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CLARA WHITE MISSION

The Clara White Mission was established as a soup kitchen in 1904 by the great Jacksonville humanitarian Dr. Eartha M. M. White (1876 - 1974) and her mother, Clara English White (1845 - 1920). The mission's work was conducted from the White's home for many years, but by 1930 the operation had grown so large it could no longer be managed in a residential setting. Eartha White obtained the Globe Theatre building on West Ashley Street, and named the facility in memory of her mother. For the remainder of her life, Dr. White lived in the Clara White Mission. Her quarters are maintained as a museum on the second floor of the building, and tours may be scheduled Monday through Friday.

The core program of the Mission continues to be the provision of food and supportive services to the homeless and disadvantaged. In 2000, Clara White provided more than 90,000 meals and other services to 45,000 unduplicated individuals. In 2001, services will expand to include a 35-bed transitional living facility for men, primarily veterans, operated in conjunction with a vocational training program available to all clientele.

The Mission has acquired the historic Hollywood Music Store, adjacent to Clara White, which will be joined to the Mission structure. This remodel will provide 16,000 square feet of space for a dormitory, day center, offices, training room, kitchen and dining facilities, a clothing center, laundry room and restrooms. Renovation activities are scheduled to be completed by December 2001.

Project funding to date has been provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, Duval County Housing Finance Authority, the Jessie Ball duPont Fund, LISC, City of Jacksonville Community Development Division, Office of Trade, Tourism and Economic Development, the Edna Sproull Williams Foundation and the Clara White Mission, Inc. Our development team members include Elkins Construction, Saxelbye Architects, BHR, Jenkins Equipment, KBJ Architect, Florida Community College at Jacksonville - North Campus, Jacksonville Job Corps, Robin Shepherd Group, and Cannon Design.

The Clara White Mission also operates the "Greater Expectations" golfing program for at-risk youth. The program is designed to prevent and intervene in high-risk behaviors through its layering of enriching services with a non-traditional sports curriculum.

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LaVilla School of the Arts Jazz Band

Mistress of Ceremonies Deborah Gianoulis, WJXT TV-4

Presentation of Colors Color Guard, Blount Island Command

National Anthem Miss Jacksonville, Aljú Jackson

Invocation Reverend Gary Williams, Mandarin Baptist Church

Welcome & Occasion Ju'Coby Pittman, Executive Director
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Introduction of Platform Guests Deborah Gianoulis
(Percy Williamson, Duval County Housing Finance Authority; Sherry Magill, Jessie Ball DuPont;
Joe Palus, LISC; Doug Brown, Community Development Block Grant Program; Councilman Reggie Fullwood)

“Veterans In Our Community: Jennifer Carroll
Co-Chair, Clara White Mission Advisory Board

Special Presentation by the Veterans Administration
Dan Robbins, VISN8 Homeless Coordinator

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Entertainment Paradise, LaVilla School of the Arts Jazz Band

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Chef Annett Hughes, Taylor-Hughes Catering
Chef Jim Mousa, Flips Cafe
Chef Micheal Ford, Marriott At Sawgrass
Chef Craig Porter, Plantation Country Club
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