

# The Shepherd's Staff News



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*Dear Friends,*

Through the years you have brightened our "BEACON OF HOPE" for thousands in need of healthcare assistance. Today, uninsured and underinsured families and individuals are struggling even more to pay for medical necessities from co-pays to simple over-the-counter medications. They are depending on your generosity, no matter how large or small to maintain our **RX FUND** to fill these requests.

Please Consider These Ways To Support This Critical Outreach:

- **REQUEST "REX" THE PIGGY BANK** and place in a prominent location in your church, business, home or any other appropriate location. Simply call 410-857-5944 or email [shepstaff@comcast.net](mailto:shepstaff@comcast.net)
- **COME TO TOWNMALL OF WESTMINSTER** and drop your coins in the fountain at Center Court from September through October.
- **FILL "REX" WHEREVER** you find him throughout Carroll County.
- **MAKE A FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION** to the **RX FUND** using the coupon on the back. Your donation would be greatly appreciated to help those living in our Community that cannot afford their medical needs.



## A RX FUND RECIPIENT WROTE IN APPRECIATION...

*...It has enabled me to get my medications that are a must. Without the help of The Shepherd's Staff to get my medicine for Bi-Polar, Depression & Crohn's Disease, I would be totally unhinged, resulting in emergency help, and possible admittance to the hospital...*

The Shepherd's Staff is the recipient of the "2008 Non-Profit Philanthropist of the Year" Award

Check Out Our Website!  
www.shepstaff.org

**20th Anniversary  
Appreciation**

Blessings on everyone who volunteered during our August 5th Cookout which honored the day The Shepherd's Staff opened 20 years ago. It was a day of nostalgia, fun, and fellowship. Beginning with a beautiful blessing by Pastor Kevin Clementson (Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church).

Thanks to Carroll County Food Sunday for their generous donation and to Pastor Michael Bynum and members of his Congregation (Stone Chapel UMC) for cooking and serving.

To Holly and Ron of "In Ian's Boots" for distributing hundreds of shoes in memory of their son, Ian.

To The Glad Hatter's (St. Paul's Independent Church) for their kind donation of 117 hand-crocheted hats.

To Carol Roberts and co-hort Debbie for delighting everyone with their face painting designs.

To Steve Kerkam for providing the chairs, grill, general muscle help throughout the day.

The craft table manned by Jeannie Deckelbaum and Kathy Taylor for the special take home creations.

To Linda Gourley of *Just Desserts*, Gospel Spreading Church, New Windsor State Bank and the many, many other volunteers including our Staff, Board and their families. *We couldn't have done it without everyone's spirit of generosity.*

And, to the people we serve thank you for attending and sharing in the celebration of reaching this milestone of *20 years of helping others.*



**CALL FOR COATS**

Program kicks-off at Fall Fest, Saturday, September 24 and runs through November 18, 2011

**Drop Off Locations**



Finksburg & Westminster Locations



Courtesy Desk (2nd fl) Town Mall



201 Railroad Ave., Westminster



Mt. Airy, New Windsor, Taneytown & Westminster



Long & Foster

The Total Homeownership Experience

1424 Liberty Rd. Eldersburg



60 Aileron Ct., #2 Airpark Business Center



RESIDENTIAL BROKERAGE

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage 2319 Hanover Pike, Stes E & F, Hampstead

Admiral Cleaners will clean coats (as needed) and deliver to *The Shepherd's Staff* for free distribution to Carroll County residents in need of warm outerwear. 30 Carroll Street, Westminster, MD

For coat collection information, call 410.848.4339

**Special Thanks to Admiral Cleaners for being our "BEACON OF HOPE" to keep people warm throughout the Winter!**

**Thanksgiving Day Community Dinner**

**November 24, Noon-2pm**

St. John Roman Catholic Church, 43 Monroe St, Westminster, MD

**Everyone Welcome to Share in the Blessings of Food & Friendship!**



Last year we served over 350 free meals. This year, we expect an increase in guests and delivery of meals to the elderly and home bound. **TO SERVE THIS DINNER WE NEED YOUR FOOD CONTRIBUTIONS OR MONETARY DONATIONS TO PURCHASE ITEMS NEEDED!**

**Please donate:** Butter, Onions, Celery/Salt/Pepper, Lemonade/Ice Tea Mix, 10 oz Cold Cups, 10 oz Hot Cups, 5 Gallon Trash Bags, Sandwich Bags, Paper Towels, Paper Lunch Bags, Apples, Oranges, Wrapped Candy, Packaged Cookies/Brownies, Fruit & Pecan Pies.

Bring donations to the church's school cafeteria only on Wed., Nov. 23, 3-8pm.

Please do not bring to church office.

**Blessings on Kathy Reid and the many volunteers for keeping the BEACON bright this day!**

Please call Kathy Reid, 410

**Other Ways to Give!**

-916-2813, with donation

**SAVE THE DATE!**

March 30, 2012 - Gamber Fire Hall

Exciting **"Bags 'n Baskets"** Bingo

Featuring -

**Baskets - Designer Bags & Accessories**

**2011 MARYLAND CHARITY CAMPAIGN!**

Kick off Sept 15 - Nov 30

State Employees may donate using code 7014.

**HONOR OR REMEMBER THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE!**

Send a **Treasured Times Card**

**IN MEMORY OR IN HONOR** of family, friends, associates and others to mark a special occasion or remembrance.

Consider a lasting tribute to the work of *The Shepherd's Staff* with your **PLANNED GIFT**. Your tax deductible gift will help ensure the continuity of services to those who need it within the Carroll community.

