



THRIFT STORE TIMES

Make our mission your mission

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MAKE A CROSSROADS THRIFT STORE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION!

Fun Ideas To Spice Up Your New Year's Resolution List & Make A Difference.

1. Simplify, Simplify, Simplify! Resolve to declutter a closet or room each month. Use this rule of thumb: if you haven't used something within the last year, donate it to Crossroads. If you aren't ready to part with it just right then, box it up and put it in the garage for a set period. If you still haven't used it by then, donate it.

2. In with the new, out with the old. Right after the holidays, a birthday or back-to-school shopping, make it a tradition to go through old clothes, toys and gadgets and make a pile to donate to Crossroads. If you have kids, this is a great hands-on opportunity to teach them about recycling, sharing and helping those in need.

3. Join the Crossroads Ready Response Team. If you have access to a truck, station wagon or SUV, sign up to pick up occasional corporate/major donations (i.e., clothes from CURVES for Women clothing drives or boxes of pots & pans from Snowbird Lodge). You'll be called on 1-2 times a year.

4. Be more adventurous. Resolve to shop at the Thrift Store at least twice a year. Yes, it is true that we give away over 9 times more than we sell. However, by shopping at the Thrift Store, you will not only directly support our mission, you will also find excellent bargains and unexpected gems.

5. Do more good. Have more fun. Be part of your religious or community group's Crossroads Thrift Store Volunteer Team. Several groups have a team of volunteers (usually about 3-10 people of all ages and abilities) that sorts donations, restocks racks and shelves and assists clients 2 hours one day each month. If your group does not yet have a team, organize one! It's a great way to catch up with others in your group while providing a much needed service.

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, nonprofit, 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 few years ago at Christmas, I was asked to provide a blanket to a child in need who was a family friend of a Board Member. To be honest, I don't even remember all of the circumstances of the story. I do remember that it was a young preteen girl that was trapped in a body about the size of a 3 year old. I also remember that both the mother and the child had the most amazing spirit in spite of the afflictions.

Life went on and clients came and went. Much later, I received a call from the Board Member telling me that this young lady had passed away and that the family wanted me to know that the Christmas blanket I had given to this young girl was one of her most treasured gifts. "It was a Christmas blanket just her size. She wanted the blanket with her when she was sick and she took it to the hospital each time she was admitted. This young lady had passed away with it wrapped around her."

As I listened to the Board Member my mind quickly began to wander...a blanket...a blanket that made so much difference to someone who had so little to look forward to. It made me wonder...did the one who made that blanket know how much that act would come to mean to a family? Did the one who brought that blanket to the store know how much that act would come to mean to a family? So much 'stuff' comes through this small store that some days it makes my head swim. So many times it is just 'stuff' to me - - 'stuff' coming in and going out rapidly. So many times we never hear about the impact of all the 'stuff'. However, it is powerful to know that this 'STUFF' does make such a HUGE difference.

To all of you who share your possessions, your time, and your talents: know that every act, no matter how small or big makes a huge



KC Owens, Thrift Store Manager

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: *Pat & Dixie Lamping*



This last October, Pat & Dixie Lamping (of Holladay United Church of Christ) received the 2005 Thrift Store Outstanding Volunteer Award for their years of volunteer service. Since 1998 they have reliably given their time and energy to the Thrift Store's mission. Most recently, they spearheaded efforts to create a beautiful new shelving system for the main floor. On this project alone, they spent countless hours finalizing designs, making modifications to existing racks and installing the finished product.

Here are just a few words frequently used by Crossroads staff to describe Pat & Dixie: **STEADY, DEPENDABLE, GEMS, FUNNY, TALENTED, AND AWESOME.**

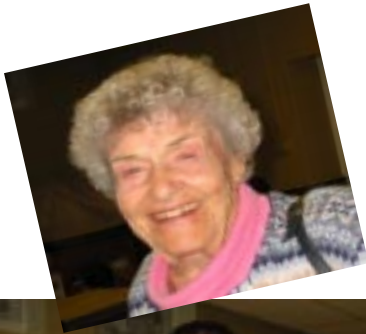


Thank you Pat & Dixie.

The Tradition of the

WILD GAME

FEAST lives on . . .



Thanks to Centenary United Methodist Church for hosting our 4th Annual Thrift Store Volunteer/Supporter Wild Game Feast & to all those who made it a WILD success.



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

SPREAD SOME WARMTH THIS WINTER!

The Thrift Store urgently needs . . .



- * Blankets & Sleeping Bags
- * Warm Coats & Bedding
- * Warm Children's Clothing
- * Men's Clothing & Boots
- * Kitchen Basics (utensils, dishes, pots, etc.)
- * Towels



To donate anything, just stop by during our business hours*:

Tues-Fri 10 am-6:30 pm Sat 10 am-5 pm

1385 West Indiana Avenue (840 South)



*For your convenience, we now have an after hours donation bin that can accept small donations.

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



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