



How Does Your “Gift of Charity”

Bring a BEACON OF HOPE to Others?

*The Answer is Best Expressed in the
Heartfelt Words of Those We Serve ...*

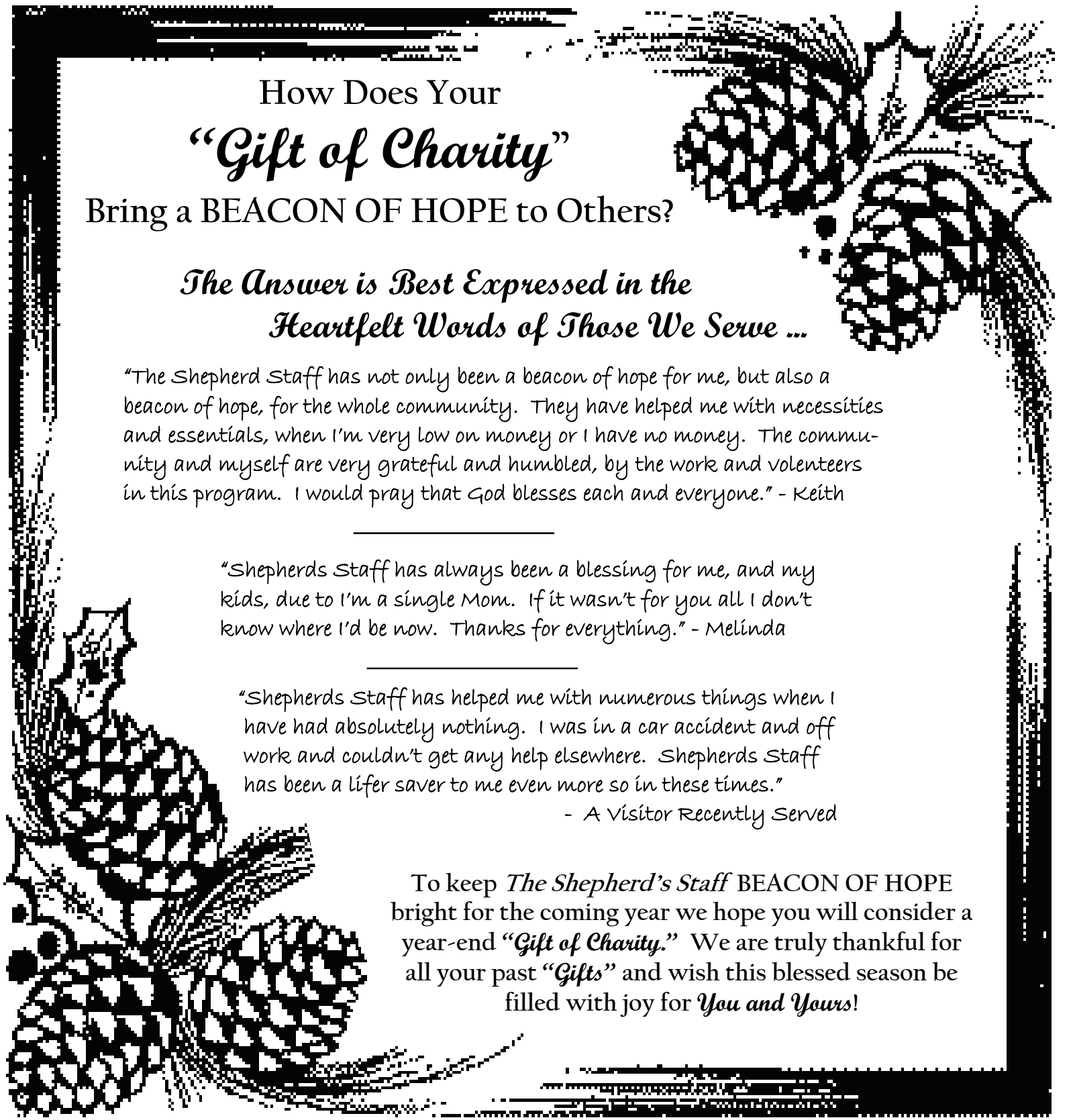
“The Shepherd Staff has not only been a beacon of hope for me, but also a beacon of hope, for the whole community. They have helped me with necessities and essentials, when I’m very low on money or I have no money. The community and myself are very grateful and humbled, by the work and volunteers in this program. I would pray that God blesses each and everyone.” - Keith

“Shepherds Staff has always been a blessing for me, and my kids, due to I’m a single Mom. If it wasn’t for you all I don’t know where I’d be now. Thanks for everything.” - Melinda

“Shepherds Staff has helped me with numerous things when I have had absolutely nothing. I was in a car accident and off work and couldn’t get any help elsewhere. Shepherds Staff has been a lifesaver to me even more so in these times.”

