

Bountiful Blessings News

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Featured

Site



Anne Ashley Memorial United Methodist Church



Volunteers at the Munhall site

The Bountiful Blessings Munhall location is this edition's featured Bountiful Blessings sites. The site is located in Anne Ashley Memorial United Methodist Church at 334 East 22nd Ave. in Munhall, PA.



Like!

Facebook friends, if you have not already done so, click on "like" for the Bountiful Blessings Facebook page. When you like us, you will be able to keep informed of all of the exciting things happening with Bountiful Blessings. We also encourage you to share the BB page with all of your Facebook friends.



Books and Stuffed Animal Drive

Many BB sites offer a brand new or gently used stuffed animal and a brand new book for each child under 18 years of age at the holidays. Because of the magnitude of this collection, BB conducts the drive for these items throughout the year.

We are grateful for the dozens of people who have donated brand new books and gently used stuffed animals.

Upcoming Events

Bountiful Blessings is scheduled to participate in the following events:

★ Bountiful Blessings 10th Anniversary Banquet – Friday January 14, 2011 at Capital Area Christian Church 1775 Lamb's Gap Rd. Mechanicsburg, PA

★ 2nd Annual Bountiful Blessings Western, PA Golf Outing – Saturday May 7, 2011 at Butler's Golf Course Rock Run Rd. Elizabeth, PA

★ Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community – exact date TBA

★ Maryland Bountiful Blessings Golf Outing will be held in the fall of 2011

A New Home



The Bountiful Blessings Office



A side view showing the loading area.



The photo copy area



The photo copy area



The warehouse area

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The warehouse area



Site paperwork & shipping area



Warehouse #2 area is filled with books, stuffed animals and toys for Christmas.

In late August, we began moving the BB office and warehouse to its new location. The office and warehouse are climate controlled.

Leave a legacy

Remember BB as part of your will or trust. For more information and assistance, call the BB office at 717-802-1222

2 New Sites!

The newest BB site in Calvin PA. The site is located inside Calvin UMC. The site is open the first Tuesday of every month from 2PM – 4PM and the third Thursday of the month from 6PM – 8PM.

The second newest Bountiful Blessings site is in Shade Gap, PA. The site is located inside St. Luke's UMC on Main St. in Shade Gap. The site is open the Second and fourth Monday of the month from 5PM – 7PM.

Bountiful Blessings is in the discussion stages with several other locations. Look for them to be announced in the next newsletter.

Speaking of Bountiful Blessings

To schedule someone from BB to speak to your church group, scout troop, civic organization or school – simply call our office at 717-802-1222. Our staff will be happy to schedule a speaker for your next event.



When doing a search on the internet, go to the Good Search web site powered by Yahoo. If you name Bountiful Blessings as your charity, BB will receive money for each internet search done.

www.goodsearch.com

Be sure to bookmark Good Search as your search engine of choice.

And, please remember to share the Good Search web site with friends and family.



Bountiful Blessings wants to thank the following groups organizations and businesses for their generosity and support:

Tom Hoffert
Dan Henderson
Dave Hoffert
Dow and Susan Pletcher and Girls
Nathan Snyder
Trevor Harlacher
Gary & Joanne Smith from Down East Fabrication
Wayde Kelly
Keith Sultzbaugh and Apex Realty
Old Dominion Trucking
Bread of Life Outreach
Bethesda Mission
Presbyterian Homes Inc.
Tremendous Life Books
Jessie, Jack & Dawn Altmeyer

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Wish List for BB

As we prepare for future sessions at our full service sites, and for the growth of the BB program, we are currently collecting the following:

- Brand new books for children and adults
- New or gently used stuffed animals
- School supplies, such as: tablets, loose leaf paper, pens, pencils, crayons, and erasers
- A projection system that can be linked to a laptop to do presentations
- Box truck or van (must be inspected and in good running condition)
- Gasoline cards
- Lumbar support belts in size S, M, L & XL
- Brand new Bibles – NIV version
- Monthly supporters who commit to donating financially or donating a case of products (bath tissue, bath soap, baby wipes, paper towels, shampoo, toothpaste, dish detergent, trash bags, or diapers).



Warehouse News

The BB warehouse always has volunteer tasks available for students, scouts and adults who need community service hours. For more info, please call the BB office.



Bountiful Blessings is always looking for volunteer help in the office, in the warehouse and in the field. No matter what a volunteer's talents and gifts – we can match them up with a task.

Help is needed to do light duty administrative chores, to picking up items from suppliers, making deliveries to BB sites, as well as light maintenance jobs.

Contact us at 717-802-1222 and we will coordinate times and tasks so you can be on the BB volunteer support team.

Contributions

Monetary contributions can be made payable to Bountiful Blessings Inc. Because BB is a 501c3 charity, your contributions are tax deductible.



Next Newsletter

Look for the next edition of the Bountiful Blessings Newsletter to appear on the BB web site March 1, 2011.

Deadline for submissions will be February 15th. Please e-mail all information and submissions for the next BB Newsletter to:

ron@ronorendi.com

BB 10th Anniversary Banquet Friday January 14, 2011

On Friday January 14th, 2011 Bountiful Blessings will be holding a 10th Anniversary Banquet. The event will be held at Capital Area Christian Church, 1775 Lamb's Gap Rd. in Mechanicsburg, PA.

