and I'm not too proud to say that I NEED HELP.

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(over, please...)

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spiritus orparit haec rabies quid sacer istefuror. Rediere vices celebrenus
homorest hoc sube unc etiam solitas ovis atria toto ecubias agitant sidera
God bless you,
7R Jim
Father Jim Close

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OPERATING BUDGET



Our Mission:

Mercy Home for Boys and Girls transforms young lives of suffering into lives of hope and promise by providing a nurturing home, healing for families, the means for growth and God's mercy in action.

Founded in 1887 as an orphanage for homeless newsboys and waifs, Mercy Home has since ministered to over 20,000 as one of the nation's most successful residential programs for children and is nationally accredited by the Council of Accreditation of Services for Families and Children, Inc. Mercy Homes does not rely on government or church support.

Please help the kids...

☒ YES! I want to help Father Close bring caring and hope to the kids at Mercy Home. Please accept my gift of:

☐ \$35 ☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$_____



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Thank you and
God bless you!
7R Jim

Please make your check payable to:
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Before I moved into
Mercy Homes, I thought
that love was only
something in
the movies...



Dear Friend,

Do you know about love?

I didn't. At six years old, I was panhandling out in the street. At ten, I scored my first drug deal. When most kids have communions, I was building a police record. I was ready to give up on myself. Thank God Father Close didn't give up on me!

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Nec fugiunt oculos artara caeca meosuid tam.

—Jason, age 12