



the Ron Hering
**MISSION OF SERVICE
AWARDS**

A man's mission
is a lighthouse.
When he lives his gold,
he stands tall.
He is the embodiment
of purpose, a shining light
of action in the world.

When he he lives in shadow,
lost at sea without perspective,
his mission still shines.
It is a beacon in the darkness
... until
again he arrives at the door,
climbs the stairs,
and returns to embrace
the golden light within himself.

~Z Newell 5/2010

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**MEN LIVING MISSION
IN THE WORLD**

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**Welcome men!
Congratulations and
Blessings to each of you
for your service work in
the world!**

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Daniel Sullivan – Wild Hawk **The Upstate New York Community**

" I create a joyful and vibrant world of cultivated potential by affirming others, virtuous action, and contemplation."



Dan has been volunteering his time in support of Borgne, Haiti as a community organizer supporting Grassroots Sustainable development.

He facilitates improvements in sustainable agriculture, fisheries and clean water initiatives by facilitating sustainable project development, implementation and management.

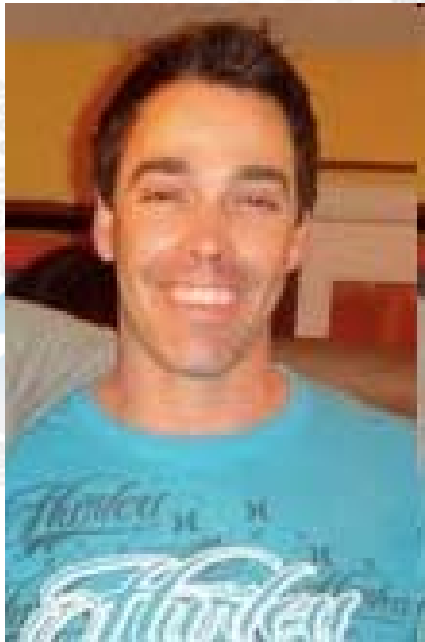
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Mark E. Rowley – Food Lion Florida Community

" I create a world of trust, transparency and compassion by first modeling it."



Mark Rowley works as a firefighter, paramedic, college instructor and Coast Guard Reservist in Jacksonville, Florida. In his capacity as a paramedic, he provides emergency medical support to the community, often serving patients who are in extreme health crises.

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Michael Bungay Stanier — Left Handed Kangaroo

Toronto Community

" To infect one billion people with the possibility virus."



Michael Bungay Stanier is the founder and Senior Partner of Box of Crayons, a company that helps organizations all over the world do less Good Work and more Great Work. He has written a number of successful books

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Richard Renner – Three Hawks Rising

Kansas City Heartland

" To create a world of love and forgiveness through the expression of Joy."



Richard is a clown...literally. He has been a professional clown and Vaudeville entertainer for 27 years. He is willing to provoke laughter by any means.

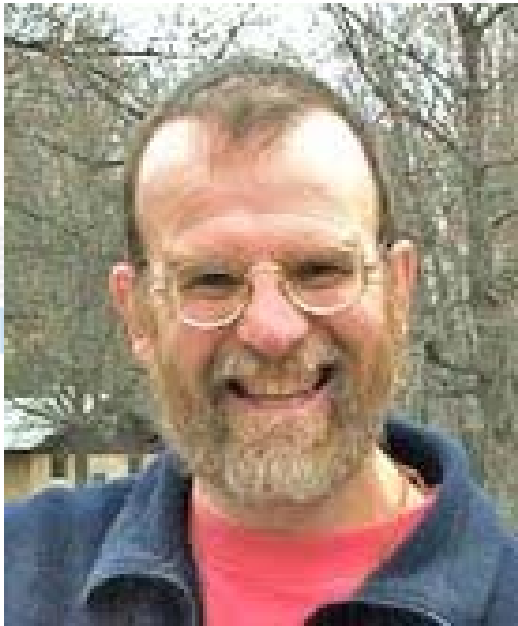
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Jim Lovestar – Timberwolf with Playful Hawk Minnesota Center

" Through teaching and touching I empower every man to know his purpose, his place, and his playmates. "



Jim is a long-time member of Veterans for Peace, he has been active with the Foreclosure Prevention Team for three years in North Minneapolis. He started a community garden in his neighborhood in 2007, has accepted a leadership role in Northside Fresh (motto: COMMUNITY. FOOD. POWER) with the goal of North Minneapolis residents learning how to plant, prepare, and preserve their own food and has been one of the guides with the Winds of Change Racial Justice Action Group.