The evening will feature a dinner, music, as well as door prizes, testimonials, and recognition. Look for more info in your mail box, e-mail box or on the BB web site. Plan now to attend.

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Bible Fund

Bountiful Blessings offers each new family a brand new Bible in their language. As fast as we get Bibles in, we are distributing them out. So, we are always in need of donations for our Bible Fund.

We prefer purchasing the Bibles ourselves so we can obtain bulk discounted pricing. Additionally, the families can receive a Bible that is accurate, written at a reading level they can understand, and offers a large enough print for elderly folks to be able to read without having to use a magnifying glass.

If you, your Bible study group or your church would like to contribute to this fund, please send your check to the Bountiful Blessings P.O. Box. Be sure to mark "Bible Fund" in the memo line.



Please note: We are always collecting NEW children's books at all reading and grade levels.

Stories from the Sites

One of the Pittsburgh area sites noted that a woman who is a Muslim had been coming to receive at their site numerous times. As she felt more comfortable with the volunteer staff, she began to befriend one of the volunteers. She confided some personal struggles she was going through with her new friend. Her new friend offered to pray about the situation. And, the recipient was extremely receptive to prayer. This was a huge step for the woman, both personally and culturally.



The difference we are making

Bountiful Blessings by the numbers

Number of BB sites open and/ or under agreement **15**

In the first 9 months of 2010 BB served a total of **3,776** families.

Total number of items that were distributed through all sites in the first 9 months of 2010 **47,466**



Paper?
Plastic?

Or reusable?

Bountiful Blessings is selling Tote Bags. These reusable bags are suitable for taking to the grocery store, farmer's market, carrying knitting or school books, or just carrying your stuff around.

The bags are tangerine colored with the BB logo and web site in black ink. Contact the BB office if you would like to order some.

The Bountiful Blessings orange tote bags are washable – so there is no worry about them getting dirty or having food bacteria from your prior use.

Psssst. The BB Tote Bags make ideal gift bags.

Coming Soon

The following BB sites will be opening in 2011:
.....Safe Harbor
Presbyterian Church
Stevensville, MD

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BB Truck Fund

We are in need of a cargo van or 14' to 16' box truck. The pick-up truck, currently being used to deliver items to the BB sites has over 233,000 miles on it. If you, or someone you know has a box truck or van, that is inspected and in good running condition, please contact the BB office at 717-802-1222.

We have set up a "truck fund" to cover the costs of operating a truck i.e. license, gas, insurance, routine maintenance, etc. To contribute to this fund, please mark in the memo line of your check "truck fund".

Saturday
May 7th, 2011
Bountiful
Blessings
Western PA
Golf Outing
Butler's Golf
Course
Elizabeth, PA



Message from the President

The holidays are right around the corner. How can we help? As we move into this time of the year, those less fortunate are in the forefront of our minds, more than any other time of the year.

In Matthew 25: 40 Jesus used this example in a parable "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." So, let's do for the least of these. Roll up our sleeves, open our purses, reach out into our neighborhoods and help someone. The warmth you will feel from giving of yourself is indescribable.

What does Bountiful Blessings need? How can I help these families? I am glad you asked. Let's begin with collecting one item.... Bath Soap. Or if you are feeling like you want to do more, how about a kit made up of toiletries. What should be in the kit? Well, let's begin with a regular size tube of toothpaste, toothbrush or a multi-pack of toothbrushes, a bottle of shampoo, some bars of bath soap and a pack of toilet paper.

Yes, for less than \$5.00 you can help a family in your

area. This is a great way for a scout troop, Sunday School class, elementary, middle or high school, business, etc to do something that will give back directly to their neighborhoods this holiday season. Of course, this type of generosity is not limited to the holiday season. It can be done throughout the year. It can also go beyond helping just one family. You can donate items to help several families. How generous can we all be this holiday season? And, how generous can we all be throughout 2011? Challenge yourself to be more generous! Remember, it's "for the least of these." God Bless

Terry Orendi

Looking for New Sites

Bountiful Blessings is in the discussion stage with several new sites.

We continue to expand, adding new sites in Pennsylvania, Maryland and West Virginia. If you know of a church with a heart for outreach, we will be happy to meet with them and share what we do as well as the impact Bountiful Blessings has on the community and the church. Feel free to e-mail us with the name and phone number of the church clergy, and the person in charge of outreach.

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More Stories from the Sites

Got a story to share?

Any Site Coordinators, clergy, or volunteer staff having a story to share that has happened at their site – please submit the story to ron@ronorendi.com



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Conducting a Drive

Are you:

...interested in conducting a goods drive at your church, place of employment or in your neighborhood?

...wanting to teach your scout group, school group or Sunday School class about servant hood?

It's easy, fun and rewarding. AND, you are making a difference in the lives of a families who have fallen on hard times.

Contact our office, and a staff member will offer their advice and expertise on how to conduct a Bountiful Blessings drive. We can offer flyers and advice on how to mark the drive a huge success.

**Next BB
Board Meeting
Sunday
Nov. 21, 2010
2:00PM**