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UPCOMING EVENTS 2009

Fri., Jan. 9	Shepherd's Cove Outreach
Jan. & Feb. Date TBD	Blanket Outreach, Streets of DC
Fri., Feb. 13	Shepherd's Cove Outreach
Fri., Mar. 13	Shepherd's Cove Outreach
Sun., Apr. 5	Easter Celebration: Families Forward, Spring Rd., Community of Hope & Hope Apartments WE ARE COLLECTING:: new socks, new underwear for children & adults
Fri., Apr. 17	Shepherd's Cove Outreach
Contact Bertha Fenwick, 301-292-2658 or Carol Leo, 240-475-4219 to donate or participate.	

FINANCES 2008

EXPENSE ITEMS	OUTGO	INCOME
Underwear/Socks/Blankets/Hats/Gloves/Misc	491.6	
	586.67	
Postage/Envelopes/Newsletter/Fliers/copies	1104.49	
Hygiene	100	
	15	
Help the Homeless walkathon (Shep.Cove)	490.31	
Operation Blessing	1865.05	
Miscellaneous (including gifts/crafts)	3157	
Food & candy	789.89	
Bus Transportation	1228.88	
Toys/Christmas gifts	9828.89	
School Supplies		
Remaining: \$1819.67		11648.52
Approx. cost of buses to be paid - 1500		
NOTE: many hundreds of gifts have been in kind. THANK YOU!	Left over:	\$319.

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR, Carol Leo

As we end a year of serving the homeless and begin a new year, we can report with gladness that hundreds of lives have been touched by the love and grace of God, and by the generosity of His people. The homeless children and adults to whom we minister have been greatly helped and encouraged by the blessings that we have been able to give to them. We can only praise God for letting us be part of the healing process and breakthrough-experience in their lives.

To those who are in such hopeless circumstances, the first response is sometimes to reach inside and depend on the faith that is there. Because we know that God is one who specializes in creating something out of nothing, our mission is to shore up the faith that exists and to give hope and support to those who are overwhelmed by the situations they are facing. Where faith is present, God can work. Impossible situations can be changed.

A young lady who had us pray with her for a job in October arrived at our fellowship in November late because she had been working at her new job! What a look of triumph was on her face, versus the uncertainty from the previous month. Another woman took a step of faith and came forward to the microphone to sing, after acknowledging that she knew she had this calling from God but had been afraid. The joy on her face replaced the look of fear.

Last spring a woman who had previously been in the shelter showed up at a church event on her own and with a glowing testimony. She asked if we remembered her from when we first met her and reminded us that at that time she had been suicidal. She thanked us so much for our ministry and for the special books that one of our team members sent to her as follow-up. She is now employed and self-supporting.

Psalm 34:18 The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God;

We have been privileged this year to see the love of God produce tangible results in the lives of those in need. Glory be to God!

Thanks to all for your faithful support!

Thanksgiving 2008

We served a full Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmin's to the Shepherd's Cove Shelter residents in November. Thanks to the food preparation by Bertha and Charles Fenwick & the wonderful ministry of the whole team.

We knew that God had put the event together, especially when one of the praise and worship leaders, Cynthia came and asked if she could sing "His Eye is on the Sparrow", only to hear that very song come out of the lips of our other praise and worship leader, before Cynthia had even gone to the mic. It was just a confirming and gentle word from the Lord to those women and children who feel so cast off and abandoned.

Christmas 2008

We are giving God praise for our Christmas Party event. It brought so many smiles to so many faces. We had warm winter clothing, including several hundred good quality coats, special gifts of new hats, gloves, hygiene articles for each family and a delicious Christmas dinner prepared by the Fenwicks & team for all to enjoy. Children not only enjoyed watching the singing and dancing from the stage, but were able to come forward and join in at the invitation of one of our singing groups, Sons of Thunder. Mothers cheered their children on, as they observed them from the audience. Many people also came forward and asked for prayer. The toys and books that our donors supplied were one of the main sources of enjoyment and satisfaction for the children. A great cheer went up from the crowd when toy distribution was announced. Two small bicycles donated by Data Solutions @ Technology Inc., were given to a little boy & little girl, just the right size, whose families were about to transition from the shelters.

In addition to serving approximately 250 people from five Washington DC area shelters, we had eight bags of toys left that were distributed, along with several boxes of warm coats to shelters in Petersburg, Hopewell, Dinwiddie, Colonial Heights, and Emporia, Virginia through CARES. Central Union Mission and a Mission in Baltimore, MD also were beneficiaries of the many warm coats.



Children all were given little coloring books containing pictures and scriptures of the Christmas story.



Greta Newsome (left) delivered the message on "the Greatest Gift" while Marianne Benson (below) led the altar call and saw 40 souls come to Christ



Greater Deliverance Christian Center Praise Dancers (left) brought the audience to their feet with praise.



Sons of Thunder not only sang themselves, but allowed the children to come to the mics and sing & dance. They also helped distribute the toys.



New Hope Christian Church Children's Choir

Derek Lewis and the Mighty Warriors of Praise also were present to minister to the people in liturgical dance.

Thank you, 2008 Donors and Volunteers!

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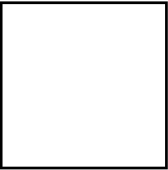
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Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both min-
ister bread for your food, and multiply your seed
sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;
2 Corinthians 9:10**

THANK YOU TO ALL!

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Ways to Participate

- Singing
- Puppets
- Skits
- Preaching
- Cooking

Providing: Food, Hygiene Articles, New Underwear,
Socks, New Hats, Gloves, New Toys, Cash Donation
Or helping in any other way

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Check out our website: www.thehomelessoutreach.org
for the latest information



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