

# A Little Means A Lot...

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## Needs

- Monetary Donations
- Nonperishable Food
- Baby Items
- School Supplies
- Hygiene Products
- Paper Products
- Cleaning Supplies
- Working Appliances
- Good Used Furniture
- Building Supplies
- Volunteers
- Prayers

## Another Record Year!

We are please to announce another record year in 2007! AOI made 68 trips to 14 counties bearing over 250 tons. Included in these deliveries were 6,100 shoebox Santas (100 over our

goal!).

Our trucks, "Bessie" and "Blue," travelled 34,398 miles doing deliveries and local pick-ups. Our volunteers racked up innumerable hours to make this happen.

We could not have been this successful without your help. The people who received these goods appreciate them beyond words.

Thank you from them and us!

## Thank You to Our Major Donors

In addition to the generosity of so many individuals who give of their time, talent and treasure, many local merchants have supported AOI during the past year. We could not operate without their assistance, and we hope you will patronize their businesses and thank them

for that support.

These merchants include:

- Ked's Ace Hardware
- Big Lots, Moundsville
- Citywide Insurance
- Dollartree, Moundsville
- Moundsville Daily Echo
- Jozabeths
- Lowe's in Wheeling

- Northern Regional Jail
- Ohio Valley Internet Service (OVIS)
- Ponderosa in Glen Dale
- Reilly Inc.
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- Walmart Moundsville
- Wheeling Jesuit University
- Young's Cafeteria
- and many others!!!

## Board of Directors Update

There are several changes to our Board of

John Moses for the time and service devoted to

several new members. Please see the back

## Tax Savings Available Now Through NIP Vouchers!!!

Now that it's tax time, we want to remind you that a donation to AOI might help reduce your tax liability.

The West Virginia Development Office, through its Neighborhood Investment Program (NIP), has once again allotted tax credit vouchers to AOI. We have received \$21,243 in vouchers to be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis through June 2008.

Individuals or businesses do-

notating at least \$500 to AOI can receive up to 50% of that donation as a tax credit. These credit vouchers can be used to reduce state corporate net income, business franchise, and personal income taxes. The amount of the credit may be taken in one year or over a five-year period, beginning in the tax year in which the donation was made.

Eligible contributions to AOI for NIP tax credits can be in the form of per-

sonal check, real estate, and/or publically traded stock. Persons who itemize donations on their federal income tax return may also benefit from further tax savings.

With combined federal and state tax savings, a contribution to AOI could have a much smaller net cost to you, make a larger impact on the less fortunate, and significantly reduce your tax liabilities. Contact us (845-2762) for more details.

## You made it Possible

In five years the Shoe Box Santa project has grown from 135 boxes to over 6100! For many this is the only gift they will receive and

maybe the only hygiene products that are available! The cards and beautiful wrapping add a lot of joy and hope to those receiving the gifts. We are so indebted to

our shoe box committee and all the groups and individuals that made this possible!!!!!!! We expect this project to continue to grow. Please pass the word and plan to join the fun in 2008.

## Looking for a Project for Spring?

Need a service project, or just looking to help others? Consider hosting a baby shower to collect items for a

Baby Basket project. We have already begun our 2008 Christmas toy collection. Any new or gently used

toys, games, puzzles or sporting goods can be dropped off at our warehouse. Call 845-2762.

## Assistance Needed

- ◊ Office help to expand recycling project of toner/inkjet cartridges and cell phones and to assist with other projects.
- ◊ Nonperishable foods/ Hygiene Products
- ◊ Packers and sorters are always needed at the warehouse. Bring a friend. Groups welcome. Pick a day; come for one hour, two hours, or more. Call to schedule a time.
- ◊ Regular office help 3-4 hours per week. Call for details.
- ◊ Funding for our trips. All donations welcome!
- ◊ Prayer Partners. Call to join our ever growing list.

*Call AOI immediately (304-845-2762) if you can offer your time and expertise for these needs.*

## PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

*I believe in the mission of Appalachian Outreach Inc. and want to be a supporter by...*

[Please check the mailing label on the reverse for accuracy.]

◊ Committing to pray for AOI

◊ Making a monetary gift:

Monthly\_\_\_\_\_ Quarterly\_\_\_\_\_ Semiannually\_\_\_\_\_ Annually\_\_\_\_\_

One-time donation\_\_\_\_\_

◊ Volunteering my time and talent (list):\_\_\_\_\_

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