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## UPCOMING EVENTS 2010

Fri., May 14	Mother's Day Outreach, Shepherd's Cove
Fri., June 11	Summer Outreach, Shepherd's Cove
Fri., July 9	Mid-Summer Outreach, Shepherd's Cove
Sun., Aug. 15	Back-to-School for Community of Hope, Hope Apts., Spring Road, Families Forward, Shepherd's Cove to be held at Watkins Park, Largo, MD <b>Collecting:</b> New School Supplies, \$6.00 each for backpacks.

*Every 4th Friday, Evangel Assembly of God goes downtown to minister to those on the street in the vicinity of CCONV Shelter at 2nd and D NW. Meet at Evangel at 6:45 pm to depart at 7 p.m. The Homeless Outreach contributes items for distribution to this outreach.*

Contact Richard Bell [bell.crew@verizon.net](mailto:bell.crew@verizon.net) to participate with Evangel.  
Contact Bertha Fenwick, 301-292-2658 or Carol Leo, 240-475-4219 to donate or participate in other outreaches.

## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR, Carol Leo

I studied the ocean waves and asked myself, "What are they really doing?" A wall of water quickly builds to a crescendo and comes crashing down. In five seconds, what had appeared to be a spectacular buildup for a big event has flattened into nothingness. Our Lord said in James 1:6-7 "But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord."

As I thought about the qualities that characterize this kind of faith that God requires, I thought about perseverance and then I couldn't help but think about our team that has been faithfully serving at Shepherd's Cove for the last three years. There is no ebb and flow in their service. Every second Friday of the month they arrive at the shelter, not because of man's acclaim or because it is a convenient thing to do, but because of the love of Christ Himself that is within, sustaining and leading them to minister. The work is being done, not unto man, but unto the Lord who saved each one and lovingly raised them up to go forward and manifest His love to others.

Sometimes, those who make the most spectacular claims about their plans to help in ministry end up with no substance at all. Like a wave of the sea, they put on a big show with words, but there is no sustaining power behind their claims, and the beautiful and promising wave is nowhere to be found very soon after the display. James 2:17-20 states "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?"

My prayer is for the continual leading of the Lord as we reach out in love to serve those who find themselves broken by life's circumstances and at a place where only faith can make the difference. May we be steadfast and immovable in the Lord as we minister.

Thank you and God bless you!

# Resurrection Celebration 2010



Kathy babysits while mom picks out clothing from the Dorcas closet.



Workers from Evangel Assembly of God helped the children with their Easter egg dying. Families took home cartons with eggs of all colors.



Balloons were everywhere!

Below: Mighty Warriors of Exaltation usher in the presence of God and hold the audience in rapt attention.



Below Left: Elizabeth King "taught"

Below Right: Marianne Benson preached and sang  
Below Center: Children and adults held hands high to receive Christ



Return from the hunt: Children come back in With bags Full of Plastic



Above: our guests young and old were treated to a King's feast as they filled their tummies with turkey, dressing, real mashed potato, etc.



Easter for those from five area homeless shelters was celebrated for the third year at Evangel Assembly of God Church in Camp Springs, MD on 3/28/10. The loving church family at Evangel sprang into action and became a vibrant, witness to the power of Christ's love. **Thanks to** Jackie Bell, Andi Dorsey, Thelma Carter & the hostess ministry who prepared a huge feast, providing sustenance to the hungry; the donors of the turkeys; Elizabeth King & the children's ministry who did all children's activities from stuffing the 1200 plastic eggs, to hard boiling the 200 + eggs for dying, to teaching the children how to dye the eggs, to running the Easter egg hunt, to telling the story of Jesus to a large circle of children; Sylvia Love & Sarah Hearn & Dorcas clothing closet team who displayed beautiful clothing and put size labels on each; Danny Riston & team for set up; Linda Leerdam, Esther

Bush, Wanda Russell for the festive decorations & programs; CJ Johnson for bags of hygiene articles; Greta Newsome & team for sorting and distributing socks & underwear; Richard Bell, Pastor Eric Dorsey & all the Local Missions Team members (Carolyn, Diane, Erica, Edna, Kathy to name a few) who helped in so many ways; Pastor Mitchell and all Evangel members who participated through ministry or donation; the clean-up crew; the Rileys from National; Carlton Neal, the rapper from Evangel; those from other churches: Marianne & Pete; Derek Lewis & The Mighty Warriors of Exaltation, whose witness through rap, song, dance or preaching spread hope, faith & salvation, into the lives of our guests. Smiles and responses from our guests were overwhelming. Gratitude was everywhere. To God be the glory for what He has done!

## Requests from the Shelters

Included below are lists of needed items from two of the shelters to which we minister. Many times people call with items they would like to donate to one of the shelters. The lists below can be found on the shelter websites and should be helpful. Thank you and God Bless you!