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Jim Wolfe – Cunning Wolf

Indiana/SWONKY Center

" I create a world of boundless thinking and loving where bodies and souls are nourished and nurtured by doing the political and personal work needed to be in tune with the divine within and beyond."



Jim is being honored for his life long work in championing human rights and working for interfaith collaboration and understanding.

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Jim Gray – Silverhawk

Alberta MKP Centre

"To help addicts and alcoholics recover."



Jim Gray is being honoured for living his mission of helping addicts and alcoholics recover by building Serenity Ranch drug and alcohol rehab centre in central Alberta.

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Peter Huber – Playful Dolphin

Santa Barbara/ San Luis Obispo Center

" To make a difference by being of Service."



Peter serves as Founder and Director of the nonprofit Center for Uniting Families and Dancing Deer Farm retreat center. Creating harmonious, sustainable living, positive choices for health and relationship, enhanced skills as parents and partners are the Center's core values. Peter is tireless, passionate and humble in his Mission of Service.

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Darryl Bowens Hansome – Panther

Greater Carolinas Center

"To create a world of acceptance and confidence by interacting with you and others without judgment."



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The tenet that I strive to live my life by is "to treat you as I would want you to treat me." It has served and humbled me.

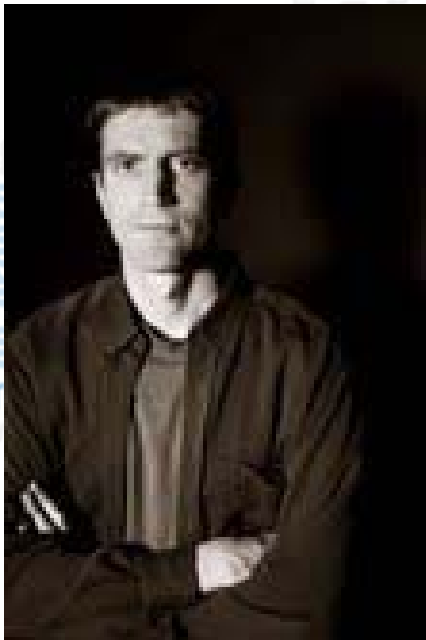
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Caspar Walsh – Fierce Panther

MKP UK and Ireland

"By opening my heart and speaking my truth I create a safe and beautiful world for all beings."



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Caspar has created the charity, "Write to Freedom", which works with young prisoners and disaffected young men to provide mentoring and support through a wilderness and writing programme based up on Dartmoor.

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Mark E. Lopez – Roaring Lion

Mankind Project Memphis

"I create a world of unconditional love by loving myself and others unconditionally."



Mark is a longtime champion for GLBT equality in Nashville and throughout Tennessee. He lobbies and builds coalitions with like minded organizations for the betterment of all.

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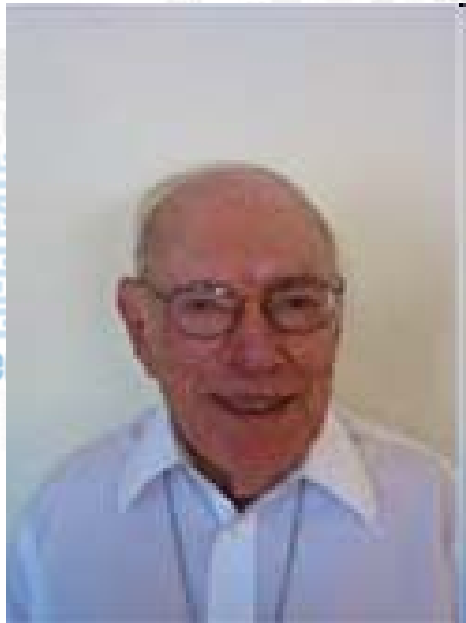
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Dr. Clarence H. Snelling, Jr. – Zebra

Mankind Project of Colorado

"To work toward the protection and the mutuality of all persons regardless of race, creed, ethnicity, status, gender, orientation, or current power; with justice as the motivating factor in all endeavors."



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Beyond his work as Pastor and Professor of Theology, Clarence's 85 years have also been filled with service on numerous boards and agencies which were directed toward justice issues and Higher Education.

