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MCC Material Resource Center of Harleysville

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Relief Kits Needed

When floods inundated Maura's community in El Salvador, she was prepared to help her neighbors respond to the disaster. Maura had trained as a volunteer health promoter with Anades, an MCC partner organization. She and other women leaders took significant roles during the emergency, offering relief and immediate attention to those impacted by the storm. As part of their efforts, they distributed material resources, including MCC relief kits, to 400 families.



Relief kits provide valuable supplies to families traumatized by war and disasters. In recent years, kits have been sent to countries including Jordan, Honduras and Iraq.

-Rachel Sommer,
MCC East Coast Communications Coordinator

Cooking and Packing MCC Meat Canner

The MCC meat canner was at the MRC Mar. 24-26. Thanks to a good turnout of volunteers and organization by the meat canning committee we were able to can 13,156 cans of pork. This meat will be shared with people in need of food. Last year meat was sent to 13 countries including Bosnia, Haiti, Honduras, Mozambique, North Korea, Ukraine and the United States. We also shared some meat with local food pantries in Bucks County.



What, no toothpaste?!

That's right, hygiene kits and relief kits will no longer include toothpaste. Many countries are very sensitive about not receiving expired products. Toothpaste has an expiration date and sometimes that date has passed before the kit reached its destination. MCC will buy the toothpaste and distribute it with the kits, but donors are no longer asked to provide toothpaste with these kits.

Needed

One Hundred Percent Cotton t-shirts for rags

Each month MRC sells about 300 pounds of tee shirt rags. If you have t-shirts you no longer wear, donate them to us to be sold as rags.

Warehouse volunteers

More warehouse volunteers are needed, especially during the summer months. If you enjoy working with other people at jobs such as sorting, baling and packing give Steve a call at 267-203-8074. More people are needed especially between 9 and 3:00 on Tuesdays.

People to make items for our Gift Shop

Do you enjoy making purses, bags, pillows, wooden items, crocheted items, knitted items, toys or other items to be sold in our gift shop? We would like to increase our inventory in time for special events leading up to the Christmas holiday. Call Sharon for more information at 267-203-8074

Penny Power

Penny Power donations were for MCC food projects this year. There was a matching donation of \$15,000 from anonymous donors. Area churches and MRC Harleysville raised \$15,000 and received the matching funds. Thank you to all the churches who promoted this fund raising event.



Volunteer or Visit

If your church group, civic organization, youth group or business would like to volunteer some time during a weekday or evening, call Sharon to schedule. We also welcome visitors any time. Call to schedule a tour to learn about our work and volunteer opportunities.

Upcoming Events

Comforter Blitz

Monday, Oct. 13, Come bring your friends, sisters, brothers, cousins, neighbors and knot comforters. In 2013 MCC sent a total of 54,968 comforters to places like Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Bosnia and Ethiopia. Help us make more comforters for people whose lives have been disrupted by natural disasters or war. Come anytime between 9:30 am and 8:00 pm. Refreshments provided.

Fried Oyster and Roast Beef Dinner

November 8
Franconia Heritage Banquet Center



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Sharing God's Love in the name of Jesus Christ

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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

Relief Kit supplies will be purchased with our Whack n Roll 3rd place croquet tournament winnings.

Send a donation for relief kits to expand our efforts.

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