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## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR, *Carol Leo*

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### UPCOMING EVENTS 2009

Fri., May 8	Mother's Day: Shepherd's Cove
Sun., May 17	Community Day at Evangel Assembly of God Church, families from the shelters are invited.
Fri., June 12	Outreach to Shepherd's Cove
Sun., June 28	Annual Cook-Out, Cosca Regional Park, Clinton, MD, Community of Hope, Hope Apartments, Shepherd's Cove, Families Forward, Spring Road
Fri., July 10	Outreach to Shepherd's Cove
Sun., Aug. 16	Back-To-School, NCOG Gym, Ft. Washington, MD, Community of Hope, Hope Apartments, Shepherd's Cove, Families Forward, Spring Road
COLLECTING:	NEW SCHOOL SUPPLIES, ALL KINDS. Backpacks can be sponsored for \$5.00 each.

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

... Do not rich men oppress you, and draw you before judgment seats? Do not they blaspheme that worthy name by the which ye are called? James 2:6-7.

Lest when thou hast eaten and art full. . . Then thine heart be lifted up and thou forget the Lord thy God. Deut. 8:12, 14

Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked. Rev. 3:17

It is a theme that runs throughout the Bible. Material riches can be a snare and spiritual danger. In contrast, material lack can be the breeding ground for spiritual abundance.

The children and parents who attend our Homeless Outreach events are able to receive readily from the Spirit of God. Scripture, spiritual songs, and prayers resonate in their spirits. They are vessels who know themselves to be empty, and therefore, they have no trouble being filled.

Several children from a shelter that offers long-term treatment and residency came up to me at our Easter Outreach this year and greeted me like an old friend. With hugs and smiles they reminded me that they had come to the Christmas party last December and to our Easter party last year. I was touched by their smiles of anticipation. They had a sense of confidence that they were about to receive something good. They had that simple faith that the Father watches for in His little children, and that He rewards in all His children, young and old, poor and rich.

But I am poor and needy; yet the Lord thinketh upon me: thou art my help and my deliverer; make no tarrying, O my God. Psalm 40:17

... the poor committeth himself unto thee; thou art the helper of the fatherless. Psalm 10:14

Those who participate in The Homeless Outreach are thankful to be extensions of God's hands of mercy.

He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Maker: but he that honoureth him hath mercy on the poor.

Proverbs 14:31

Thanks to all for your faithful support!

# Easter Celebration 2009

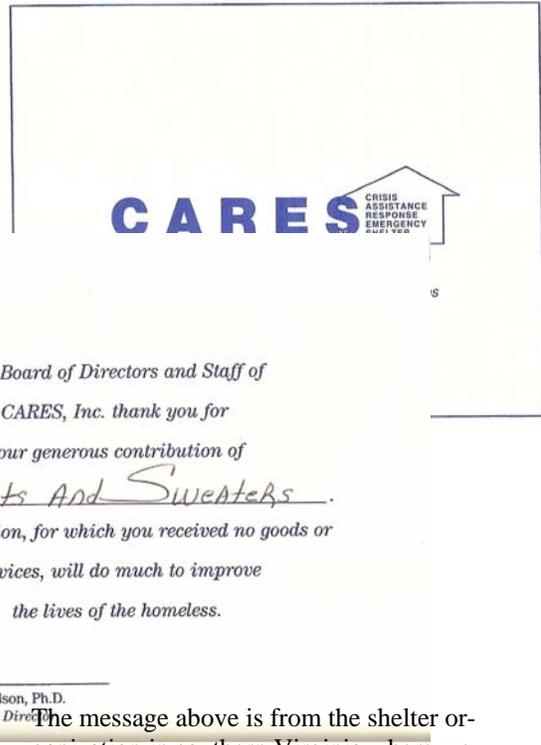


(right) Carol invites the children to read the scriptures they found in their Easter eggs.



Above, scenes from our Easter Celebration Outreach held on Sun., April 5. Children and adults from 4 area homeless shelters came, not only to the party, but also to the powerful Easter drama at Evangel Assembly of God Church. Above, Marianne sings and gives an altar call. Right, Richard Bell delivers the message. A larger number came forward to receive Christ. A magnificently-prepared meal was lovingly served by Evangel's Hostess ministry. The Dorcas clothing closet was open for clothing distribution. Contributors of socks and underwear came from Evangel Assembly of God, Corkran United Methodist Church and the Swagger family (Roy, Shelby, and Kalie) from Gaithersburg, MD. We distributed new socks and underwear, and bags of hygiene articles to everyone who attended. Socks and underwear were in such abundance that the overflow was later distributed to the needy on the streets of Washington, DC and to the families at Shepherd's Cove Shelter. Thanks to our many helpers, young and old! To God be the Glory!