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Peter Shipton – Buzzard

Deutschsprachiges ManKind Project

**" As a man among men, I create spirituality
by ending addiction in the world."**



Peter received this award because of his work in ministering to the dying, which at the moment consists mainly of accompanying patients as a volunteer at the palliative care section of a hospital in Frankfurt

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Bill Megalos – Crow

MKP-LA

"I create a world of peace and justice through speaking my truth and empowering others to speak theirs."



Bill Megalos has been providing haircuts to the homeless community of Santa Monica, CA for the past 10 years

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James Collins – White Horse

New Jersey Community

"To feed the world."



James was on the board of a non profit organization in NYC which provided blankets for the homeless, food for Native Americans on reservations and organized volunteers for a food program for 500 elderly shut-ins on the upper Westside in NYC.

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THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE 2011 MKP YEAR OF MISSION BY MODELLING WITH ACTION!

WE INVITE YOU TO **JOIN THE MISSION COUNCIL** AS WE CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH SPREADING THE IMPORTANCE OF MISSION THROUGHOUT THE MANKIND PROJECT. Here are a few areas we need support in:

- Help to find a Mission Coordinator (or Co-Coordimators, or a Mission TEAM) within your Center !
- Talk up the importance of Mission at your Community Circles, I Groups, I-Council Meetings, Board of Director Meetings etc...
- Assist with creating protocols for Mission-based I-Groups, a focused Mission Workshop and/or a Phone Tree to spread our work.
- Contact us by email: mission@mkp.org
Ted Freedman, *Halcon Orguloso*
Ivan 'Z' Newell, *mindful monkey*
MKPI Mission Co-Coordimators



Bob Rakoczy — Elder Turtle

New Mexico/Southern Colorado Center

"To Walk in the NOW on Their Path with Every Man, Woman and Child Whom I Encounter on The Way of Life Today."



Bob is an Interactive Spiritual Director, Mentor, Friend, Companion, Brother, Counselor, Elder, Teacher, Healer, Guide, SoothSayer, Wizard (sort of), Lover of Beauty, StoryTeller, White-Guy Koshari, Lucifer (LightBearer), OutLaw for The Good, Child of the One, Manifest-er of Divinity, Link on the Universal Chain of BE-ing. He sheds Light. He points out Ways, offers Direction, gives a hand. He encourages them to look UP.

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Kenneth Haller, M.D. – Golden Grasshopper

St. Louis Center

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Dr. Haller regularly shows his commitment to the value of men's individual personal development by his continued dedication to his I-Group and his active resolution to integrate this knowledge into his professional and artistic activities.

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BJ Honeycutt – Peaceful White Horse

MKP of Georgia

"I co-create an environment in which we each might discover our inherent basic goodness and manifest peace."



Along with his wife, BJ co-lead the Healing Arts Program at the United Methodist Children's Home Decatur, Georgia, and he is currently a mentor and board member of Boys To Men Georgia.

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Laurent Sirois – Aigle Volant/Flying Eagle

Mankind Project Est Canada East

"Aider les êtres humains à être plus connecté avec leur moi authentique et leur intégrité. To help human beings to be more connected to their authentic self and their integrity."



His work around emotional freedom helps people to get rid of their fears and phobias, often buried in the unconscious, in order to help them live better and regain physical and mental health, live in the present moment and regain their laughter and joie de vivre in this absolutely wonderful world.

Son travail sur la libération émotionnelle aide les gens à se dégager de leurs peurs et phobies, souvent enfouies dans leur inconscient, pour les aider à vivre mieux et à retrouver la sante physique et mentale. Mieux vivre dans le moment présent, de retrouver le rire et la joie de vivre dans ce monde si merveilleux.

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Fred Koehler – Golden Heart Bear

MKP Northern California

"I heal a lonely world by seeing Spirit in everything
and giving it voice."



Fred is a Case Supervisor and trainer for CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocates) and works to advocate for children whose parents can no longer care for them.

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Allan Podbelsek – Loving Llama, the Visionary

The Mankind Project Kentucky Center

"To create a world of connections by being loving, powerful, spiritual and playful."



For 12 years Allan has been connecting with men in a nursing home, hearing their stories—their past joys, secrets, hurts, fears, desires, regrets--as they completed their life journeys.

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Lakhdar Ouaddah – Chat debout (Standing Cat)

MKP Europe Francophone

"I create a world of confidence by sharing mine."



