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MCC Material Resource Center of Harleysville



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Moving Right Along.....



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When a thriving ministry outgrows its space, there are two options; remain status quo or find a way to expand with the ministry. By choosing to purchase space in a newly constructed warehouse building on Hagey Center Drive in Souderton, the Board of Directors acted on its belief that the ministry of the MRC needed to grow.

The MRC of Harleysville will be one of four tenants in the new warehouse, which is located just off Schoolhouse Road in Franconia Township. Groundbreaking took place this summer and it's exciting to watch as the new building is nearing 75% of completion. The builders are presently pouring cement floors, installing windows, and working on the interior build out. You can see pictures of the new building on our website: www.mcc-harleysville.org.

The new center will increase the space in the warehouse for sorting and packing, the sewing rooms for quilting and knotting, the education center for displays and programs,

and the office area for more efficient record keeping. Our hope is to provide school groups, church groups, and family groups with opportunities to be involved in meaningful volunteer activities.

We are seeking volunteers who would like to help on a regular basis to process kits, cut rags, knot and sew comforters and quilts, and be involved in new projects such as the bailing of clothing and cardboard that the additional space will accommodate.

Our plan is to occupy the new space at the end of 2009. Donations are needed to help with increased expenses for operations at the new facility and to help with building expenses. Please consider a donation to MRC as part of your year end giving or as a family Christmas project.

Your contribution helps to share God's love with those in need in a hurting world, and is greatly appreciated.



Send your gift of \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500 or whatever you feel led to give to:

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Make checks payable to MCC Material Resource Center of Harleysville.



2nd Annual Fried Oyster and Roast Beef Dinner

Approximately 265 persons braved the "monsoon" rains to attend the 2nd Annual Fried Oyster and Roast Beef Dinner held at Christopher Dock Mennonite High School on Saturday, October 24th, at 6:30 p.m.

The banquet hall glowed with warmth and friendship as volunteers, donors, friends and persons new to MRC enjoyed delicious oysters fried in the trailer just outside the banquet hall.

Frying the oysters were Abe Landes, Henry Moore, Mark Rosenberger and Steve Halteman.

Roast beef and other wonderful meal trimmings were superbly prepared and served by Christopher Dock's chef, Robert Kulp.

It was an evening to remember, not only for the



Henry Moore, Abe Landes and Mark Rosenberger prepare the oysters

downpour of rain and fantastic meal, but also for the inspiring message from Evanna Hess, Coordinator of Ephrata's MCC Material Resource Center. Evanna visited Iraq earlier this year and told of how she saw the MCC Relief Kits being "almost worshipped" by the recipients there.

A sincere thanks to all who made the evening a success including Willis Miller, program emcee, Firman Gingerich, who has the opening prayer and Sharon Hunsberger who provided the dinner music.

Special thanks and appreciation to all those who contributed to the Operations and Building Fund.

May God bless your generosity!



A total of \$19,392.00 was collected at our Oyster Dinner Fund Raiser

Grocery Bag Project

The MCC Material Resource Center of Harleysville has made a commitment to work with area churches in providing 100-150 bags of groceries each month for Philadelphia. These groceries are delivered to MCC East Coast Offices in Oxford Circle who then distribute them to eight different churches. These churches distribute the bags to needy families in their communities.

Area churches are being contacted and asked to sponsor a month. So far, nine Mennonite and Brethren in Christ churches have donated bags. Eleven more churches will be donating groceries through the end of April. The project may run longer, as there are many churches who are interested in participating. Individuals can also contribute to this effort. At this time, 590 bags of groceries and 96-20 lb. bags of rice have been collected and distributed.

Landis Supermarkets are cooperating with MCC for this project. The Telford and Vernfield stores have put grocery bags together that are available to be purchased for \$22.50. You may also assemble your own grocery bag (please double bag).

Please adhere to the following list so that all bags are consistently the same.

- Vegetable oil – 32 oz.
- Pasta – 2 lbs.
- Raisins – 15 oz.
- White rice – 32 oz.
- 2 cans meat – Spam, tuna, etc.
- 1 can tomato sauce – 15 oz.
- 2 cans fruit – 14-20 oz.
- 2 cans vegetables – 14-16 oz.
- 2 cans kidney beans – 15.5 oz.
- 1 box cereal – 15 oz.
- Peanut butter – 28 oz.

If you would rather make a monetary donation, the MRC can use that to purchase grocery bags or buy 20 pound bags of rice for the Asian and Latino communities in Philadelphia. Please contact Steve Halteman with any questions, or if you would like to donate, at 215-513-9561.

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat." Matthew 25:35a

Quilt Shop

As soon as I walked into the room, I knew that I would be doing most of my Christmas shopping there. A room at the MRC is filled with beautiful handmade items. There are pillows, quilts, quillos, wall hangings, mittens, hats, vests, pot holders, baby blankets, bibs, comforters, baby sleeping mats, and coverlets. Not only will my friends and family be receiving lovely useful gifts, but the money for the purchase of the gifts goes directly to the operations of the MRC. Shopping hours are on Monday – Thursday from 10 am to 2 pm.