



# The Outreach

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Mati and Buzz Lightyear

**I love these toys the most, so I know they'll make the kids happy."**

In this season of giving thanks for all God means to us and what He has done for us, I wanted to share with you an awesome example of the kind of giving God loves most. One of our volunteers shared this story with me and it impacted me so much, I just had to share it with you.

One day this past week, Mati (the 4 year old son of the volunteer mentioned above) questioned his mom why she would leave home every night to go to the HALO Code Blue shelter. He would rather she stay home.

Seeing this as the perfect opportunity to explain to him why her serving was so important to the women and children staying there, she told him about the people there and their circumstances. *"Do the children there have toys to play with?"*, he asked. *"They have some."* was her reply.

Mati went to his room only to later return with four bags of his toys that he wanted to donate to the children at Code Blue. The awesome part is that he had gathered up all of his favorite ones to donate. When questioned wouldn't he rather donate ones he didn't like or didn't play with anymore, he responded *"I love these toys the most so I know they'll make the kids happy."* His mom hugged him, cried with joy, and prayed with Mati for his giving heart.

Mati got the chance to bring his toys to Code Blue and hand them out to the children where they eagerly started going through them and playing with them. Among these was Mati's favorite, a Buzz Lightyear action figure that he took everywhere with him. One little boy took it and started flying it around the room. The look on Mati's face confirmed what he had known all along; ***that these toys would make the kids happy.***

Mati's mother told me that she had wondered if she would do the same given the chance which made me think. If God called on me to give away my most treasured, earthly, material possessions to help another in need, would I do it? And would I do it with the same selfless, cheerful heart of this 4 year old boy? As a believer, I'd like to think so, but in reality, I don't know. I'd never thought it through before.

After they left that night, I went and held that little Buzz action figure. It had many scratches on the helmet, a little worn paint here and there, and rounded edges. Obviously from the many baths it had taken with Mati, places it had gone with him in his pocket, friends who had likely played with it. Who knows all the stories it could tell while Mati enjoyed it.

I do know that I saw the face of Christ in a 4 year old boy as he watched his favorite toy bring so much joy to kids he doesn't even know and may never see again. Mati, thank you for teaching me the true meaning of cheerful, sacrificial giving. I could never have seen a more perfect example and it's one I'll never forget. God bless you.

In His service,  
Shane McDade



Shane McDade with Mati



**HALO Café**  
**HALO Bargain Center**  
**HALO On The Street**  
**Journey of Hope**  
**Community Outreach Center**  
**HALO Reads**  
**Adopt-A-Family**  
**Resource Connection**  
**Women & Mothers with Children Shelter**

*Hope And Life Outreach*  
 701 Snow Hill Road  
 Salisbury, MD 21804  
 410-742-9356



**HALO TRAINING DATES**

3rd Sunday of every month - 2:00PM  
 HALO Café  
 119 South Blvd.

(corner of Eastern Shore Drive & South Blvd.)

For more information and to register, contact the HALO Office @ 410-742-9356.

**Your Gifts Make It Possible!**

JANUARY 2010 THRU NOVEMBER 2010

MEALS PROVIDED:

HALO Cafe - 22,884  
 HALO on the Street - 2,679

BEDS PROVIDED:

Code Blue - 9,524

Dear Friends,

Have you ever felt during this busy season “I’ll be so glad when Christmas is over.” I caught myself saying that the other day to one of my volunteers. I walked into my office and thought about what I had just said.

As I was deep in thought, I heard voices in the next room. Listening more closely I realized Gina, our HALO Reads volunteer, was helping one of our adult students learn how to read.

I got up and went out to the Community Outreach Center and people were bringing donations to HALO. “Saw you on the news and wanted to help. It isn’t much, but hopefully, it will help a little.” as they smiled at Kim, helping unload their car.

I walked back into the office waiting room, all the chairs were filled and people were standing in line to be seen. Sitting at the desk, Susie was cheerfully answering questions and giving out words of encouragement and hope.

As I walked on down the hallway, I came to the next office. There Susan was inputting information into our client data base and beside her, Stephanie was scheduling volunteers for the Café and HALO on the Street.

I went back to my office and bowed my head. “Jesus, don’t ever let me forget **You are the Reason for the Season.** It’s because you loved us so much you came as our Savior, the Greatest Gift.”

It is my prayer that you have a wonderful Christmas and that you have accepted the Greatest Gift that has ever been given.