# Coats and Blankets



Certificate of Appreciation from One Warm Coat, & Burlington a major source of the coats we distributed. See next page for details on coat and blanket outreach this past winter.

The message above is from the shelter organization in southern Virginia where we were able to give our additional clothing & toys last winter.

## Shepherd's Cove Outreach

*Submitted by Greta Newsome*

When Carol first asked me to speak to the women at Shepherd's Cove I was hesitant thinking, "What can I say to them, I've never been in their situation?" Despite my doubts, I agreed and God immediately gave me a lesson for them. Each time Carol has asked me to speak, He has given me a topic, scriptures, visual aids, and activities. What a faithful God we serve! I have attempted to make the lessons interactive because each one of them has a voice that needs to be heard. It has been amazing to see how God has moved every time.

The women are open to the message and hungry for the word of God. I can only thank my God who provides exceedingly above all that I have asked Him. Many of the women have asked for prayer concerning specific needs and we have seen Him move on their behalf. Although miss them when they receive their apartments, it is a sign for all of us that God answers prayer. Regardless of what the women have received, I believe that they have given me much more than they will ever know. They are demonstrating the principle described in Psalm 27:14 of "waiting on the Lord" which gives me hope for the unanswered prayers in my own life. I am humbled by the opportunity to serve the women at the shelter.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Lord has put together a wonderful team for our monthly Shepherd's Cove events. Thanks so much to Greta Newsome, Phyllis Brown, Alicia Adams and her team, Marianne Benson & Pete Hyde. Diane Williams and Monica Cannon have recently joined us and plan to bring members from their respective churches to participate. I know that Greta's sentiments expressed beautifully above are echoed by all of us who minister to this group of women and children on a regular basis. Greta's interactive Bible Studies with the women have been extremely fruitful.

### Coats and Blankets

This past winter was an especially cold one. The Lord raised up a very willing ministry team to go forth on five different occasions to deliver blankets, coats, hats, gloves, and food to the people on the streets in Washington, D.C. The Evangel Assembly of God Local Missions group filled two vans with workers and with these items for distribution to the desperately needy. The Homeless Outreach was able to supply the blankets to the team; thanks to those who donated. One of our contributors this year was Anthony Thomasini and the Bladensburg Fire Department, who supplied over 100 blankets.

The people at the corner of 2nd and D Streets, NW became accustomed to the Friday night arrival of the vans containing these supplies. Distribution took place in a loving way, and the team received much appreciation. Even though a formal process of distribution was not used, the Spirit of God allowed the atmosphere to be one of peace and joy. We found men respectfully moving aside for the women to be served first. There were other homeless people who were concerned with taking things inside the shelter to those who were physically incapacitated and could not come out to the vans. The sudden change in morale as people received their warm blankets and coats, or bagged lunches and hygiene articles was overwhelming.

On one of our recent visits, we had many tracts and copies of the Our Daily Bread publication. We found people earnestly requesting these booklets as eagerly as they held their hands out for the food or clothing. We are so thankful to God for the way that He impacted those on the streets of Washington, DC. Thanks to all who contributed to make these missions of mercy possible. May God bless you.

### In Memorial

The Homeless Outreach has lost a very good friend in the passing of **Jim Boulet** this past winter. Jim was responsible for many behind-the-scenes contributions and expressed his faith in Christ by his kind acts of service. Jim is responsible for instigating and funding our website, [www.thehomelessoutreach.org](http://www.thehomelessoutreach.org). He also was a photographer and has been the major contributor of photos for this newsletter over the years. Jim was a tireless worker for the Lord in many capacities and those of us who knew him say a fond farewell, as we know that he has gone on to his heavenly reward.

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### Ways to Participate

- Singing
- Puppets
- Skits
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Providing: Food, Hygiene Articles, New Underwear,  
Socks, New Hats, Gloves, New Toys, Cash Donations  
Or helping in any other way

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