- A Visitor Recently Served

To keep *The Shepherd's Staff* BEACON OF HOPE bright for the coming year we hope you will consider a year-end “Gift of Charity.” We are truly thankful for all your past “Gifts” and wish this blessed season be filled with joy for *You and Yours!*



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"

Thanksgiving

Blessings on Kathy Reid for coordinating the Thanksgiving Day Dinner.

Deepest thanks to countless other volunteers who helped make this day so special for others.

Served over 350

Sad Farewell

Our deepest sympathy's to the family of Dwight Dingle. He blessed *The Shepherd's Staff* with his unwavering support from the first day our doors opened years ago.

"Product" Sales

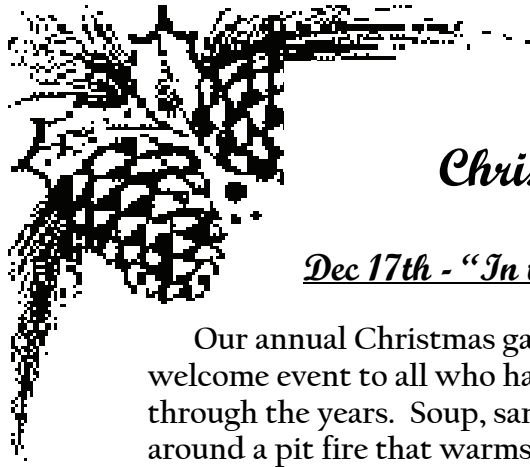
Thank you to all our shoppers for buying our **PRODUCTS WITH A MISSION** and blessings on Lilly Flores for helping to create the product line.

Donate Goods

- *Back-To-School Essentials and Clothes*
- *Non-Food Items*
- *Cold Weather Coats*
- *Easter Baskets*
- *Thanksgiving Goods*
- *Books and Magazines*
- *Career and Baby Clothes*
- *Nativity Storybooks & Coloring Books/Socks/Underwear/Candy Canes*

Call

The Shepherd's Staff
For further information
410 857-5944
shepstaff@comcast.net



*"Help Us Share
Christmas Kindness" on ...*

Dec 17th - "In the Spirit of the Christmas Season"

Our annual Christmas gathering at *The Shepherd's Staff* has been a welcome event to all who have joined us for refreshments and caroling through the years. Soup, sandwiches and hot chocolate are served around a pit fire that warms both the heart and the hands. Celebrating this blessed season at Carroll Street has grown from simply enjoying cookies to coming together as a community *sharing kindness*.

Donations of *apples, oranges, boxed cookies, and items to create a Meal-in-a-Bag* would be appreciated. Just place *pasta, sauce and a canned fruit* in a bag and tuck in a holiday message to give to our guests. Bring your donations during office hours by 1 pm, December 17 (*Open for donations Wednesday, December 16 from 1:00—4:00 pm*)

Dec 25th - "Christmas on Center Street"

On Christmas Day, St. Luke's (Winters) Lutheran Church will serve a noon dinner at the Westminster United Methodist Church at Center and Main Streets. Thank you to all the Church members who decided not to cancel the Friday *Shepherd's Table Soup Kitchen* but instead prepare a meal for those seeking food and fellowship on Christmas Day.

To make the dinner extra special, we are asking for various kinds of simple donations that you, your family and friends could contribute. A Christmas stocking could include *age appropriate story book, crayons, candy canes, small toy, ball, bubbles, matchbook car, hats, gloves, scarves, personal items (i.e., tooth brush/paste, soap, comb)*. Remember to tag with gender and age. Of course, *apples, oranges, boxed cookies* are always welcome. If you wish further information to share a *Christmas kindness* with someone, please call and ask for Brenda at 410-857-5944 or leave a message.



A Meaningful Gift for the Holiday's

Buy PRODUCTS WITH A MISSION to Help Someone in Need!

