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PriMed Providers and MED3000 Employees Donate Over 50 Care Packages to the Bridgeport Rescue Mission

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In response to the Bridgeport Rescue Mission's critical need for essential and often costly toiletry items for homeless guests, PriMed and MED3000 employees rallied together and donated over 50 care packages to the Rescue Mission.

Healthcare providers from PriMed, a multi-specialty physician's group with over 110 providers and 36 locations in Connecticut and employees from MED3000, a national provider of healthcare management and technology services with an office in Shelton, filled backpacks and tote bags with items such as toothbrushes and toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, laundry detergent, dish soap, and winter hats and gloves in a *Christmas Compassion in Action* campaign.

"Bridgeport Rescue Mission is truly grateful for this donation of these practical and much-needed items for the men and women in our shelters. More importantly, these gifts tell our residents and guests that they're cared for and loved," said Bridgeport Rescue Mission Executive Director Terry Wilcox.

"In these tough economic times so many families have a limited income and even no income. We wanted to help lighten the financial load by donating these critical items and also enjoy the rewarding experience of giving back to our community," said PriMed's Director of Practice Development Stacey Porto.

With the mission of fighting poverty from the inside out by providing a place of hope and dignity through a yearlong educational program, biblical counseling and case management, the Bridgeport Rescue Mission provided, from January to December 2011, 40,150 nights of shelter (an average of 110 per night) and 610,011 meals (an average of 1,671 per day). They provide meals to



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students in a yearlong recovery program, overnight guests, and low income members of the community who come to their doors on a daily basis for a warm meal or meals.

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For more information on the Bridgeport Rescue Mission, visit
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