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A Season Of Change: Heart and Hand Welcomes New Director

In one of the latter chapters of the book of Job, Job is confronted by the Lord, who asks him, "Have you entered the storehouses of the snow...?" (Job 38:22) After this past winter, many of us probably feel like we could answer, "yes, we have!" But now spring is here, and the cold, snowy days of winter are gradually giving way to warm sunshine, singing birds, and new life sprouting all around.

This spring Heart and Hand finds itself in a season of change, as well, with a change in leadership. As of December 1, 2009, Brenda Hunt was selected to be our new executive director. While Brenda may be new to the position, she is not new to Heart and Hand, having served as administrative assistant in the ministry office in Philippi since June 2004. A native of Elkins, WV, Brenda is a graduate of Davis & Elkins College and is currently pursuing a certificate in non-profit management through the Division of Social Work at West Virginia University. Before coming to Heart and Hand she worked in the marketing department of a law firm in Washington, D.C., and was also previously employed as an admissions counselor for Alderson Broaddus College, here in Philippi. Brenda and her husband, Jeff, live in Moatsville and are active



Former Heart and Hand Director Rev. Dr. Bob Wilkins with the President of Heart and Hand's Board of Directors, Rev. Destry Daniels, and new Director Brenda Hunt.

members of Corley United Methodist Church.

After serving more than 20 years as the ministry's director, Rev. Dr. Bob Wilkins has moved on to a new venture, accepting a position as director of United Methodist Appalachian Ministries Network (UMAMN), with an office on the campus of West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon, WV. In addition to his duties at UMAMN, Bob has also been appointed by Bishop Ernest Lyght to serve as a Mission Consultant for the southern district of West Virginia, coaching local leaders in the development of effective ministry in the area. Fortunately for

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A Season Of Change: New Director

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us, Bob will continue to maintain his ties to Heart and Hand, serving as an honorary board member. We are grateful to Bob for his many years of service, support, and encouragement, and for maintaining a strong ministry foundation on which we can continue to build.

There is an air of excitement at Heart and Hand as we go forward in this new season. New leadership

brings new possibilities, but what remains the same is our mission to “minister to the physical, mental, spiritual, and emotional needs of in-crisis, low-income people of Barbour County and its immediate surroundings.” Please continue to partner with us through your gracious giving and encouraging prayers, so that we can go on being the hands and feet of Christ to those around us—in any season!

You Say Potato, I Say . . .

Potato soup! At least that’s what happened when Heart and Hand received more than a ton of potatoes from the Mon Valley District United Methodist Men earlier this year. For some time, Heart and Hand has benefitted from the generous efforts of the men’s group in securing bulk shipments of items such as potatoes, sweet potatoes, and even bananas! When the January shipment of more than 2,000 pounds of



potatoes arrived, we were able to pass some of them along to the local ministerial association, which in turn did a “soup outreach,” making more than 100 quarts of potato soup and delivering it to shut-ins and other residents in the community. The rest of the potatoes



were included with food boxes distributed from our food pantry or delivered to those in need by local pastors, church members and other community agencies. The families we serve certainly appreciate the extra items, and we are grateful to the Mon Valley District United Methodist Men for making it possible for us to provide them.



More Ways To Stay In Touch

If you’d prefer to receive the Heart and Hand newsletter electronically, please send us an email at ministry@heartandhandhouse.org and type “Email Newsletter” in the subject line. You can also keep up with us online at our website, www.heartandhandhouse.org, or join us on Facebook!



HEART AND HAND HOUSE, INC.

2009 Dollar Value of Service to Barbour County = \$1,140,595

Assistance = 210,649

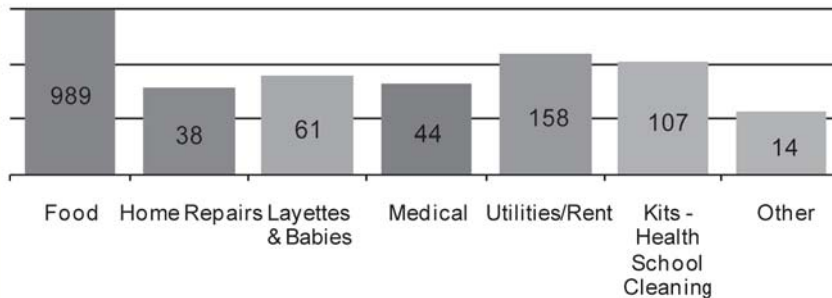
Thrift Stores = 410,546

Volunteer Hours = 466,485

Other = \$ 52,915

2009 Assistance Requests = 1,411

(does not include Thrift Stores, Christmas, After School or Garden Market)



Food

39,091 meals provided

Thrift Stores

Some items we provided:
Seasonal clothing, bulk clothing, toys, quilts, appliances, rags, crafts, antiques, Christian books
Value: \$410,546

Garden Market

90 Growers
Value of produce sold: \$25,067

Housing

36 home repair projects
2 new homes
Total Value: \$456,897
(materials and hours)

Christmas

112 families participated in Christmas Toy Store program
Over 307 children benefited
Value: \$7,048

80 Head Start children
Received gift bags
Value: \$800

Total Value: \$7,848

2009 Estimated Value of Assistance = \$210,649



RIPPLE

After School & Summer Youth/Family Program funded by a Grant from WV Div. Of Criminal Justice Services

80 participants/46 youth
2 community projects

2009 Volunteer Hours = 31,099



Out of County Volunteers - 21,687

Local Volunteers - 7,070

Mennonite Volunteer Service - 711

Work Study/Community Service Class - 264

Office and Board - 446

Training - 921

Estimated Value of Services = \$466,485

Bibles

Over 100 Holy Bibles were given away to our clients. We also include scripture tracts in all our food boxes.

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The Challenge To Fight Hunger Is On

During the months of March and April, Heart and Hand House is participating in the 13th Annual \$1 Million Giveaway to Fight Hunger, sponsored by The Feinstein Foundation.

The “Feinstein Challenge” is a matching fund program that supports the efforts of agencies nationwide in raising donations to specifically fight hunger. At the end of the challenge period, the Feinstein Foundation will divide \$1 million proportionately among participating agencies, with a minimum award of \$250 and a maximum of \$40,000. The more donations we receive between

March 1 and April 30, the more Feinstein money we are eligible to receive. Please support us in this effort by considering a donation of cash, checks or food items before the end of April 2010. Donations should be clearly marked for the “Feinstein Challenge” and may be mailed to Heart and Hand House, Inc., at P.O. Box 128, Philippi, WV, 26416, or dropped off at the ministry office, located at 110 Mason Street.