Seapots, Turkeys, Casseroles, Ornaments, Holiday

Some Selections Available At

Baughner's Family Restaurant and other locations

All Selections Available At

The Shepherd's Staff Office - 30 Carroll Street
Call for Information 410-857-5944

Over fifty percent of each purchase helps fund outreach programs.

Sharing Theatre and a Tea In 2010

Mark your calendar for a "Spring"
Little Community Theatre Dinner Show

Each year, through the talents of local thespians wonderful productions are created as fundraisers to help *The Shepherd's Staff* programs and services. Another such effort is in the works to be presented in early Spring. So, *watch for the advertised date, make a reservation and come to the next show.*

In the meantime, thanks to everyone for a *sellout* weekend of our last production, "A Wing and a Prayer". As usual the Chef's and volunteers out did themselves. The audience participation element of the last play was enjoyed by all and hopefully more of the same can be presented in the future. *Thank you to St. Paul's United Church of Christ for donating the facility and a special shout out to the Church staff for all their help.*

A Perfect Way To Spend A Sunday Afternoon **"Ring in the Spring"**

Featuring the Westminster Ringers Handbell Ensemble

Tea, Tunes and Traditions ...

- *Dessert and Tea*
- *19th Century Fashion Traditions*
- *Sounds of English Handbells*
- *Silent Auction Treasures*
- *Selections from the Teatime Shoppe*



SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2010 AT 3 PM—GRACE HALL

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church,
21 Carroll Street, Westminster, MD

Adults \$18 Seniors \$15 (60 & over) Children \$10 (12 and under)

Proceeds benefit The Shepherd's Staff and The Westminster Ringers
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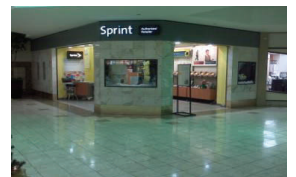
Call for Coats

Many people will be warmer this year because of the generosity of the community for the Call for Coats program. Over 2000 coats were donated at various drop-off points. Thank you Boscov's, Long and Foster, New Windsor State Bank and ServePro. Much appreciation to Admiral for cleaning the coats and the Carroll County Times for media sponsorship

Purchase a New Phone and Help a Good Cause!

For every phone purchased in *Sprint Express* in the TownMall of Westminster, through the months of December and January \$2 will be donated towards *The Shepherd's Staff*.

Only at Sprint Express, located in the TownMall Food Court!

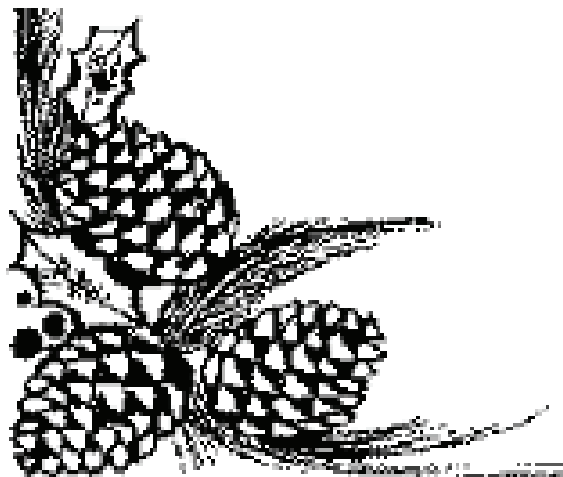


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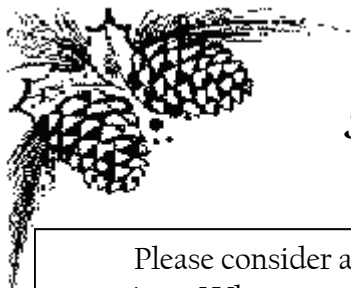
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*Help Keep Our BEACON OF HOPE
Bright with a "Gift of Charity"!*



*As Part of Your Year-End Generosity,
Help Keep Our BEACON OF HOPE Bright with a
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Please consider a tax deductible donation to support *The Shepherd's Staff* outreach programs and operations. When you are planning your year-end contributions, your decision to support *The Shepherd's Staff* will play an important part in helping people in the Carroll community throughout the coming year.

Your *"Gift of Charity"*, no matter how small or large, will be greatly appreciated.

Please Check One: Cash Check | \$10 \$25 \$50 \$100 other \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

For Year round updates please provide email: _____

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

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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.