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Mission to Hold Ribbon Cutting for Spanish-Mission Style Courtyard

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In 2003 and 2004 the parks, sidewalks, and library in the downtown area were playing host to homeless people. The city was beginning to worry about a negative image and approached the Mission for a solution.

Now, thanks to the generous support of the community, a beautiful courtyard gives homeless clients a contained and private area to wait for services at the Rescue Mission. Located at 515 E 6th Street, the courtyard improves the appearance of Business 98 corridor leading to downtown Panama City.

The courtyard is an extension of a one-stop-center to bring resources to its centrally located clients. Through partnership with local human service agencies and the Hunger and Homeless Coalition of Northwest Florida, the ***Homeless Day Resource Center (HDRC)*** provides a range of needed services *at one location*.

It features computers with Internet access and a play center for children. The HDRC also gives a better opportunity for case managers to minister to these clients and assist them in changing their lives. Life Management, Workforce Center and social work students from FSU provide services to an average of 100 people per day, with a high of 139 people in one day.