

The Shepherd's Staff News



Summer 2007 Issue 2

BACK-TO-SCHOOL

Recently, The Shepherd's Staff office was blessed with a term of service from a high school senior, Madeline Aikins, through the *Career Connections Internship Program*. When we asked her the significance of the *Back-to-School Program*, she answered...

"THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING PREPARED ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL CAN SET THE STAGE FOR SUCCESS OR FAILURE DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR."

She went on to explain, that in her opinion, there are many distractions that impact a student's ability to perform. Not having the necessary school essentials like a *new back pack* or a *new pair of shoes* may very well contribute to a student's low self-esteem and inability to achieve their true potential.

LAST YEAR, WITH YOUR SUPPORT, OVER 800 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, we hope you will 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 for monetary donations

We appreciate all donations, large or small—financial and in-kind!

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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
shepstaf@qis.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"

We Need Your Support To "Raise Rx Dollars"

To Help Those With Critical Healthcare Needs
In Carroll County!

Give "REX" The Piggy Bank
a Home in October!



It's So Simple...

- ADOPT** Complete the attached form and we will deliver **Rex** to you
- SHOW** Put **Rex** on display at your business, church, school, or home
- FEED** Let people fill **Rex** with coins, checks and bills
- RETURN** Call when **Rex** is full, and we will pick him up!

Any business, church, group, school or household
willing to feed "REX" can support the Raise Rx Dollars Campaign.

If you wish to Raise Rx Dollars with "REX" the Piggy Bank,
please complete the attached form and return before September 1.

WHY Rx Dollars ARE NEEDED!

Because a greater number of our neighbors cannot afford their medical necessities, requests like the following are escalating daily:

- *Can you help me fill this emergency prescription?*
- *My insurance doesn't cover these medical supplies, can you help me?*
- *Can you help me buy this over-the-counter medication?*
- *My free samples have run out, and I cannot get any more.*

In 2006, we received requests for healthcare assistance from 644 under-insured and uninsured residents of Carroll County. In 2005, we served 490 residents. To continue responding to this growing need, *The Shepherd's Staff* estimates between \$11,000 and \$12,000 **Rx Dollars** will be required.

We Need Your Volunteerism

To Help Families and Individuals In Need In Carroll County!

Since *The Shepherd's Staff* does not receive funding from Federal, state or county agencies, your time and talents are critical to the continuation of our work in the community. Volunteer opportunities at *The Shepherd's Staff* are many. Volunteers are needed at the office (30 Carroll Street, Westminster) M-T-F 10am-2pm and Thursday, 3-7pm, unless specified otherwise below.

- ***The Shepherd's Shoppe***

- * Sell in store -anytime Monday 10am-3pm or Friday, 10am-6pm
- * Price and sort at *The Shepherd's Staff* office
- * Coordinate *Shoppe* operations

- **Administration**

- * Office Receptionist
- * Data Entry
- * Fundraising / Grant Writing
- * General Office Work

- **Outreach Programs**

- * On-site Assistance with programs such as Back-to-School, Clothing Shed, Blessings Closet, Thanksgiving, etc.

- **Maintenance**

- * Inside Housekeeping (general cleaning, etc.)
- * Outside Repair and Grounds Keeping

Our volunteers are an integral part of our organization, helping us to achieve our mission and goals. Without the willingness of compassionate people lending a hand, it would be impossible for *The Shepherd's Staff* to continue offering the variety of services so necessary to the families/individuals we serve in the area.

On behalf of *The Shepherd's Staff*, we deeply thank our many volunteers for lending their time and talents toward maintaining our daily operations. No matter what the job - small or large, short term or long term - ***we appreciate all of you!***

If you wish to become a volunteer and make a difference in the lives we touch, please call 410-857-5944 to make an appointment to discuss the ways you can help. Student service learning hours are available.



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Donate Goods

- * *Back-to School Essentials and Clothes*
- * *Non-Food Items*
- * *Cold Weather Coats*
- * *Easter Baskets*
- * *Thanksgiving Goods*
- * *Books and Magazines*
- * *Career & 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*

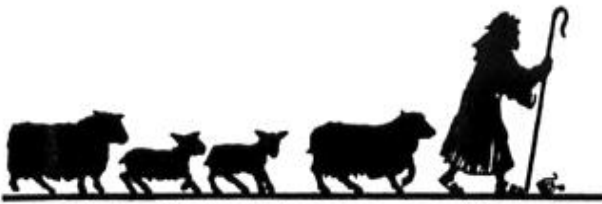
Call

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Our History

The Shepherd's Staff was founded in 1991, as a non-denominational faith-based organization. It's mission is to provide short-term aid for those in crisis and promote long-term self-sufficiency.

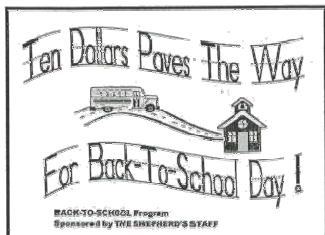
The Shepherd's Staff is a private non-profit 501c [3] organization that is supported by churches, organizations, businesses, schools, and individuals through financial contributions, in-kind donations, volunteerism, and its own fund-raising efforts. Located at 30 Carroll St.



THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF

A Christian Outreach and Support Center
P.O. Box 127 Westminster, MD 21158 (410) 857-5944

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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.

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

Name

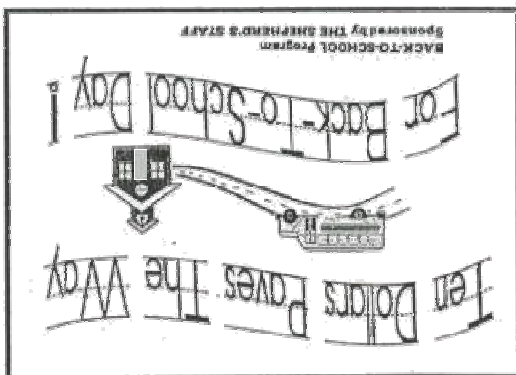
Address

City/State/Zip

Phone

____ Cash _____ Check \$ _____ Amount

I would like to help "PAVE THE WAY FOR BACK-TO-SCHOOL DAY" by contributing \$10 or more for new shoes and/or a backpack. Checks payable to *The Shepherd's Staff*. Donations are tax-deductible.



BACK-TO-SCHOOL PROGRAM
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PROVIDE
NEW SHOES AND NEW BACKPACKS
TO OUR LOCAL YOUTH!
IT'S EASY!
FILL OUT FORM AND RETURN ENCLOSED ENVELOPE.