



**THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF**

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**2008 Non-Profit Philanthropist of the Year Award!**



Provides Free Assistance with  
Non-Food Essentials  
*Household, Hygiene, & Personal Care*

Through the Years  
**THE BLESSINGS CLOSET**  
has helped...

**Families...**

...typically earning minimum wage salaries and needing all kinds of non-food items—bath tissue, shampoo, cleaning and laundry supplies, etc.

**Seniors...**

...living on Social Security and having very little extra money to buy adult hygiene products, paper products, light bulbs, etc.

**Disabled Persons...**

...totally existing on Disability income and finding it nearly impossible to afford trash bags, dish detergent, first aid products, etc.

**Single Parents...**

...with young children who find it difficult to buy simple baby essentials, diapers, baby shampoo, powder, wipes, etc.

**Homeless Adults...**

...sleeping in shelters or doorways needing soap, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, and other personal care items.

**Out of Work Individuals...**

...who are caught between jobs needing household and personal necessities for themselves and/or family.

*... And Others In Need*

*2500 Households Are Served Each Year  
Through THE BLESSINGS CLOSET Program!*

Any School, Club, Church, Business,  
 Organization, Neighborhood, or Individual  
 Can Help Fill

**THE BLESSINGS CLOSET**

*To Donate or Host a Drive*

*Use the List of Needed Items Below*

**For a Monetary Contribution**

*Tear Off & Return*



\$100

\$50

\$25

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pull-Ups (All sizes)</li> <li>• Disposable Diapers (All sizes)</li> <li>• Baby Care Items</li> <li>• Liquid Food Supplements</li> <li>• Depends, Attends, etc. (All sizes)</li> <li>• Shampoo &amp; Conditioner</li> <li>• Paper Towels, Napkins, Facial Tissues</li> <li>• Bath Tissue</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Powder Laundry Detergent</li> <li>• All Purpose Cleaners</li> <li>• Bleach (small bottle)</li> <li>• Feminine Supplies</li> <li>• Men's Toiletries</li> <li>• Dish Washing Liquid</li> <li>• Trash Bags</li> <li>• Baby Ointment</li> <li>• Baggies, Foil</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Toothpaste/ Toothbrushes</li> <li>• First Aid Products</li> <li>• Light Bulbs (energy efficient)</li> <li>• Bar Soap/Liquid Soap</li> <li>• Baking Soda/Vinegar</li> <li>• Alcohol/Peroxide</li> <li>• Combs/Brushes</li> <li>• Washcloths</li> </ul> |
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Cash\_\_ Check \_\_

*Amount Enclosed* \$100\_\_ \$50\_\_ \$25\_\_ Other \$\_\_\_\_\_

*Checks payable to The Shepherd's Staff*

*Donations are Tax-Deductible*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Mail: The Shepherd's Staff, P.O. Box 127, Westminster, MD 21158

Drop Off: 30 Carroll Street, Westminster, MD

*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.*

# The Story of THE BLESSINGS CLOSET



When *The Shepherd's Staff* opened its doors in 1991, we quickly realized the overwhelming need for the free distribution of non-food household items. We found that people, whether sustained on government assistance, earning poverty level wages, newly employed, temporarily out-of-work, or simply without a home – all need basic essentials for everyday living.

The first BLESSINGS CLOSET was started in a jelly cupboard which we crammed full of non-food necessities. Throughout the years the small closet swelled to the point where one room and basement storage now accommodates the program. It is from our present location, 30 Carroll Street, that thousands of items are given out on an "as needed" basis each year. Anyone in Carroll County is eligible to request items from the CLOSET provided we have stock on hand to fill the request.

We rely upon the generosity of churches, schools, businesses, organizations, and individuals to keep THE BLESSINGS CLOSET filled each month. With the increasing amount of requests each year, we are finding it difficult to keep the closet stocked sufficiently to meet the demand. We need your continued donations and dollars to keep THE BLESSINGS CLOSET stocked year-round!

**Deliver all items to The Shepherd's Staff Office  
(across from Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church)  
30 Carroll Street, Westminster, MD 21157**

**HOURS: Mon, Tue, Fri: 10am-2pm    Thur: 3pm-7pm  
CLOSED Wednesdays and Weekends**

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