



MCC Material Resource Center

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Wrapped in Prayer

Women at Norristown New Life Nueva Vida Mennonite Church sewed and knotted lap-sized comforters as gifts for some of the women at Norristown State Hospital. They decided to call the comforters "Prayer Blankets". Time was spent praying for the women who would receive the blankets as they worked on the various parts of the project, praying as they sewed and knotted. Fabrics used included some from donations given to the MRC. The church prayer room served as a collection point for the finished products on their way to women who would be wrapped in prayer.



MRC Happenings

Groups are welcome to tour the MRC and also give their time in volunteer activities. Recent groups included Vacation Bible School classes, women's groups and young adult groups.

Machine Quilting is a new project at the MRC. This technique will not replace hand-quilting, but serves as an alternative method for quilting simple designs and practical items.

During the months of June and July 1,800 health kits, 336 relief kits, 164 newborn kits, 655 comforters and 440 school kits were collected and sent to MCC.

Plastics recycling work has started and will generate income for the MRC.

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Grocery Bag Collection

At the MRC we are again collecting grocery bags to share with Philadelphia Churches and Ministries. Our goal is to have 100 food bags each month for distribution in Philadelphia. Individuals and churches are invited to help with this ministry to those in need of food.

Fried Oyster & Roast Beef Dinner

October 23, 2010, 6:30 pm
Christopher Dock Mennonite High School
1000 Forty Foot Rd., Lansdale, PA 19446

Recycling

MRC is accepting corrugated cardboard and used books for recycling. These items can be dropped off at our new location, Monday thru Friday from 9 am to 3 pm.



Fried Oyster and Roast Beef Dinner

Tickets \$23 a person (Covers the approximate cost of the meal and expenses.)

A free-will offering will be received to benefit the ongoing work of MRC. The superb roast beef dinner will be served by Chef Bob Kulp and his staff. Fried oysters will be prepared by MRC personnel and brought to your table. Reserve your place today by calling 267-203-8074.



Your Financial Gift To Our Building Fund Goes A Long Way!

The Mennonite Central Committee Material Resource Center of Harleysville is involved in collecting and preparing items to share with people around the world. Since beginning our work in 2003 we have been able to send 180,047 items, including blankets, canned meat, grocery bags, health kits, school kits and relief kits. These items helped school children in Honduras, refugee families living in Afghanistan, people needing groceries in Philadelphia, and those who lost their homes in an earthquake in Haiti. Volunteers visiting Honduras helped to deliver school kits assembled at the MCC Material Resource Center. Upon returning they remarked "Our kits go ... all over the world. We will always remember the hugs and expressions of

thanks we received."

Many volunteers come through our doors and receive an immense blessing by giving their time and energies. Recently over 80 volunteers donated 1,415 hours to the work of the MRC in one month.

We would like to challenge you to participate in this important work. Our building is being used to further the work of MCC in sharing with our global neighbors in the "name of Christ". We need \$412,000 to eliminate the debt on this facility.

We still need your financial gift to help complete our building campaign.

Your generous giving to our building fund offers us to fulfill new hope to families and communities around the world.

Give a gift & make a difference.

Thank you for prayerfully considering how you can join us in our mission to share God's love by providing resources to those suffering from poverty, oppression, natural disasters and war, in the name of Christ.

We would like to invite you to come visit the Material Resource Center, so we can tell you more about our work.

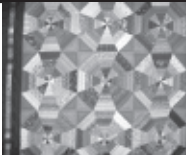
- Abram Landes - Board Chair

MCC Material Resource Center of Harleysville is a 501C-3 non-profit organization. All contributions are tax deductible.

Your donation, large or small, is important to fulfilling our overall mission of providing disaster relief, building stronger communities and encouraging peace. Send your gift of \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500, \$1000 or whatever you feel led to give to: MCC Material Resource Center of Harleysville, 737 Hagey Center Drive - Unit C, Souderton, PA 18964. Make checks payable to MCC Material Resource Center of Harleysville.

Learn to piece the Kaleidoscope scrap wall-hanging.

Three 2 hour sessions
Thursdays,
Oct. 21, 28, Nov. 4
Time: 1-3:00 pm



Class is free of charge, donations to MRC accepted. Call the MRC at 267-203-8074 for more details.

Family Reunion

The descendents of the Monroe and Mabel Hunsberger family gather for a family reunion every 3 years. The stories that are told of my grandparents are stories of being very generous even when they had 13 of their own children to care for. Back in 2008 we were planning our reunion and with the threat of rain, and the thoughts of how generous my grandparents were, I contacted the MCC center in Harleysville to pick up quilt patches for something to do. The quilt patches became a source of fun and visitation for every generation. Both young and old sat and colored and spent time in conversation with one another. My aunt, Pearl Hunsberger Yoder, who lives in Wellman, Iowa, took the patches home and turned them into quilts to be donated back to MCC. As we look forward to our 2011 reunion we will be contacting the resource center for more patches, since a new family tradition has started.

- Submitted by Sandra Hunsberger Myers



Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for the following tasks:

- Separating plastic components for recycling
- Quilting by hand and machine
- Machine-hemming comforters
- Looming rugs from recycled jeans and corduroy pants
- Sewing and cutting patches or kit bags, at MRC or at home

Visit the MRC Gift Shoppe to find a special handmade gift, open M-F, 9-3:00.



MCC East Coast Meat Canning

Each year since 1946, MCC has sent out a Mobile meat canner, which MCC workers and volunteers use to preserve tons of cans of meat for communities in need across the globe. In 2009, 563,648 cans were shipped to 30 different countries. This year a four-person crew will visit 13 US states and 2 Canadian provinces from October through April.

In previous years, when the Canner came to our area, the process happened on the Christopher Dock campus. This year, we are so excited about

having the Canner at MRC's new location at 737 Hagey Center Drive in Franconia Township from March 28 to March 30, 2011. Many volunteers will be needed for four hour shifts. Some of the tasks to be done are: stirring the meat, packing the meat in cans, washing and labeling the cans, and general help.

You may also donate livestock and funds needed to cover processing and shipping expenses. Call the center at 267-203-8074 for more information about volunteering or donating for this project.