**Buy “Ornaments for a Cause”  
to Keep our “BEACON OF HOPE” Bright!  
Your Purchase Will Provide Funding For Outreach Programs.**

**“Ornament of Hope” - \$100 - Buys 2 nights temporary lodging**

5” White China Ball – Elegantly Ribbed with Hand Calligraphied Name / Date\*

**“Ornament of Light” - \$25 - Buys a portion of rent or utility bill**

5” Lighted Angel Doll w/ Porcelain Face & Gold Skirt\*

**“Ornament of Joy” - \$10 - Buys a gas or meat voucher or diapers**

5” 3-Dimensional Nutcracker\*

*\*Boxed for Holiday Giving with Gift Tag*

Sponsor Acknowledgement in **FESTIVAL OF TREES** Program



Special “Glitter and Wire” Ornaments

Perfect for Tagging Boxes & Gift Bags!

*Each \$1 donation buys household necessities for our Blessings Closet Program.*

A bar of soap, toilet paper, toothpaste, tooth brush, cleaning supplies, etc.

**SELECTIONS AVAILABLE AT**

The Shepherd’s Staff Office — “Saturday of Sharing” (October 15, 10am-8pm)  
and **FESTIVAL OF TREES** (Nov 25 - Dec 10). Call for other locations.



**A Holiday Event To Benefit Those In Need!**

**Celebrate the Holidays and Keep our  
“BEACON OF HOPE” Bright!**

- **SPONSOR** a tree to promote your business or organization to Mall shoppers
- **HONOR OR REMEMBER** a loved one or mark a special occasion
- **SELECT A THEME** and bid on a tree to keep or give for the holidays

See enclosed Rack Card for Themes and Sponsorship Levels.  
Call Brenda Meadows at 410-857-5944 for Contract packet.

*Remember, children can share the spirit of the season  
at Town Mall at Santa’s Arrival on November 12th and throughout  
the **FESTIVAL OF TREES**. They can personalize an ornament for the  
“**PROMISE TREE**” and take home a free gift card with their message of kind-*

**In Appreciation**

*Deepest thanks to Ronda Robinson, Coordinator, Donna Hines, Vera Brooks and Barbara Price for their help on a daily basis as well as the many other volunteers that worked over 1,100 to make it possible to serve over 1,100 students during the “Back-to-School” Program. We are deeply grateful to all those who contributed both financially and with backpacks, supplies, clothing needs and haircuts from  
*A Cut Above.**

**Visit Mistletoe Mart  
Ascension Episcopal Church  
23 N Court Street  
Westminster, MD  
Nov. 10 & 11, 10am-8:30pm  
Nov. 12, 10am-5pm**

**2nd Annual LE Kielman  
Classic Golf Tournament**

Friday 9/30, Westminster National Golf Course 8am Shotgun Start / Captains Choice Format. \$90 per Golfer to benefit Shepherd’s Staff. Sponsored by Knights of Pythias Charity Lodge #58

**Volunteers Extraordinaire—  
Congoleum Partnership**

Heartfelt thanks go out to our friends at Congoleum. Over the past year they have tackled jobs, both large and small, to help us serve others in the our Community.

**Julie Ford-Mount**

We are happy to be a part of Julie’s book distribution project that continues her Mom’s legacy—the love of reading—by sharing children’s books with those we serve.

**Clothed with Compassion  
Fashion Show**

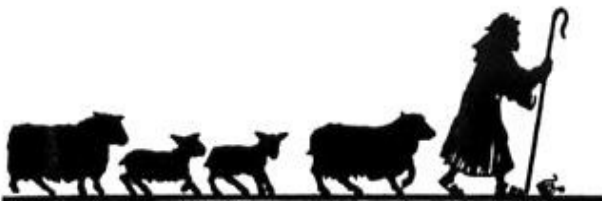
*Special thank-you* to the youth of the Westminster United Methodist Church for the great show to support the Back-to-School Program.

**Two Stores with a  
Heart for Charity**

**Bosco’s “Friends Helping Friends,”**  
Oct 4, 5:30-9:30pm  
**Belk’s Charity Sale**, Nov 5, 6am-10am  
Call SS for Tickets!

**Community Foundation of CC**

**Carroll County 2011 Philanthropists of  
the Year Recognition Breakfast** -  
Oct 19 @ 7am, The Portico of St. John Catholic Church. \$50 each / \$500 table of 10. For more inf 410-876-5505.



**THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF**

**A Christian Outreach and Support Center**

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**Non-Profit Organizations  
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Westminster, MD 21158**



**Help Those In Critical Health Care Need!**

Stop by TownMall of Westminster September through October  
and Drop Coins in the Fountain at Center Court to Support our **RX Fund**.

**Yes, I will make a donation to help support the Rx Fund!**

Cash  Check / Amount Enclosed  \$10  \$25  \$50  \$100  other \$

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_



*Look for "REX"  
Throughout  
Carroll County  
and Help Fill  
Him Up!*

Please make checks payable to: **The Shepherd's Staff**  
**Mail: The Shepherd's Staff, P.O. Box 127, Westminster, MD 21158**  
**Drop Off: 30 Carroll Street, Westminster, MD 21157**  
**410-857-5944 / shepstaff@comcast.net / www.shepstaff.org**

Please ask if your employer has a matching gifts program. This could double, even triple, your gift if your employer agrees to match your most recent gift. Simply obtain a matching gift form from your Human Resources Department, fill it out and return it to *The Shepherd's Staff* (even if you are retired you may be eligible for a matching gift). Thank you!

Funds in excess of the need for this program may be used for other *Shepherd's Staff* programs at the discretion of the Board of Directors.