



Sidewalk University Economic Empowerment Parent Rescue Overview

A few years ago my mother, Georgia Brown shared her vision with me. She wished that she could start a facility that would assist parents in an emergency situation. As a working parent she struggled to maintain work/family life balance and oftentimes needed additional support to carry out her parental obligations. Georgia envisioned a facility where parents could bring their children if they were sick, out of school for holidays or for various other reasons, hence the development of Parent Rescue Program.

I am saddened by a recent story of a young woman from Irvington, New Jersey (July 2010). This young woman needed to keep a roof over her three children. In order to do so she took a night shift job. She didn't have a baby sitter and left two of her children home alone. Consequently, the inevitable happened. One of her children left the apartment and began wandering around through the streets of Irvington. Fortunately, a motorist saw the child and enlisted the help of the police. The children were unharmed but the mother was charged with child endangerment. Not every parent's story is like this however, I wish that Parent Rescue was available to this young lady at the time.

The purpose of **Parent Rescue Program** is to provide parents with the support they may not get elsewhere. Our mission is three-fold:

- Provide emergency care for parents and children.
- Provide emergency care for child service organizations.
- Provide empowerment workshops for the community.

We know you have to go to work. We know you have to go to school in order to economically empower your family. We know that you have to go on business trips to keep your job. We know that you may have to take a second or third shift job in order to pay your rent or mortgage. Parents face daunting challenges in this economy. The word on the street is that employees are being asked to go above and beyond their normal duties to bring in revenue for their companies. At **Parent Rescue** we understand your needs and **want** to be your support system. We are even available if you want a night out on the town with your friends, husband or significant other. Our sole purpose is to be here for you and your family.

I hope that you will take a moment out of your precious day to look over our programs and visit our entire website to see the wonderful goals we are accomplishing every day in our communities.

We are here for you!

I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

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