For the last 15 years, Lakhdar's job has been taking care of furniture transportation in the peculiar environment of death. He helps families to move pieces of furniture and clear dead persons houses. He helps the people too in these often tragic circumstances

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Frank Paolotto – Radiant Phoenix Eagle

Greater Washington

"With love and strength, I co-create a world that encourages and protects the dreams and visions of youth."



Frank helped start Boys-to-Men Greater Washington and mentored other BTM centers on the East Coast. He has also worked with students with disabilities and people in prison and on parole and probation.

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Carl E. Adkins – Free Eagle

North Texas MKP

"I create a sunshine and peace filled world by fully accepting myself and those around me."



Traveled to rural Peru with plastic surgeons to provide anesthesia for repair of pediatric cleft lip and palate. Also collected stuffed animals to give out preoperatively so child had a "friend" with him in the operative room.

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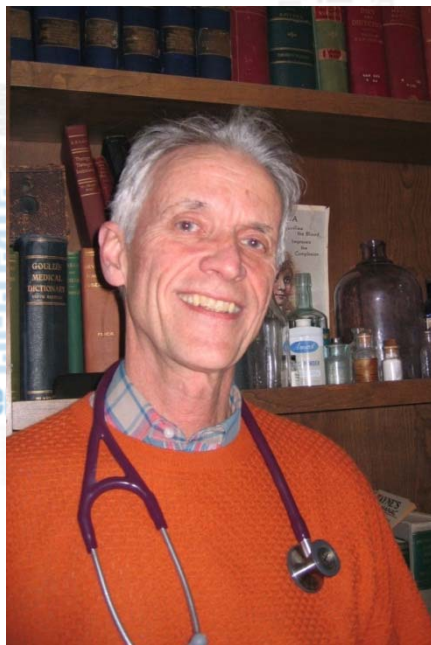
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Jim Parker – White Stallion

North West Center of MKP

" I live a life of contribution measured simply by what I do and ultimately what I give."



Jim Parker is a courageous, committed, compassionate healer, and hundreds of his neighbors consistently follow his leadership into beautifully ambitious community service projects. Jim makes a difference with his life.

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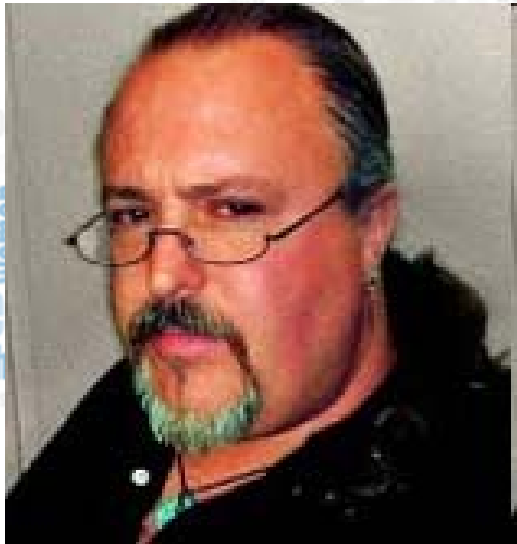
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John Baczynski – Medicine Spirit Wolf

Philadelphia MKP Community

"I create a world of Absolute Beauty, by living in the power of my opened heart."



I've been helping my local homeless community since 2003 when I first discovered a small tent community near my home in Levittown, PA while I was out mountain biking.

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Ian Solomon – Lion Running Free

South Africa Community

"I co-create a vibrant, passionate and conscious world, by growing my own awareness, working with ritual and the flow of life and by being connected."



Ian Solomon initiated the TSiBA University (Tertiary School in Business Administration) HEAD|HEART|SOUL weekend training, a rite of passage for mostly black, previously disadvantaged students. Now in its 4th year, each training is followed by facilitated circles on campus.

