

The Shepherd's Staff News



Summer 2008 Issue 2

BACK-TO-SCHOOL

During last year's Back-To-School program, this Mom came to us in need of school supplies for her children. A few months later we received this note of thanks...

"To whom this may concern:

I am a single mom of seven children, the struggle has been hard but my children are worth it. The help I receive each year from the donations from people like yourselves has been a tremendous help to me for school supplies, not to forget to mention the shoes and haircuts. I have five of my children through school now and I am very proud, I have two left to go. I would just like to say thank you to the The Shephard Staff, from the very bottom of my heart for all the contributions you have made, I could have never done it without your support and help.

Thank you again!!"

**LAST YEAR, WITH
YOUR SUPPORT,
OVER 900 LOCAL
STUDENTS WERE
SERVED WITH
BACK-TO-SCHOOL
ESSENTIALS!**



Each year the schools' requirements have placed an enormous burden on many families to provide the proper tools for their school children. On behalf of these Carroll students, please join us in helping them *Start The School Year Off Right!*

WAYS YOU CAN HELP!

- **Donate Back-To-School Items Listed in the Enclosed Brochure**
- **Use Coupon on Back of Newsletter for Monetary Donations**

We Appreciate All Donations, Large Or Small—Financial And In-Kind!

Check Out Our Website!
www.shepstaff.org

Our Mission

"In a loving response to our Lord Jesus Christ's command to feed his sheep, The Shepherd's Staff exists to reach out to those in crisis, to aid those in need, to support those in trouble, to seek out and encourage pathways to self-sufficiency, and to be a witness for Christ in our community"

Volunteers

Gen Murray is one of our behind-the-scenes volunteers! She faithfully writes thank-you letters to the donors and supporters of The Shepherd's Staff. Gen loves to visit Ocean City and she says that volunteering helps keep her mind active and young!
Thank you Gen!

Shoppe News

NWSB - Taneytown
Summer Hours
June/Aug Fri Only 10am-3pm
CLOSED JULY, Reopen Aug 8
Volunteers always needed!
Call Kristy 410-857-0287

Community Notes

September 17, 2008
"Taste of America"
The Children's Fund
Tickets \$40/ea or 2 for \$75
CC Career & Technology Ctr
Call 410-871-7000

"Marriage Resource Center of Carroll County"
Ongoing Events/Resources
marriageresourceccc.org

Donation Requests

- Coffee, tea, jelly, peanut butter, crackers, soups
- Paper products
- Personal hygiene items
- Cleaning supplies
- Books/Magazines
- Bibles, Devotionals

For further information
410 857-5944
shepstaff@comcast.net

Clothes and Books For Students!

Fashionable Clothing Improves Self-Esteem!

Clean, in-style, and in good condition Sorting by Gender/Size Appreciated



Children Need Books of Their Own To Encourage Reading!

New & Gently-Used Books for All Ages Accepted

Suitable for Pre-K through High School

Homes for "REX" in October!



It's Simple...

Any business, church, organization, youth group, school, individual, or household can help feed "REX" to support THE Rx FUND!



ADOPT "REX" by September 1

FILL "REX" with coins, checks and bills throughout the month

RETURN "REX" to The Shepherd's Staff by October 31

Call 410-857-5944 or E-mail shepstaff@comcast.net to adopt "REX" The Piggy Bank in October!

In 2007, The Shepherd's Staff received requests for healthcare assistance from 777 underinsured and uninsured residents of Carroll County, a 15% increase from 2006. To continue responding to this growing need, The Shepherd's Staff estimates that over \$12,000 will be needed for THE Rx FUND in 2008-2009.

Getaway Raffle!

