



Nickels and Dimes Newsletter

WINTER 2022

Letter from the Director

He is doing a new thing!

When it is time to write this letter every year, I get so emotional thinking about how much has gone on in this timeframe and slightly overwhelmed by how much is yet to be done. The passage that the Lord has given me and reminded me of is, Isaiah 43:19 Behold, I will do a new thing. Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

We are so very grateful to each one of you for your faithfulness to support, encourage and pray for us. We have had an amazing year full of activity, full of donations both for the store and the pantry, volunteers coming in to help us process the many donations and numerous families being assisted. While all of us have felt the effects of bills rising, to gas prices escalating and the whole impact that has happened throughout this time of dealing with a pandemic and all the other happenings in our country, however, no one has felt it more than some of our clients, especially our sweet Senior Citizens who have seen their utility bills jump so very drastically this summer, their medication continue to rise, while many of them have some major illnesses going on as well. He has made a way in this wilderness for us to be able to help!

The knowledge that very quickly we need to move forward with the building of a new store facility so that we can also get relief from being over-crowded in our pantry and be able to spread out a little more with classes and other areas that are packed now. Our awareness that

He is providing streams in the wasteland so we can grow! We invite you to join us in praying that all of this comes together smoothly and according to His plans and not ours. Also, that the funding for this be provided so that we don't put the Outreach into debt to complete this project for growth.

He is doing a new thing! We are very excited to see how He uses us as we continue to serve faithfully. I invite each of you to join us in all that is going on so you can have a part of the blessing to come as well.

Thank you for your support and love over these 23 years.

Love and prayers for you all,
Denise Butler



Greetings from Client Assistance

Oh, my what a year! 1312 Families assisted with \$24,053.46 in bill pay, \$8333 worth of clothing through the Thrift Store given away and over \$163,000 in food distributed to families in the community.

We have experienced more calls than normal as the last of some of the programs that were set up during COVID have gone away. There are so many looking for help with financial needs and I am anticipating much more to come. We are so grateful that you all have kept us going with funding and food so that we are able to meet these needs.

Please consider becoming a weekly or monthly partner with food donations so that

our pantry stays stocked and we have the items necessary to keep feeding people. If your too short on time and want to consider making a monetary donation instead, that is always so very much appreciated. Please know that we must go out and shop just like you, but we are shopping for many more people when we do! This is why our Adopt a Shelf Program is so important, if you and your friends, church or service organization will take on a Shelf each of you can just pick up that one item every time you are shopping, and it makes it so much more convenient to remember and keep up with keeping us well stocked. If you are interested in serving in this way, please call us so that we can get you set up!

Pantry Needs

Low Sodium Canned Vegetables
Low Sodium Canned Beans
Low Sodium Soups
Dish Soap
Razors
Oats – Old Fashioned or Quick
in Small Containers

Crunchy Peanut Butter
Saltine Crackers
Canned Soups that are Hearty
Canned Beef Stew



Thank you all for making sure we have what we need in the pantry!

Opportunity to Give

Please use this donation for

Food Pantry _____ Client Assistance _____ General _____

Building Program _____ In honor of _____ or

In Memory of _____



Thrift Store Happenings

We are so very thankful to each and every one of you that shop and donate here at Pennies From Heaven! We keep looking at the numbers and don't even understand how we are able to keep it all going. Everything flies off the racks so quickly we struggle to keep items coming into the store. I say it all the time, but I just wish more of you could come and spend a day to see how much the team is processing every single day. It is absolutely mind blowing to watch. Most people tell us repeatedly, I can't believe how much you handle.

Please stop before you donate to make sure the items you are bringing are in good reusable condition, that they are clean and that they have not been in storage whether in your garage, attic or storage building that might contain bugs or rodents or any feces. We do not provide cleaning of the items here

as we do not have the time nor the facilities to do so. There are items we cannot accept as we have no way to test them or dispose of them, so it is helpful to check our website for acceptable items or feel free to give us a call if you are unsure.

I have watched numerous shows lately on the waste and how it is impacting our country as well as other countries that many items are sent to. I have struggled over the years to try and get the point across to each of you. If you wouldn't give it to your best friend, it probably needs to go in the trash. The devastation is real. We are recycling everything that we can I assure you and still are paying greatly for trash haul off, and not just the trash bill but the time it takes our staff to handle all of this. Please think about what you donate to any charity! We are just one of many.

Volunteers!

If you are interested in joining our team of excellent volunteers please go online to our website www.necoutreach.org and complete the volunteer application. Current volunteer needs would be for the Thrift Store.





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