**Celeste**  
 Celeste Savage,  
 Executive Director

*Wishing you and your family a Blessed Christmas and New Year.*

**A special Christmas dinner will be served to our HALO guests on December 25th.**

**During that time, we will be handing out Christmas presents to the homeless men that dine with us. Homeless women and children who are not staying in the shelter will be encouraged to stay at the shelter where they too will receive a Christmas gift.**

**Men’s Gift Boxes:**

- Scarf & Gloves
- Hats (toboggans)
- Socks
- Lip balm
- Hand lotion
- Deodorant
- Hardy candy

**If you would like to provide any items for the Christmas box, please contact: Teresa Schevel@ 410-742-9356 or email: tschevel@HALOministry.org**

## A VISIT FROM ANGELS



*Amir, Eric and Evan*

Mindee Page knew something was wrong and she had to do something about it. Although she didn't want to have to leave her home in a small New Jersey town, she had to get the necessary medical attention for her son.

With a great local hospital and shorter driving distance to Children's Hospital in D.C., Salisbury seemed to be the place to move.

Three year old Evan suffers with immune system complications. Because of this condition, he has been hospitalized numerous times with respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), pneumonia, and cardiac arrest twice within the last year. Evan receives in home infusions once a week and is unable to be in a communal environment, such as a daycare.

Living on a fixed income in their two bedroom house, with Evans five and one year old brothers, Mindee worried how she was going to have a

Christmas for the kids. All she could provide was a bare Christmas tree. She certainly didn't know how she would get gifts around the tree.

Then she heard about HALO's Adopt A Family Program. Mindee came in and filled out her application. The selection team reviewed her application and paired her family with an Adopt A Family sponsor.

*"There is no words on earth to describe the feeling that I felt watching my children enjoy their Christmas and visit from their Angels."*



## THANK YOU

Thank you to the area churches, businesses, schools, organizations and individuals in the community who have participated in our Adopt-A-Family Program.

As the calls were made to inform our families their gifts were at HALO, we heard the sign of relief and when they came in. We saw the smiles, the tears, received hugs and a *"Thank You"* that we

wanted to pass onto you.

Those sponsoring families "adopted" over 700 children throughout our community. That is over 400 more than last year.

So thank you for your kindness, your donations and making memories for so many children this year.



Some of the gifts that line the office hallway at HALO.



Mrs. Henderson along with her 2nd grade students from Holly Grove Christian School with gifts they provided for a family this Holiday Season.

# TURN YOUR LOVE INTO ACTION!



## Volunteer Corner

Coming into HALO was very scary for Ginny.

"I had never been around homeless people." But her first adventure would change her life forever.

Volunteering with HALO for the past 3 years, Ginny's first volunteer opportunity would be with HALO on the Street. Ginny was introduced to Clyde, a 62 year old man who lived under the overpass. It was love at first sight.

Every week, Ginny would go out with Halo on the Street and serve dinner to Clyde and many others living on the street.

Since that time, Ginny has been a huge advocate for HALO.

WANT TO BECOME A HALO V.I.P.? (Volunteer Impact Partner)

See first hand the mission of HALO, volunteer opportunities and how lives are being changed.

**3rd Sunday of each month 2:00PM  
HALO Mission & Café**

For more information, contact our office @ 410-742-9356 or  
Email: info@HALOministry.org



She still serves in HALO on the Street, volunteers one night a week in the HALO Café and volunteers in the HALO office every Friday.

*Thank you Ginny* for giving of yourself to provide a hand up to the homeless and hungry.



Ginny serving dinner with HALO on the Street

## Serving meals at the HALO Cafe



The Metro Lions cooked and served dinner to our volunteers during "The Great Reveal" volunteer appreciation dinner.

Thank you Metro Lions Club for your service to HALO and the Community.

We want to thank the following groups that served in the HALO Café

- WMDT-47
- Courtesy Chevrolet
- Bank of Delmarva
- HALO Board of Directors
- Delmarva Shorebirds
- Allen Memorial Baptist Church
- Harvest Baptist Church



## Cactus Taverna Restaurant

is sponsoring  
**Tips for HALO**

On Tuesday, December 21, 2010 all tips and a portion of the sales will be donated to HALO to help kids for Christmas.

Come out for dinner at Cactus Taverna and support HALO.

**Be sure to get your coupon book for \$10.00. Monthly specials!! A great Christmas Stocking Stuffer. All proceeds benefit HALO.**

## "Push Up Challenge for Charity"

**On December 22nd @ 4:30PM at World Gym**

Angie and Mike will be doing "push-ups" for charity.

Stop by and vote for the one you think will win.

All the proceeds will be donated to HALO.

