



THE HOMELESS OUTREACH, INC. NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS 2010

<i>Fri. Feb. 12</i>	Valentines Outreach, Shepherd's Cove
<i>Fri., Mar. 12</i>	Outreach, Shepherd's Cove
<i>Sun., Mar. 28</i>	Easter Outreach for Community of Hope, Hope Apts., Spring Road, Families Forward, Shepherd's Cove Location: Evangel Assembly of God Collecting: new socks, new underwear, all sizes
<i>Fri., May 14</i>	Mother's Day Outreach, Shepherd's Cove
<i>TBA</i>	Community Day Picnic, Community of Hope, Hope Apts., Spring Road, Families Forward, Shepherd's Cove
<i>Fri., Aug. 13</i>	Back-to-School, Shepherd's Cove
<i>Sun., Aug. 15</i>	Back-to-School for Community of Hope, Hope Apts., Spring Road, Families Forward, Collecting: New School Supplies

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

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR, *Carol Leo*

In a book I am currently reading, the author states that many times Christians can be categorized in two ways; those who believe in good deeds and those who believe in miracles. He states that, ideally, Christians should believe in both and that the world is full of miracles waiting to happen if we would obey the gentle nudges of the Holy Spirit.

As I observe the ministry of The Homeless Outreach, this ideal union occurs over and over again as we encounter the needy people to whom we minister.

Last fall on a Friday night outreach, a tiny woman could hardly contain her excitement as she discovered a whole table of size 2 and 4 clothing. There were only a few women present that night, and the bag of clothes holding her sizes had just come in; I almost left it at home, but that nudge from within caused me to put it in the trunk for our outreach that evening. Now this young lady was dancing with joy because she had just acquired a whole wardrobe of attractive, like-new clothing and she had two job interviews that week. She confided to us that she had had nothing but jeans and old sneakers to wear to her last interview and needless to say, did not get the job. This clothing gave her hope and confidence. (I did not see this woman again to get the final outcome of her story, but my thought is, if God miraculously supplied this clothing just for her, there was a reason for it.)

At another outreach in January, once again one of the women to whom we ministered was so deeply stirred and touched. She cried and was so thankful that someone came and gave her Bible verses. This was exactly what she had needed, as she said that she had been trying to find Bible verses on her own and had no success.

On a Friday night a couple of weeks ago, a van went downtown to locate those who were living on the street and offer them blankets, soup and tea as respite from the cold. I brought a bag of women's hats and gloves along, even though I knew we encountered mostly men living on the street. We did encounter one woman who was very happy when we offered her the hats and gloves. She had a jacket but nothing more in the way of warm outer clothing and was thrilled to find beautiful hand-knitted hats and warm gloves just for her. She then opened up and received the prayer that we offered for her.

As I think of these three recent experiences and so many more occasions when God had just the right tool in place to meet the need, I realize that The Homeless Outreach is operating not only as a vessel of kindness, but as a vehicle through which prayers are answered and people's specific needs are miraculously met.

Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God. 2 Corinthians 9:11

May God bless you for your faithful giving to the needy!

Christmas 2009



Our Christmas outreach was a conglomerate effort this year of many different groups and individuals who came together to share with the needy the gift that God had given to them to share. Whether it was the gift wrappers and purchasers who worked tirelessly throughout the day on the Friday before the event; or the many groups who had collected coats for several weeks or months; or the workers who set up the tables and racks piled and draped with clothing; or those who set up the stacks of Christmas gifts or filled bags of candy, or filled the family bags with new hats, gloves and hygiene articles appropriate to the sizes of the members of each family; or whether it was those who ushered in the presence of praise and worship with their singing and dancing and acts of praise; or running of the sound equipment, or praying, or preaching of the Word; or those who worked tirelessly in the kitchen preparing the huge Christmas banquet fit for a king, everyone who joined together in this labor of love

brought very special blessing and joy into the lives of the children and adults who were our guests that day. Such appreciation on the part of young and old and such excitement in the eyes of all the children in the crowd of over 200 people from the shelters, gave us the understanding that God had used us to fill a deep need and touch and open desperate and hurting hearts.

Thanks goes out to all who ministered in any way in this labor of love. Thank you to National Church of God for use of the wonderful gym & kitchen facility and sound equipment; Evangel Assembly of God for ministry through the Local Missions Team led by Deacon Richard Bell; for the Evangel members who wrapped and purchased the toys; the Evangel children's ministry and the Candy Cane Lane presentation led by Ms. Elizabeth King; the Dorcas Clothing Closet run by Sylvia Love and Sarah Hearn; the many hat and glove donations of Evangel members. Thanks to Nancy Thoman and Corkran United Methodist Church for donations of new hats and gloves. Thanks to Brownie Troop 1788 for collecting coats, help with set up, and help with registration. Thanks to all of our other coat donors who are listed on the next page. Thanks to Bertha and Charles Fenwick and their crew for purchasing, preparing, and serving the large and delicious meal; Marianne and Pete Hyde for Christmas melodies and praise and worship, prayer, altar call; Derek Lewis and the Mighty Warriors of Exaltation for a mighty praise dance that had people on their feet and clapping; Righteous Intent (Carleen and Angelique) for dancing before the Lord; Pastor Garner for delivering a clear message of God's love and sacrifice and the value of each one in our audience because of this. Thanks to all for your labor of love!

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

Thanks to our 2009 Donors and Volunteers!

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***Aeropostale donated over 100,000 brand
new coats to the needy nationwide through
One Warm Coat.**

**The Homeless Outreach received hundreds of
coats this year thanks to all the above-listed
donors. Coats have been and continue to be
distributed to the homeless in Washington,
DC, Southern MD & VA and AL and NM.
TO GOD BE THE GLORY!**

**In Loving Memory of Joseph Leo, Jr.,
Father of Carol Leo, Director of
The Homeless Outreach, Inc.
Nov. 30, 1923-Nov. 29, 2009**

All Other Unnamed Donors and Volunteers in 2009

**But this I say, He which soweth sparingly
shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth
bountifully shall reap also bountifully. II Corinthians 9:6**

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

THE HOMELESS OUTREACH FINANCES 2009			
	Expenses	Donations	Difference
Underwear/Socks/Blankets/Hats/ GlovesMisc	\$ 308.55		
Postage/Envelopes/Newsletter/Fliers/ copies	\$ 882.68		
Website	\$ 57.75		
Hygiene	\$ 961.62		
Help the Homeless walkathon (Shep.Cove)	\$ 130.00		
Operation Blessing	\$ 25.00		
Miscellaneous (including gifts/crafts)	\$ 456.10		
Food & candy	\$ 1,433.74		
Bus Transportation	\$ 4,633.00		
Toys/Christmas gifts/Easter candy/eggs	\$ 1,289.96		
School Supplies	\$ 2,076.48		
	\$ 12,254.88	\$13,456.79	\$1,20191
NOTE: large part of our donations were gifts in kind. Thanks to All!			

Ways to Participate

- Puppets
- Skits
- Preaching
- Cooking
- Hygiene Arti-
- Providing: Food, New Underwear, Socks, New Hats, Gloves, New Toys, Cash Donations
- Car Donations (in conjunction with Volunteers of America)