



*Relief, Development and Peace
in the name of Christ.*

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MCC welcomes donations of **Prisoner Care Kits**

Article from mcc.org

In partnership with Crossroads Community Center in North Philadelphia, MCC East Coast is welcoming donations of prisoner care kits to distribute to people in the greater Philadelphia area who are currently incarcerated or who are participating in re-entry ministries after leaving prison. MCC East Coast aims to collect a total of 1,000 prisoner care kits.

This initiative aims to:

- Share God's love and compassion by reminding people that their needs are not forgotten and affirming their dignity and humanity
- Help meet the basic human needs of current and former prisoners
- Reduce incidents of violence in the detention center resulting from extortion and theft of much-needed hygiene supplies

- Raise awareness among MCC's constituents about the racial disparities and other injustices present in the U.S. criminal justice system

MCC East Coast staff member Ron Muse, who shares Christ's peace with inmates in Philadelphia as a prison chaplain, said that receiving a gift of basic hygiene supplies when he was incarcerated made him feel "loved in an unlovable place."

Muse also works with Juan Marrero, executive director of Crossroads Community Center, in that organization's re-entry ministry, which aims to empower people leaving prison and reduce recidivism by providing temporary housing and professional development opportunities. He is available to share with constituents through local speaking engagements about

Christmas OPEN HOUSE

Friday, Dec. 4, 12 - 8 pm
Saturday, Dec. 5, 10 am - 4 pm

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737 Hagey Center Dr., Unit C, Souderton, PA 18964
Regular Hours: M-F, 9-3:00

his ministry and the impact of prisoner care kits.

Completed kits can be dropped off at:
MCC Material Resource Center
of Harleysville,
737 Hagey Center Drive, Unit C,
Souderton, PA 18964



Prisoner Care Kit contents

(NEW items only, in original packaging)

- 1 pair of white underwear (briefs)*
- 1 bottle of lotion (maximum 2 oz.)
- 1 bar of soap (minimum 4 oz.)
- 1 tube of toothpaste (minimum 6 oz.)
- 1 deodorant (minimum 2.25 oz.)
- 1 pair of white crew socks*
- 1 white crewneck undershirt*

*Clothing items are accepted in two sizes: men's large and men's medium. Please choose one of these sizes and purchase underwear, socks and undershirts in the same size.

Please pack prisoner care kit items in a 2-gallon resealable plastic storage bag and use a permanent marker to indicate the clothing size on the outside of the bag.

Needed

Volunteers to help in the warehouse, some light lifting, Monday through Thursday, 9-3:00 or a few hours as your schedule allows.

Around the Center



Jane Hartman, pictured in photo, and grandchildren Lance and Miles Hartman, Luke and Nolan Corcoran, donated 20 school kits made from the children's money.



Adrienne Hines spent several days doing her high school senior project. During her time at MRC she learned to know many of the volunteers, learned to sew and knotted comforters. She completed a comforter for distribution by MCC.



Important Dates

Best Kept Secrets Shopping Tour

The Fall Tour will be October 8 to 24, 2015.

Tour tickets available at Darning Egg Gifts. Call for more information.

www.shopmontcotour.com

Fried Oyster and Ham Dinner

Saturday, October 31, 6:00 pm at Family Heritage Banquet Center, \$28 per person, delicious meal, freewill offering supporting MCC work in Central America.

Comforter Blitz

Monday, November 16, 9:30 am – 7:30 pm. We will be knotting comforters all day, snacks provided. Come join us for a few hours or all day!

A team of MRC board/staff members will visit MCC work in Honduras and El Salvador October 12-24. They would love to share their experiences and information about MCC work there with your church or Sunday School group. Call 267-203-8074 to schedule a time.



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Consider helping people in need around the world by making a financial contribution to the MRC. All contributions are tax deductible.

Here is my gift of \$ _____ \$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$1000

to provide relief, development and peace in the name of Christ.

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