



WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Imagine if you were a...

Family of Four earning two minimum wage salaries and needing all manner of non-food items—bath tissue, shampoo, cleaning and laundry supplies, etc.

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

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

Single Parent with two children under 3 years of age who finds it difficult to buy simple baby essentials, diapers, baby shampoo, powder, wipes, etc.

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

WHERE WOULD YOU GO?

ANY PLACE THAT DISTRIBUTES NON-FOOD ITEMS FREE OF CHARGE!

In 1992 The Shepherd's Staff recognized this unmet community need and responded with

THE BLESSINGS CLOSET PROGRAM

and last year filled 2,565 requests!

KEEPING THE CLOSET FILLED IS NO EASY TASK AND WITH THE GROWING DEMAND WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY, WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

HOW YOU CAN HELP!

Donating Items, Hosting a Drive or Simply giving a Monetary Contribution will Help Keep The Blessings Closet Stocked Year Round.

SEE ENCLOSED PAMPHLET AND LIST OF NEEDED ITEMS ON BACK OF NEWSLETTER.

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Happen!

Leave a Gift...
*To ensure help will
continue for
those who need it!*

Contact the
**Community Foundation
of Carroll County**

For
information
about including
The Shepherd's Staff
In Your Estate Planning
410 876-5505 or
acimino@carrollcommunity
foundation.org

**Send A
Treasured Times
Remembrance
Card...**
*In Honor of
Or
In Memory of*
Family, Friends, Associates

All donations will be
acknowledged and a special
Treasured Times Card
will be sent
in recognition
of each gift

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

Or
Check the box included
on the coupon in the
back of this newsletter

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"*

ASSEMBLE EASTER BASKETS FOR INFANTS THROUGH TEENAGE YEARS

When creating Easter Basket/s please include an item that signifies the "True Meaning of Easter" (Coloring books/storybooks, crosses, bibles, etc.) Less candy is appreciated. Please wrap in cellophane for distribution and deliver finished basket/s to The Shepherd's Staff Office, 30 Carroll Street, Westminster, MD between March 19—March 30 MTF 10am—2pm and Th 3pm—7pm.

For special delivery arrangements call 410-857-5944.

Last year we distributed over 900 baskets!

Please Help Us to do it Again!



BUY A TICKET FOR CHARITY DAYS ON MARCH 30 & 31


Purchase tickets at The Shepherd's Staff Office.

EVERY TICKET SOLD BEFORE MARCH 30 WILL GIVE A
\$5.00 CASH DONATION TO THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF

The discount ticket entitles bearer to a 20% off shopping pass. EARLY BIRD offer on Sat, March 31 (8am—11am) will also allow bearer to receive a \$5.00 Belk gift card. Offer pays for cost of ticket and can be used throughout the store without exclusions.

Help The Shepherd's Staff
and Register-to-Win a \$1000.00 Belk Shopping Day!

VISIT THE BUSINESS FAIR ON MARCH 17 TOWNMALL OF WESTMINSTER

TownMall  and The Shepherd's Staff will partner for one day during the Business Fair to raise money for the BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM to help our Carroll students!

Come by Chick-Fil-A on March 17 (11am—3pm)
and for a donation SPIN THE WHEEL
for food and merchandise from Chick-Fil-A.

"GOOD FRIDAY" WALK!

On April 6 the Westminster Ministerium is hosting a walk beginning at 11am at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Westminster, MD and ending with a noon service at Ascension Episcopal Church. You are welcome to join at the beginning of the walk, along the way or for the noon service.

ANNOUNCING OPENING DAY
MONDAY, MARCH 26 10AM

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This Unique Store is tucked into a small corner
room

located in the main corridor of the New Windsor State Bank
(Taneytown branch). What this quaint little boutique lacks in
size it makes up in its array of one-of-a-kind new and old treas-
ures. Proceeds from sales will help fund

The Shepherd's Staff outreach programs that bring hope to
disadvantaged families and individuals in Carroll County.

The store is operated by volunteers and staff.

To volunteer call 410-857-5944

Monday
10am
to
3pm

The Store is Located in a Space Donated by
The New Windsor State Bank
Taneytown Branch
222 East Baltimore Street
Taneytown, Maryland

Friday
10am
to
6pm

- Nostalgic Home Accents ●
- Recycled Fashion Accessories ●
- Bits and Pieces of Art & Collectibles ● Grandma's Hand-Me-Downs
- Vintage Items ● Handmade Pieces ●
- Classic Teapots ● Spiritual Books ● New Merchandise
- Seasonal Gift Baskets ● Personalized Ornaments ●

WALK TO FIGHT HUNGER AND SUPPORT THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF ON APRIL 22

The 2007 Carroll County Hunger Walk will begin and end at
St. Paul's United Methodist Church in New Windsor.

Seventy-five percent of proceeds will help feed people in the United
States and throughout the world through Church World Service,
while twenty-five percent will support Carroll County Food Sunday,
The Shepherd's Staff and Access Carroll.

Last year over 100 walkers raised over \$10,000.

Our goal this year is to raise \$12,000!

To participate individually, with your organization or congregation
contact Jim Benedict 410-775-2717 or benedictj@verizon.net

Donate Items to our May Flea Mar-

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*

Volunteer

- *Administrative Duties*
- *Professional Services*
- *Fundraising/Events*
- *Weekly Housekeeping*
- *Building Maintenance*
- *Products with a Mission Production/Marketing*
- *Work Hands-On with Outreach Programs*

Call

The Shepherd's Staff
For further information
to volunteer and
donate goods
410 857-5944
shepstaff@comcast.net

Our History

The Shepherd's Staff was founded in 1991, as a non-denominational faith-based organization. Its mission is to provide short-term aid for those in crisis and promote long-term self-sufficiency. The Shepherd's Staff is a private non-profit 501c [3] organization that is supported by churches, organizations, businesses, schools, and individuals through financial contributions, in-kind donations, volunteerism, and its own fund-raising efforts. The Shepherd's Staff is located at 30

Help Keep THE BLESSINGS CLOSET Stocked Year Round!

Non-Profit Organizations
 U.S. Postage
 PAID
 Permit # 919
 Westminster, MD 21158



Help Fill The Blessings Closet!

- * Powder Laundry Detergent
- * Bleach (small bottle)
- * Bath Tissue
- * Toothpaste/Toothbrushes
- * All-Purpose Cleaners
- * Feminine Supplies
- * First Aid Products
- * Light Bulbs
- * Liquid Food Supplements
- * Men's Toiletries
- * Pull-Ups (all sizes)
- * Disposable Diapers (all sizes)
- * Shampoo & Conditioner
- * Paper Towels, Napkins, Facial Tissues
- * Dish Washing Liquid
- * Trash Bags
- * Baby Care Items
- * Depends, Attends, etc. (All Sizes)
- * Bar Soap/Liquid Soap
- * Baking Soda

Monetary gifts will help purchase household essentials throughout the year.
 Please make checks payable to The Shepherd's Staff. Donations are tax deductible.
 Funds in excess of the need for this program maybe used for other Shepherd's Staff programs at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Cash__ Check __ Amount Enclosed \$5 __ \$10__ \$20__ \$25__ Other \$_____

Name_____

Address _____

City/State/Zip_____

Mail: The Shepherd's Staff, P.O. Box 127, Westminster, MD 21157
 Drop Off: 30 Carroll Street, Westminster, MD