

# THE HOMELESS OUTREACH, INC. NEWSLETTER



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And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a **cup** of **cold water** only in the name of a disciple verily I say unto you, he shall in nowise lose his reward.  
Matthew 10:42

## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR, *Carol Leo*

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### UPCOMING EVENTS 2007

1/12	Winter Outreach, Shepherd's Cove
TBD	Blanket Outreach, streets of DC
2/9	Valentine Outreach, Shepherd's Cove
3/9	Spring Outreach, Shepherd's Cove
4/1	Easter Outreach for Community of Hope, DC Village, Families Forward, Spring Road, Shepherd's Cove, place TBD <b>Collecting:</b> socks and underwear for children and adults
5/11	Women's Day, Shepherd's Cove Shelter
6/24	Annual Picnic at Cosca Park for Community of Hope, DC Village, Families Forward, Spring Road, Shepherd's Cove, <b>Collecting:</b> new T-shirts for children and adults

**Contact Bertha Fenwick, 301-292-2658 or Carol Leo, 240-475-4219 to donate or participate.**

As I listened to her story, it occurred to me that the circumstances could have been mine. She had lost her administrative position, 2 years ago due to workplace politics. Soon after that she moved in with relatives to "get back on her feet," but had no confidence to try again in the job market. As she sat at home, she gained weight and soon felt that she would have to improve her appearance before attempting to look for a job. Her brother-in-law became abusive and threatening, and in a scene that was tear-wrenching for herself, her sister and niece, threw her out of the apartment and ordered her not to come back. That was how she landed in the shelter. She was counting it a blessing that a space had been available for her, and did not want to disclose her whereabouts to her family.

In another situation, a woman who had worked in pest control for many years, lost her job. She moved into the shelter, applied for another job and began working again. Her car was broken into, in the middle of the night in the shelter parking lot. Whatever money she had saved from her new job had to be applied to car repair. Because of no transportation during this period, she lost her new job. In spite of these circumstances, she displayed determination to continue job hunting, and we were able to believe God with her, in prayer, for the breakthrough of another job.

Both of these women were grateful to receive the under-girding of prayer that we had to offer them. Turning to the Lord and receiving the inner, spiritual healing that is needed is the first step to changing the outward circumstances.

These are just two examples of shelters residents and the circumstances that produced homelessness in their lives. Both of these women were single with no children. The situation is compounded for women or men with children who find themselves without a home. Most of the families to whom we minister have children. Please pray for the families in the shelters for their negative circumstances to become the stepping stones to truly positive changes in their lives.

Thanks for all the love that you have shared in 2006 through your participation and donations. We are looking forward to more outreach in 2007. May the Lord richly bless you!

*Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest* **Matthew 11:28**

# 2006 Givers

## Thanks for your generosity!

Sharon & Phyllicia Abbott  
 Kevin Abram  
 Alicia Adams, Alexis Adams  
 Agnes Addison  
 Virginia Benjamin-Marrera  
 Adrienne Bennett  
 Marianne Benson  
 Henry Brown  
 Joanne Bujarski  
 Joan Bujarski  
 Eshter & Mike Bush

John and Cathy Carlucci & Family  
 Linda Cavanaugh  
 Carol Clatterback  
 Phyllis Clemmons  
 James Cummings & Family  
 David Cuteri  
 Michelle Denny  
 Vera Diggs  
 Doug Douglass

Lanetra Ebron  
 Sandra Farrow  
 Angela Fenwick & Team  
 Andria & William Field  
 Margaret Fisher  
 Patrick & Hannah Froe  
 Terri Gibson  
 Jeanette Gordon  
 Eric Gray

Jacqueline Jegels  
 Tara Lawton & Nikki  
 Ken & Mary Lehtinen  
 Peggy Leo  
 Doris Loughlin  
 Jason & Virginia Lox

**Shelter Directors:**  
 Sandra Vanderhurst & Ms. Harrington  
 Gwen Ferguson  
 Brad Heller  
 Sandra Patterson  
 Patricia Brown & Amy Rice

