

A Little Means A Lot...

WHAT A DOLLAR WILL BUY...

\$10...

Will fill a CHRISTmas Gift Bag

\$35...

Will fill a Baby Bonus Basket

\$100...

Will aid general fund

\$350...

Will pay for one delivery trip

\$500...

Minimum amount needed for tax credits

\$1,000...

Will help maintain our trucks and pay insurance

\$7,000...

Will pay for 20 delivery trips

Other amounts...

Will be greatly appreciated

Neighborhood

Investment Tax Credits

available for donations of \$500 or more.

Support from our State Reps

Thank you to our state representatives from Ohio and Marshall Counties.

Thanks to the work of Senator Ryan Ferns and Delegate Erikka Storch from Ohio County, and Senator Jeff Kessler and Delegate Mike Ferro from Marshall County, AOI received a total



of \$4,700 in Local Economic Development funds.

With that money, we were able to purchase carts and pallet jacks for moving donations and tools for making minor repairs before we send furniture and other supplies.

Thoughts from the Director

As I reflect on the approaching Christmas Season and the outreach work of AOI, I can't help but think of all who fall between the cracks and lack the means to celebrate the presence of the Lord in our midst. So often I have seen and heard the hopelessness when I am in one of our delivery areas.

This reminds me of a line from the Second Vatican Council: "You are the only Gospel some people will ever read."

What kind of Gospel am I?

I hope and pray that I am the good news that Jesus is present in our midst, even in our poverty and challenges.

Are my words filled with

hope and encouragement?

It is hard to have hope when you live alone in a remote area of WV with no family or friends nearby. It is hard to have hope when you have been affected by a disaster, are unable to make needed repairs and must wait for volunteers to arrive.

But, AOI is able to be an extension of God's hands and heart with your generous support. Your donations help us operate our warehouse, maintain our trucks, pay our insurance and meet other obligations, thus allowing us to deliver over 150 tons of material necessities to victims of poverty and disaster in 35 WV Counties and one in KY. Well over 30,000 indi-

viduals will be reached thanks to your generosity. Hope can be restored!

I invite you to join me as part of the Gospel message that so many want to hear and experience. **Together we can make a difference for those who need us the most!**

Donations may be mailed to:

P.O. Box 233
Glen Dale WV 26038
or on our web page:
www.appalachianoutreachinc.org

WV tax credits are available for donations of \$500 or more on a first-come-first served basis.

Happy Christmas to all!

Storehouse Update

If you want to winterize:

- Simonton windows
- Bubble-wrap insulation

If you want to remodel:

- Kitchen and bathroom cabinets
- Laminate and wood flooring

Coming soon:

- Showers and bathtubs

Hours:

- Tues. to Fri., 9am-4pm
- Saturday, 9am-2pm

Pass along word to your neighbors, friends, and family.

****Yearly Membership Required****

On-line Giving Change

On-line donors to AOI must now use the PayPal Giving Fund which links to e-Bay (we no longer use i-Donate). You may still shop on-line through i-Give or AmazonSmile and AOI will receive a percent of the purchase price; simply designate Appalachian Outreach as your charity of choice at those sites.

Help purchase new truck

AOI needs a new 14-foot box delivery truck to replace our 2000 model which has reached the end of its service life. A new truck is estimated at \$50,000. If you would like to participate, please send donations to P.O. Box 233 in Glendale, WV, and mark "truck fund" in the memo line.

Last Call for Christmas gifts

Anyone with any donations for the CHRISTmas Project, either financial or boxes or bags, we need them by Monday, Dec. 7. Save fronts of Christmas Cards and send them to us to be used for next year.

WV tax credits available

AOI still has \$9,000 in WV Neighborhood Investment Program (NIP) tax credits for donations of \$500 or more. Funds will be used for truck maintenance, insurance, and delivery expenses.

TY to Knitters / Crocheters !

Several groups from 35 states and four foreign countries have knitted or crocheted or purchased items to be used for this Christmas Season. Thank you to their generosity and talents that others might receive this Christmas!



In the
Spotlight

This issue we spotlight St. Benedict the Abbot in McMurray, Pa., especially the **Women of St. Benedicts** for providing 1,066 Christmas gifts for the CHRISTmas Project. Thanks, too, to **Jackie and Bob Buck** for coordinating the project.



AOI Wish List

- ◇ URGENT NEED: Volunteers to sort and pack at the warehouse and for special projects. Individuals and groups welcome. Normal hours are Tuesday through Friday 9am to 4pm and Saturday 9am to 2pm. Volunteers are welcome for as many hours as they can give. Arrangements for other times can be made.
- ◇ Funding to replace our old 14' box truck.
- ◇ WOULD BE NICE: towels and wash cloths (any size), contractor-sized 55-Gallon garbage bags, tall kitchen trash bags, gallon Zip-lock bags, Scotch tape and wrapping paper.
- ◇ Drivers for local pick-ups and state-wide deliveries.
- ◇ PRAYER

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 will support it by...

- Committing to pray for AOI
- Making a monetary gift of \$ _____ Now _____ Monthly _____

I want to direct my gift to the following programs: (% or Amount)

General Fund _____ CHRISTmas Gifts _____ Baby Baskets _____ AOI Storehouse _____ Deliveries _____

- I want to volunteer my time. How I want to help _____

Please ensure the accuracy of your name and address on the reverse.

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Organization: _____

*Please make checks out to Appalachian Outreach, Inc.
Clip out and mail to:*

APPALACHIAN OUTREACH, INC

P.O. BOX 233

GLEN DALE WV 26038

304-845-2762

3..04-845-2762

**APPALACHIAN OUTREACH,
INC.**

P.O. Box 233
Glen Dale, W.V. 26038-0233

Phone: (304) 845-2762
Fax: (304) 845-6099
rhart1703@aol.com

*A Little Means A Lot...
How Much Do You Really Need?*

www.appalachianoutreaching.org

Co-Founders

Rose Hart

Diane Reineke

Board of Directors

Eric Anderson

Terry Grimes (*ex officio*)

Jodi Cunningham

Barbara Rush

Wayne Hardy

Bonnie Grisell

Judy Hunt

Address Correction Requested

P.O. Box 233
Glen Dale, W.V. 26038-0233

APPALACHIAN OUTREACH, INC.

NON-PROFIT
ORGANIZATION
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
GLEN DALE WV
PERMIT NUMBER 2