To Benefit The **BACK-TO-SCHOOL** Program



Sponsored by Robin Hood Children's Foundation

A Component Fund of Community Foundation of Carroll County

GRAND PRIZE

2 Roundtrip Coach Tickets on American Airlines

2nd Prize: \$300

3rd Prize: \$200

Lower 48 States/Canada/Mexico or Caribbean

Drawing July 25 (Need not be present to win)

Donation \$5 or 3 for \$10 (Permit #340)

Checks Payable to "Robin Hood Foundation" & Tickets Available At

The Shepherd's Staff

30 Carroll St; Westminster, MD

M,T,F 10a-2pm Thurs 3-7p

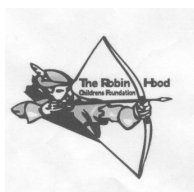
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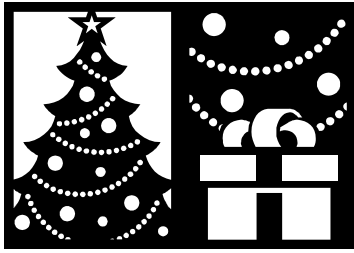
The Community Foundation of Carroll County

Carroll Non-Profit Center

255 Clifton Blvd; Westminster, MD

410-876-5505





From the Director's Desk...

Sponsors for **FESTIVAL OF TREES 2008**

To All Our Wonderful Friends,

We are living in the midst of a troubled economy which is affecting all of us but especially those who are in most need. Every day we have more and more people coming to our house on Carroll Street with hearts filled with anxiety but hope in their eyes. Their simple requests for help echo in our ears...

"Can you fill my tank with gas to get to work?"

"Can you pay a little on my utility bill?"

"Can you help me with diapers and formula?"

"Can I do my laundry for my family today?"



Since *The Shepherd's Staff* does not receive any federal, state, or county funding, my main role is to raise money for year-round emergency assistance and to maintain our other outreach programs such as the upcoming Back-to-School program.

Our largest fundraising event of the year is the **FESTIVAL OF TREES**. Last year, your phenomenal support as both sponsors and bidders allowed us to expand our hours and offer more assistance for critical needs. This year the **FESTIVAL** needs to raise \$10,000 or more just to continue our current programs.

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP...

Read the enclosed contract/flyer and choose a level of sponsorship that is right for you!

Remember, becoming a sponsor can —

PROMOTE

your business, club, church or organization to hundreds of mall shoppers

or

HONOR OR REMEMBER

a loved one, family member, friend, or associate with your donation

As always, on behalf of *The Shepherd's Staff* and those we serve, I am grateful for your continued support!

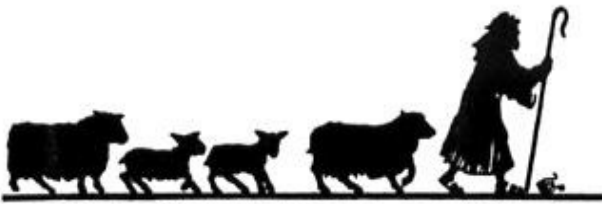
With Deep Appreciation,

Fresh Produce for Summer

We would love to have your extra summer produce to distribute to families and individuals.

If you have a special recipe to use with your donation, feel free to include it!

For delivery call 410-857-5944.



THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF

A Christian Outreach and Support Center

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Non-Profit Organizations
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Westminster, MD 21158



SUPPORT THE BACK-TO-SCHOOL PROGRAM!

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.

Drop Off: 30 Carroll Street, Westminster, MD 21158
Mail: The Shepherd's Staff, P.O. Box 127, Westminster, MD 21158

Name _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
E-mail _____
Phone _____
To Reduce Our Costs, Please Share Your E-mail Address!

I would like to help by contributing to the Back-To-School Program
Checks payable to *The Shepherd's Staff*. Donations are tax-deductible.
Cash _____ Check \$ _____ Amount _____
Increase Your Gift — Ask your Employer if They Provide Matching Funds!

IT'S EASY! FILL OUT COUPON AND RETURN.

**HELP THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF PROVIDE
SCHOOL SUPPLIES, NEW SHOES, AND NEW BACKPACKS
TO OUR LOCAL YOUTH IN NEED!**