

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

AOI's Urgent Financial Need

1. A note from our Board of Directors

Help!!!! Because of the "drying up" of some major grants (\$5000) our funds are running very low. Of course we are still in need of items (in good condition) that we can deliver to the impoverished and needy in the poorest section of our state, but unless we have the funds to pay for fuel (you know how expensive it is!) we won't be able to do so. We must also make insurance pay-

ments on our two trucks (24-footer—"Blue"; 14-footer—"Bessie"), care for their maintenance and upkeep, and provide monthly payments to the finance company so that one day they will be ours.

So, dear friends and supporters, we desperately need your financial assistance. If each of you could give, if possible, at least a \$25 donation, it would ease the financial crunch. We need pray-

ers, prayers, prayers (it goes without saying), gently used goods, help in loading, etc., but currently our major need is...money. We want to continue our deliveries, especially to the poorest of the poor. Please, if you can, help us. Donations can be sent to Appalachian Outreach, Inc., P.O. Box 233, Glen Dale, WV 26038.

Thank you!

2. Planning for the future

In order to provide stable funding for our perennial costs like insurance, fuel, and maintenance, AOI has met with the Community Foundation of the Upper Ohio Valley

about establishing an endowment. Major donors for this project would be appreciated. You may consider making a bequest to AOI in your will. Persons over 70 1/2 who

are financially comfortable may also make tax-free donations from their IRA to AOI. Contact your financial advisor for more information.

3. What a dollar will buy...

- \$10 fills a Shoe Box Santa
- \$35 fills a Baby Bonus Basket
- \$50 aids general fund for unmet needs
- \$100 pays for some advertising
- \$200 buys office supplies
- \$350 pays for one delivery trip
- \$500 buys warehouse supplies
- \$2000 pays for maintenance of trucks
- \$5000 pays off a truck
- \$21000 fuel for 1 year
- ... any amount is appreciated!

The Good News...

- *Celebrity Service:* AOI raised over \$900 at the Celebrity Server Night on April 19. Thank you to all who supported us.
- *AOI wins award:* On July 11 AOI received the 2007 Governor's Service Award given to West Virginian organizations "who exemplify the spirit of community service and volunteerism." Included with this award was a \$500 donation from Volunteer WV.
- *"Dollar-a-Monthers":* 24 individuals have responded generously to our \$1-a-month challenge by donating \$299. Others are always welcome to join them.
- *NIP:* AOI raised over \$3,000 through tax credits granted through the state Neighborhood Improvement Program. We have re-applied for NIP for the next fiscal year and will know by mid-Aug. if we may distribute credits from Sept. '07 to June '08.
- *LED grant:* AOI was awarded a \$3,500 Local Economic Development Assistance Grant to be used to purchase a permanent and tangible item for the organization.
- *Corporate aid:* Walmart in Moundsville gave us \$500 to educate the public about service opportunities AOI provides the community.
- *Other potential funds:* We are one of four finalists for the Community Service Block Grant funds from the WV State Development Office.

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Eat Out for Neighbors in Need @ Hoss's Community Night

Take friends and family out to eat and support West Virginians in need downstate. On Monday, August 6, AOI will have the 3rd annual community fundraiser at Hoss's Steak and Seahouse in

Elm Grove. With a special coupon, when you dine at Hoss's during regular business hours (11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.) or purchase a gift card that day, Hoss's will donate 20% of gross sales to AOI.

Only one coupon is needed per group. Ohio Valley residents will receive a coupon in this mailing. You may also call to request more coupons (304-845-2762). See you there!!!

Timely Reminders... (Mark your calendar)

- ◇ July 29-Aug. 4: visit our booth at the Marshall County Fair in the United Bank Building.
- ◇ Remember the \$1-a-month challenge!
- ◇ Aug. 6: Community Day at Hoss's in Elm Grove.
- ◇ Recycle cell phones, inkjets, toner cartridges (see the web for drop off sites)
- ◇ Donate new school supplies or money so that AOI can buy supplies in bulk.
- ◇ Shoebox Santa kick-off: Donate money for shoeboxes so we can take advantage of current sales. Our goal is 6,000 shoeboxes!
- ◇ By Dec. 31: submit donations through Pension Pro-

Assistance Needed

- ◇ Special office help to expand recycling project of toner/inkjet cartridges and cell phones and 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 days 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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