Darrell Martin  
 Annette McKinney  
 Wanda Perry  
 Lori Philips & Co-Workers

Clara Begay  
 James Boulet  
 Sharon C. Devlin  
 Charles & Bertha Fenwick  
 Tara Lawton & Nikki  
 Dave & Sheilagh Leo & Family  
 Rochelle Mooney  
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 Annette Roberts & Family  
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 Eunice Sanders  
 Nancy Thoman

Lori A. Ramsey  
 Aaron Reid  
 Bob Richards  
 Rowena  
 Armida Sanchez & Family  
 Melissa Shaeffer  
 Gary & Elizabeth Sincavage & Family  
 Jean Singletary  
 Thomas and Pat Sothem & Family  
 State Farm  
 Carolyn Summers

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 Doris Harmon  
 Michael & Suzan Haynesworth  
 Erica Henry  
 Loretta Hood  
 Pete Hyde  
 Lauren Halcombe

Azi Tekelamariam  
 Ed Torrence  
 Rachel Triance  
 Jacqueline Tyson  
 Vanessa Walker  
 Crystal Washington & Family  
 Shari, David, Philip Washington  
 Marjorie Weaver  
 Theresa Wilson  
 Irene Williams  
 LaRonda Woodson

**Schools**

James Ryder Randall Elementary  
 School, Special Ed Dept.  
 Howard University

**Ministry/  
 Service  
 Groups**

Evangel Assembly Shawl Ministry  
 Gideons  
 Harvest of Hope  
 NCOG Crocheters for Christ  
 NCOG Praise Team  
 NCOG 8:00 Youth  
 Rezurrection Band  
 Sons of Thunder  
 Temple Hills Homemakers  
 Veterans for Jesus

**Businesses/Organizations**

CVS  
 GA Shaeffer Corporation  
 HLT Medical Mgmt.  
 Honeywell employees  
 Merito Corporation  
 Bro. Perry's Trucking  
 Perotsystems, Inc.  
 State Farm Insurance Co.  
 America's Charities

**Churches**

Christ Fellowship Assembly of God,  
 Silver Spring, MD  
 Corkran United Methodist Church,  
 Temple Hills, MD  
 Evangel Assembly of God, Temple  
 Hills, MD  
 Faith Assembly of God, Lothian, MD  
 National Church of God, Ft. Wash., MD  
 Shrewsbury Gospel Temple,  
 Shrewsbury, PA  
 St. Stephen Episcopal Church, Wash., D.C.  
 Victory Chapel, Waldorf, MD

*Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. 1 Corinthians 15:58*

And all the many anonymous givers!!

# Thanksgiving Outreach 2006

Our Thanksgiving Outreach was held at the NCOG gymnasium on Sun., Nov. 12. We served approximately 70 people, all from the D.C. Village Shelter. A full team of ministers was present to bring the love and hope of Christ into the lives of the shelter residents. Anointed Musical Groups that participated included Cheryl Hammond and the NCOG praise team; Sons of Thunder and Refuge; and Sandra Farrow who gave a heartwarming testimony of her own struggles and the victory she received through surrender to the Lord.



(below) Children happily display their coloring pages.



(Left) Many came forward to receive prayer. Prayer counselors were present from NCOG and



Volunteers served the delicious turkey dinner to the shelter residents.

# Christmas Celebration 2006

We celebrated Christmas with the children and parents from five area shelters on Sun., Dec. 17 at the NCOG Gym.



Carolyn Summers from Evangel Assembly did a comical rendition of "Work it Out." The audience loved it.



Christmas coloring books kept children and adults occupied.

Many tables were piled high with clothing. Mothers were able to gather large bagfuls of good quality clothing for their families.



Expert catering was provided by the Fenwicks and by Rowena. The over 400 guests from the shelters had their plates piled high with delicious turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, cranberry sauce, stuffing, etc.



Sheera (below) pantomimed a praise song.



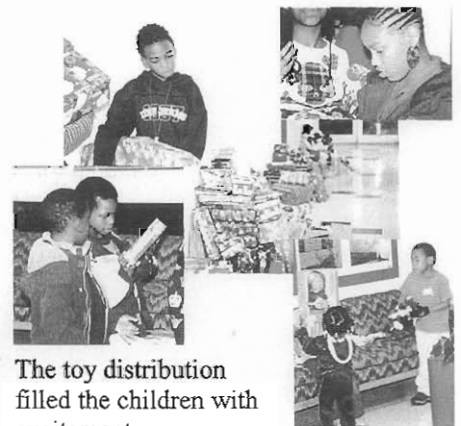
Marianne (left) filled the air with carols and praises.