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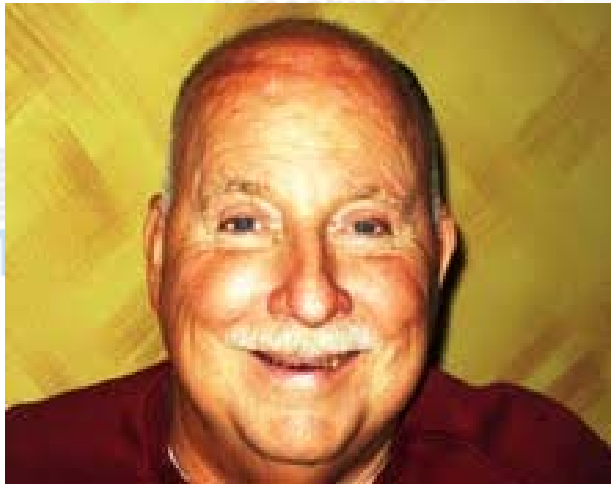
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Bert G. Welch Jr – Proud Eagle

The Central Plains Center

"To live my life in a way that encourages other men
to live with Integrity."



Being in a wheelchair for 37 plus years has increased Bert's caring for others above and beyond most, as well as his energy and attitude about life.

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Peter Mortifee – Wild Salmon

The Mankind Project of British Columbia

“To awaken and connect to the spirit of life.”



Peter's passion is the promotion and advancement of social and environmental organizations through innovative social financing and the creation of effective infrastructures.

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Joe Kort, Ph.D., LMSW – Powerful Bull

Windsor/Detroit

"To make the world a safer place by being out and open."



I am open about being gay in my personal and professional life to be a role model for others to witness someone of a different orientation.

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Carl Lakari – Loving Deer

New England

" Create Alive Community through Compassionate Support."



Carl Lakari is Co-Founder of Project AWARE which has served thousand of teens by helping raise awareness about teen issues and empowering them to take leadership roles in their community.

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Leonard Sobczak – Panther

Wisconsin Center

"To heal the world by healing myself, nature and others."



Implementing his personal mission to contribute to his community, Leonard has shown outstanding leadership in the areas of human justice and environmental conservation. He is a generous contributor to causes, organizations and political candidates whose activities are aligned with his mission.

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Adam Abelardo Gettinger-Brizuela – Papa Gorilla

San Diego Center

" I create a world of nurtured children and empowered adults by educating myself and passing on the knowledge to others."



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Adam Gettinger-Brizuela, Papa Gorilla, a men's rights activist, is fiercely and lovingly dedicated to engineering, supporting and promoting the re-inclusion and re-engagement of fathers into their children's lives.

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Daniel Thelen – Courageous Brown Bear

New Orleans Warrior Community

"To create a world of holistic wellness by loving all of myself and others, especially those most in need."



Daniel founded the New Orleans Catholic Worker, an intentional Christian community dedicated to serving the homeless of New Orleans.

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Steve Boon – Red Bear

MKP Houston

"I create a world of love and hope by learning, teaching and loving unconditionally."



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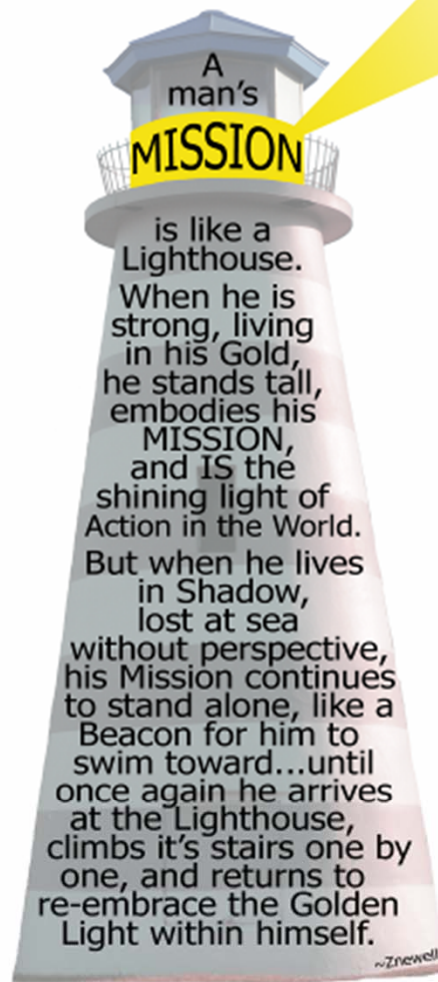
Steve Boon is a Ragpicker, not the depression-era kind that retrieved discarded trash and debris. Steve is a modern day Ragpicker – a man who helps discarded human souls from their greatest depths of despair and gives them hope to find their way to a better life.

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THANK YOU MEN!

**It is truly an Honor for MKP to
be represented in the world by
men with your level of
commitment to serving
others!**

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