



THRIFT STORE TIMES

Make our mission your mission

Fall 2005

1385 West Indiana Ave. (840 South) ❖ Salt Lake City, UT 84104 ❖ (801)359-8837

CROSSROADS THRIFT STORE GETS A FACE LIFT!

The Thrift Store just gets better and better!

Following up on last year's new addition to the Store, a group of hardy, loyal and skilled volunteers worked the weekend of July 8th to refresh the look and organization of the main floor area. If you haven't been to the Thrift Store lately, stop by and see what's been done. A donated racking system was installed, painting done and the floor polished among other things. The Store is now more open and better organized than it ever has been. Even the signs above the racks and shelves have a great new look.

Volunteers have also been hard at work on the new office space behind the main counter. The bathroom was moved back one room and the old bathroom is becoming a new work space. This room will house a second computer (also donated), as well as a small copier/fax machine. It will be used as office work space and a second intake station during busy times. A new door connects this room to the space behind the counter.

You may have noticed the metal cage being installed in the back entry hall. This will house tools and equipment that we need to keep secure and free up space in the furnace room. The next phase of our remodeling efforts will be to open up the back sorting area by eliminating the southeast office in the very back and extending the sorting tables around the wall.

All of these wonderful changes would be impossible without the help of our many great volunteers. Thanks so much for helping us improve!

WHAT WE DO . . .

Since 1966 Crossroads Urban Center has worked to meet people's basic needs and to address the root causes of poverty through direct service and advocacy.

The Crossroads Thrift Store is a grassroots, non-profit, community based program run primarily by volunteers. Our mission is to provide clothing and other basic necessities to those in need.

We work with several partnering community and religious groups that issue referrals for Utahns with limited means. Over 90% of our goods are given away free, while the remaining items are sold at a very low cost.



KC'S KORNER

A woman and her two teenagers came into the Thrift Store the other day with a clothing voucher. Without even looking around the teenager daughter exclaimed, "I ain't wearing anything from here, I want new clothes." The mother calmly replied, "Honey, we don't have money for new clothes." The daughter kept harassing her mother. The mother ignored it and the girl stormed out of the store, followed by her brother. The mother continued looking at clothes with tears streaming down her face.

It was fairly quiet in the store so I slipped outside where the kids were. I walked up to the girl and asked, "Is that your mother in there?" "Ya," the girl responded. I then said, "Do you think your mom cares about you?" "Ya," the girl responded. "Do you care for her?" I asked. "Well, Ya," she replied. "Then I want to say something for you to think about. It is very hard for your mom to come here in the first place. If she had the money to buy new stuff for you, she would because she loves you and always wants the best for you. Right now this is the best she can do... it may not be the best there is but it IS THE BEST she can do right now. What I want to know from you is this....IS THIS THE BEST YOU CAN DO FOR HER?"

Maybe 15 minutes later the teenagers come back inside. It was clear the girl had been crying. She was quiet and silent but walked over to the women's clothes section and selected 3 shirts. She then walked to her mom and said, "This isn't exactly what I want but it will do for now." The daughter then headed for the door. As she was leaving, she turned around and grinned at me. She said, "It's the best I could do for now!"

To all of you who help out at the store in all the numerous ways... I want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart for giving the best of who you are to us!

- *KC Owens*, Thrift Store Manager

Did You Know . . .

Last year, because of **VOLUNTEER POWER**, we were able to provide clothing & other basics free of charge to over 15,000 low-income people with only a paid staff of two (KC, Store Manager & Janice, part-time assistant)?



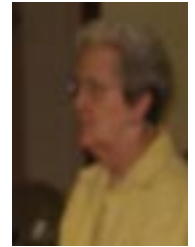
Francisco prepping to paint.



Pat & Dixie Lamping assembling racks.

June Volunteer Appreciation B.B.Q. A Success!

We made plans for upcoming remodeling projects, swapped stories, and ate excellent food.

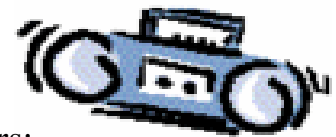


Thanks to 1st United Methodist Church (and the Scott & Jessica Patton Family!) for hosting the event.

YET ANOTHER REASON TO SIMPLIFY . . .

We REALLY need the following items:

- ▶ Fall & Winter Clothes & Shoes
(particularly kid's, men's & larger women's)
- ▶ Socks & Underwear
- ▶ Pots & Pans
- ▶ Dishes & Silverware
- ▶ Towels
- ▶ Small appliances & electronics



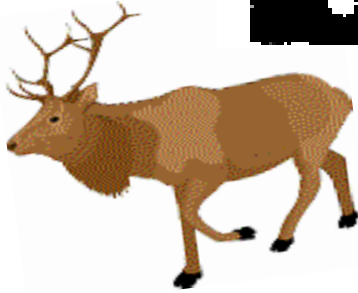
To donate anything, just stop by during our business hours:
Tues-Fri 10 am-6:30 pm Sat 10 am-5 pm

Please no furniture, paints, large appliances or car parts.

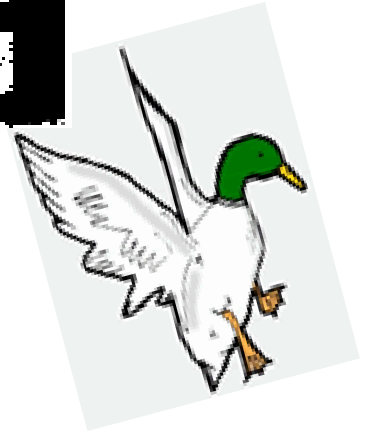


4th Annual
Crossroads Thrift Store

WILD GAME



FEAST



Wednesday, Oct 12th
6:30 PM

Centenary United Methodist
1740 South 500 East

All Thrift Store Volunteers & Supporters Welcome!



*Wild game, turkey, ham, and drinks will be provided.
Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.*



WANTED

► **Volunteer Drivers** with trucks, station wagons or SUVs willing to join the **Crossroads Ready Response Team** & pick-up occasional corporate donations (i.e., clothes from CURVES for Women clothing drives or boxes of pots & pans from Snowbird Lodge) 1-2 times a year. Interested? Call Jana #364-7765

► **Volunteers** to sort donations, restock racks and shelves, and help customers. All ages & abilities welcome! Short-term or ongoing commitment. Interested? Call Janice or KC @ 359-8837.

LOOKING FOR A PROGRAM OR PROJECT FOR YOUR COMMUNITY OR RELIGIOUS GROUP?
Call Linda #364-7765 ex. 133