

A Little Means A Lot...

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Needs

- Monetary Donations
- Nonperishable Food
- Baby Items
- School Supplies
- Hygiene Products
- Paper Products
- Ink Jets/Toners
- Cleaning Supplies
- Working Appliances
- Good Used Furniture
- Building Supplies
- Roto-tiller
- Volunteers
- Prayers

A Banner Year... and for Santa too!

We've had another great year in 2008! AOI made 59 trips to 14 counties bearing 225 tons. Our volunteers racked up 2743.2 hours. Our trucks, "Bessie" and "Blue," travelled 39,424 miles.

Included in these deliveries were 6,934 Shoebox Santas (over 800 more than our record last year!). There were 2,400 shoeboxes donated ready to go. Volunteers pack and wrapped all the others from supplies purchased with \$5,000 received in cash donations.

Thank you to our staff,

Lee and Pat, and all who donated time and materials. We could not have been this successful



without your help.

Annie from Ritchie County says: "We delivered shoe box Santas and lap robes to resi-

dents who had no family and were not going to get anything (not even a visit from a loved one) at Christmas. This meant so much to them~ just to give them hope and know someone cared!"

A reminder:

Because we have the "Shoebox House," we can host a pack 'n' wrap party at any time. Assemble a group and call us to set up a time. Financial donations are always appreciated. We're able to take advantage of sales and negotiate with local vendors to purchase supplies at a good rate.

Take Advantage of NIP Vouchers

AOI still has \$5,000 in tax credits available on a first-come, first-served basis allotted by the State of West Virginia through its Neighborhood Investment Pro-

gram (NIP).

Individuals or businesses donating at least \$500 to AOI can receive up to 50% of that donation back as a tax credit. In-

dividuals who itemize donations on their federal income tax return may also qualify for additional federal tax savings. Please call us for more information.

Things you can do...

Collect cell phones: AOI receives \$1 for every cell phone collected at no cost to you or us. We'll send you a box; you organize the collection. (Call us about collecting ink jet cartridges.)

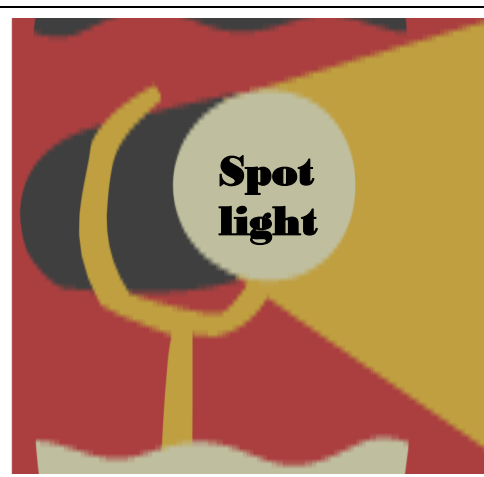
School supply project: If your child needs a service project before the end of term, speak to the principal and contact us to organize a collection of pens, pencils, notebooks, backpacks, art

supplies, and etc. which we'll deliver to areas in need.

Knitting/crochet: crochet afghans for Baby Bonus Baskets; lap robes for the elderly; knit booties, hats, etc. for newborns.

Monthly Challenge

If 350 people donated \$1 per month for a year, we'd fund another trip!



Thank you to Michael Blake, member of Calvary Methodist Church, who built a bicycle storage shed by the AOI warehouse as his Eagle Scout service project. Donated bikes are now safe from inclement weather. Thank you to his fellow scouts and all who made the shed possible!

Baby Bonus Baskets

Our Baby Bonus Baskets program continues to grow. Baby items are always appreciated, as are financial contributions for the program.



Alternate Gift Ideas

For Valentine's Day, Birthday, Anniversary, or in memory of a deceased loved one, consider a donation to AOI as an alternate gift.

Up and coming...

Mark your calendars for these upcoming AOI events:

- **March 13-14**

AOI will sponsor a booth at the *Marshall*

County Chamber of Commerce Home Expo Show. Come and see us!

- **May**

Celebrity Server Night: date, time, place to be de-

termined

- **June 7**

Country Bluegrass Jamboree and Chicken Dinner at St. Jude Park in Glen Dale.

Assistance Needed

- ◇ Grant writer
- ◇ Funding and items needed for Baby Baskets.
- ◇ Nonperishable foods / Hygiene Products
- ◇ Toys, games, puzzles, sporting goods for Christmas 2009
- ◇ Funding and items needed for Shoebox Santas and the Shoebox House. Packers and wrappers are also needed. Call to schedule a time.
- ◇ PRAYER

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

Ponderosa's Community Rebate Program

- Ponderosa in Glen Dale invites you to come in and support Appalachian Outreach.
- Ponderosa will donate 10% of your purchase anytime to help us earn money.
- Simply tell the cashier that you support AOI when you pay for your meal.

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_____
- ◇ Send me information on West Virginia Tax Credits for donations of \$500 or more.
- ◇ Volunteering my time and talent (list):_____

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