Pat Kriner delivered the message.



Many, many people, young and old came forward and gave their hearts to Christ.



The toy distribution filled the children with excitement.

**To God be the Glory!**

## RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

One of the immediate doorways to homelessness is eviction. Local churches can attest to the fact that calls for help with rent, in order to prevent eviction, come in daily. Families that are ready to leave the shelters and begin life on their own in a new apartment or house, face uncertainty and the possibility of failure again. The Homeless Outreach has teamed up with Community of Hope to provide a layer of protection by giving rental assistance to needy families for the first six months of their transition into housing. The families that are chosen to receive the \$200.00 monthly grant are recommended by the Community of Hope staff as those who are making every effort to comply with the program, take responsible steps to hold jobs and take care of their families. The assistance check goes directly to the landlord each month. So far The Homeless Outreach has been able to help four families in this way. We have received reports that the families are grateful for the assistance and are doing well. We are preparing to assist the next family, probably in February. Thanks to all who donate and make this effort possible.

## BLANKET DISTRIBUTION

The Homeless Outreach, in conjunction with the NCOG N.E.T. is poised and ready for a January and/or February blanket distribution through the streets of Washington, D.C. There are many individuals who are living on the streets of Washington, D.C. who sleep in the cold on park benches or on the grates. We plan to distribute warm woolen blankets, hats, gloves, hot tea, soup, tracts and prayer toward the end of January. Although we have had a mild winter so far, we are ready for action when the "real" winter weather hits.

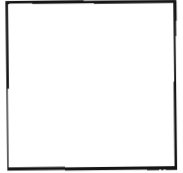
## MONTHLY PROGRAMS AT SHEPHERD'S COVE

Every second Friday of the month we have programs for the mothers and children that are housed in the Shepherd's Cove Shelter. It is an opportunity to minister one-on-one with the women, to share fun activities, such as games, arts & crafts, and songs with the children and to distribute useful items to the families. Our outreach this month will take place on January 12. Veterans for Jesus donated 30 beautiful sweaters for the women. We have children's books and stuffed animals left over from our Christmas overflow for the children. All families will also receive hygiene articles from the Evangel Assembly of God Church family. The Gospel and prayer will be presented.

<b>THO Finances 2006</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Underwear/Socks/Blankets/Hats/GlovesMisc	700.63		
Postage/Envelopes/Newsletter/Fliers	717.39		
Hygiene	305.45		
Operation Blessing	65		
Miscellaneous	697.49		
Food	1632.33		
Bus Transportation	4190		
Security/Maintenance	120		
Toys/Christmas gifts	1078.89		
School Supplies	1672.24		
THO Rental Assistance Grant	2500		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13773.40</b>	<b>\$15,792.98</b>	<b>\$2,019.58</b>

Besides the generous monetary contributions that have been made to The Homeless Outreach this year, a large part of the supplies that we distributed were donated as gifts-in-kind. Thanks for the many gifts of clothing, hygiene articles, toys, and school supplies.

**The Homeless Outreach, Inc.**  
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If you want to donate or participate by:  
Singing  
Puppets  
Skits  
Preaching  
Cooking  
Providing:  
Food,  
Hygiene Articles  
New Underwear, Socks  
New Hats, Gloves  
New Toys  
or helping in any other way  
Contact: Carol Leo, 301 423-6466 or  
Bertha Fenwick, 301 292-2658  
Thanks and God Bless you!

## America's Charities

If your place of business participates in "America's Charities", The Homeless Outreach, Inc. is eligible as a write-in recipient.  
Thanks to 2 donors who contribute through this channel!



### **THE HOMELESS OUTREACH Has teamed up with VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA**

Call Carol Leo, 301 423-6466 or Volunteers of America, 1-800-407-2600 to make tax deductible donation of your used car.  
(Make sure to tell them it is for The Homeless Outreach, Inc.)