

Established in 1954 by “Brother Bob” and Emilia Finnegan, Open Door Mission serves as a faith-based recovery and rehabilitation center dedicated to transforming lives of homeless, addicted, destitute or disabled men in the Greater Houston area.

The Open Door facility includes residential quarters, convalescent care center, chapel, education program, a kitchen complete with a chef and three square meals each day, and a physical fitness program. With these tools, the Mission strives to bring about positive life changes for the people they serve through their structured programs, focusing on spiritual renewal, recovery from substance abuse, education job training and placement.

While the residents are often on the receiving end of donations and gifts, they believe it’s important to ‘give back’. A major part of the Mission’s goals is having their residents involved in supporting the community. The residents donated more than 10,000 community service hours to the Houston community and East End organizations in 2007. **Some of the organizations and projects they support and have supported on a consistent basis:**

- ❖ A major restoration and beautification project for Milby High School
- ❖ Neighborhood clean-up at Magnolia Park/ Pineview Place
- ❖ Clean up campaign at Mason Park
- ❖ Food sorting and distribution for Community Family Center
- ❖ Clean up project at Eastwood Park
- ❖ Houston Food Bank
- ❖ End Hunger Network
- ❖ Interfaith Ministries
- ❖ Many local churches

Awards Received:

Somebody Cares Houston	Annual Award	2001
Rebuilding Together Home Repair	Volunteer Home Repair	2005
Shelley Sekula-Gibbs	Certificate of Appreciation	2005
Houston Food Bank	Gracious Giving Award	2006
East End Chamber of Commerce	Good Neighbor Award	2007
Better Business Bureau	Award for Excellence Winner of Distinction	2008
<i>One of only five charities chosen throughout Greater Houston area and surrounding communities</i>		
Humana	Houston Benefits Award	2008
<i>One of only three chosen throughout the Greater Houston area and surrounding communities</i>		
Houston Read Commission	Mayor’s Challenge Grant Award	2008
<i>One of only 20 nonprofits selected in the Greater Houston area and surrounding communities</i>		