### **Community of Hope and Hope Apartments, Items Needed:**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plastic Storage Bins (medium and large) with lids</li> <li>• Garment Racks or Armoires with poles for hanging clothing</li> <li>• Lamps (table or standing/pole lamps)</li> <li>• Dressers</li> <li>• Sofas and Loveseats (in great condition; no holes, rips, tears, broken parts or stains)</li> <li>• Dinette sets that seat four or more</li> <li>• Bed frames (metal frames preferred)</li> <li>• Dishes (plastic cups, plates, silverware, pots and pans); sets preferred</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bakeware</li> <li>• Vacuum Cleaner (only those in good working condition with no missing parts)</li> <li>• Laundry Baskets/Hampers</li> <li>• Sheets (twin, full and queen-sized) and pillow-cases; matching sets preferred but will take singles pieces</li> <li>• Blankets/Comforters (twin, full and queen-sized)</li> <li>• Shower Curtains</li> <li>• Towels and Washcloths</li> <li>• TV Converter Boxes</li> </ul> |
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**Note that there are also Items Community of Hope is not able to use. It is listed on their website at [www.http://communityofhopedc.org/page.cfm?pageid=43](http://communityofhopedc.org/page.cfm?pageid=43).**

NEW! You can also check out our [Wish List at Target](#).

**Please contact Ellen Zaander at (202) 232-7356 or send her an email at [ezaander@cohdc.org](mailto:ezaander@cohdc.org) if you would like to make a donation. However, for security purposes, please make sure to contact us first before bringing donations to**

## **Shepherd's Cove Program WISH LIST**

### **APPLIANCES**

Microwave  
Toasters  
Upright refrigerators  
Upright freezers

### **AUTO / TRANSPORTATION**

Delivery truck  
15 Passenger van  
School bus

### **BABY / CHILDREN ITEMS**

Baby high chairs  
Baby wipes  
Bassinets / cribs  
Bathtubs  
Bottles, spoons  
Car seats  
Pacifiers  
Pampers (all sizes)  
Playpen  
Pull-ups (all sizes)  
Sip cups  
Tables & chairs

Toys: jump ropes, soccer balls, footballs, basketballs, kickballs

### **BATH / BEDDING**

Bath cloths  
Bath towels  
Twin sheets & pillow cases  
Twin blankets & comforters  
Twin mattress covers (plastic & cloth)

### **CLEANING PRODUCTS**

Bathroom cleansers & sanitizers  
Bleach  
Cleaning cloths & gloves  
Hand wipes & hand sanitizers  
Laundry detergent  
Pine Sol  
Mops & brooms

### **ELECTRONICS**

37" TV w/ DVD Player  
Camcorder / video recorder

### **FEMINE / PERSONAL**

**CARE PRODUCTS**  
Deodorant

Sanitary pads

Shampoo  
Tampons  
Toothpaste & toothbrushes  
**FOOD PRODUCTS**  
(Non perishable)  
Cereal, rice, canned goods, etc.

### **FURNITURE**

Sofas and loveseats

### **KITCHEN ITEMS**

Aprons  
Dish liquid  
Dish towels & cloths  
Food handling gloves  
Hair nets  
Oven gloves  
**OFFICE EQUIPMENT /  
SUPPLIES**  
Bookcases  
Chairs (computer and desk)  
Computers  
Cubicle furniture  
Printers

Projector

Smartboard  
Supply cabinets

### **PAPER PRODUCTS**

Cups: hot & cold (all sizes)  
Cereal bowls  
Facial tissue  
Toilet paper  
Paper towels  
Plastic spoons & forks  
Plates (medium weight)  
Kleenex tissues

### **OTHER**

Gift cards & gift certificates  
Outside marquee  
Storage bins with lids (medium & large)  
Trash bags & cans (any size)

**Contact Josephine Brownell, Shelter Manager at (301) 386-4444 or [jbrownell@ucappgc.org](mailto:jbrownell@ucappgc.org) to donate.**

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Check out our website: [www.thehomelessoutreach.org](http://www.thehomelessoutreach.org) for the latest information

### Volunteer of the Year Award



Carol Leo, Director of The Homeless Outreach, Inc. received a Volunteer of the Year Award from the Maryland Community Action Council on Tues., 5/4 in Ocean City, MD for the volunteer work done at Shepherd's Cove. She stood representing Alicia Adams, Greta Newsome, Lucy, Phyllis Brown, Diane Williams, Marianne Benson and Pete Hyde, the regular team of ministers, as well as many others whose participation and/or donation has made this outreach to the needy women and children at Shepherd's Cove so effective. over the years. To God be the glory!

### **Ways to Participate**

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

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