

People To People Ministries

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The Impact of Your Donations

Everyday People To People receives donations that fall outside of the food, clothing, housewares, and personal products we distribute. We receive toys and books that go toward our Christmas Toy Project or end up in our lobby for kids and adults to take. We, also, receive items like yarn, embroidery floss, cross stitches, beads, fabric, etc. We distribute these items to individuals who can make use of them. Kristi Drake, a client, comes to PTPM to browse our craft selection to find items she can turn into a source of income for her and her family.

Kristi has a large booth in Berlin at Sol's Exchange where she has been selling her handmade crafts for the past several months. Some of the items that Kristi makes include: towels, baby hats, baby blankets, angels, wash cloths, quilts, and pillows. These items are made in several styles. She knits, sews, and embroiders, but her favorite is crocheting. Kristi's favorite item, and also her best seller, is the towels that she makes with a crocheted top, which comes off the towel so it can be attached to a new towel.

The income that Kristi makes from her crafts supplements her income from working part-time in a restaurant. In addition to providing income for her family, Kristi's booth provides an opportunity for her and her husband to spend time together. The time they are working on items, as well the time to take new items to the booth is time that Kristi and her husband get to spend together as an outlet from their everyday lives of being parents to a handicapped teen daughter.

PTPM is excited to be able to help Kristi build a business she loves, by providing materials at no cost. Every donation made makes an impact in the lives of our clients. Both PTPM and our clients thank you for what you donate!



Photo: Kristi Drake with her craft booth at Sol's Exchange in Berlin, Ohio



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PTPM Starts Community Service Program

Volunteers come in all shapes and sizes, and from all walks of life. PTPM is striving to bring together our community in yet another way, integrating our volunteer core with individuals who are completing court mandated community service hours.

Individuals may receive community service hours as a court sentence or as an avenue to pay court fees and fines. For those that are not currently working, costs and fines are often a challenge to pay. The option to volunteer their time to pay off the fees is often their best course of action. PTPM has successfully worked with one individual to complete his hours, and we currently have two more individuals working toward completion.

While PTPM benefits from the hours of hard work these individuals provide,

we hope that we are providing opportunities not just to meet their responsibilities, but also to grow as an individual. We hope to encourage responsibility, teach new skills, and build meaningful relationships.

One of our current community service volunteers is working toward completing 160 hours that will pay off his fees. He comes in 1-2 days a week for 3 hours a day and works on projects such as breaking down food or personal items, helping to sort clothing, and moving thousands of pounds of food to reorganize our food storage area. In the process of working off his court fees, he's meeting people who are in different phases of life, and are willing to share their knowledge and experience with him.

This experience has given

him the chance to find a mentor, someone to talk through things with, and someone to trust. He now has a variety of people who care about him and want to see him succeed, not just with his community service, but in his life. Shift by shift, he is building a support network that he can utilize long after his community service is completed.

The hours this individual spends at PTPM exposes him to new perspectives and gives him the opportunity to interact with people who he may not have otherwise encountered. It's a beautiful thing to watch people with very different backgrounds come together to serve their community. It is this supportive environment that PTPM hopes to provide for all our court mandated community service volunteers, while giving them a chance to make their own positive impact on the community.

Back To School: How You Can Help

The Back To School Project holds a special place in the hearts of many of PTPM's volunteers. It's an event that brings the community together and provides for the needs of children so that they can be successful in school.

PTPM staff has been working on the event for the last few weeks, and have big things planned for this year's project. We

look forward to seeing the community come together and support this great cause.

If you are interested in volunteering for this year's project, check next month's newsletter for the signup information. If you can't make the event, there are other ways to help. We will be holding computer based client registration July 15th and

during office hours July 17-28, 2017 and can use volunteers to sign clients up.

Another way to help is to collect school supplies. PTPM's goal is to have the majority of supplies in house by June 30 so we can prepack them for the students based on grade.

If you would like more information, contact Sara at ptpmsara@aol.com or 330-262-1662 ext. 211.

Thank You!

PTPM would like to thank Wooster Christian School for the sock drive they recently held. The students collected 808 pairs of socks! PTPM is very excited as we have been running low on socks.



On Wednesday, May 2, 2017, the College of Wooster's Local Social Entrepreneurship students presented their proposal to ensure consistent, local, and fresh produce is available to clients. They are pictured here with their advisors and professors.

“Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.”

-John Wesley

A Note from the Toy Committee

The teen department of the Toy Committee would like to share with you the new structure of the Teen Gift distribution during the Christmas Toy Project. Each teen will receive a main and a secondary gift in addition to several other items. This year main gifts and secondary gifts will include the following items:

Main Gifts: \$40.00 gift cards to places such as Best Buy, Kohl's, TJ Maxx, Rue 21, Bath & Body Works, Dick's Sporting Goods, Dunham's, Cinemark Movies 10, Acres of Fun, Ulta Beauty, and Game Stop.

Secondary Gifts: Personal care or comfort item such as pajamas, sleep pants, bath products, hair products, nail care products, make up, etc.

Thank you for your continued support of this project!

-The Toy Committee Teen Department

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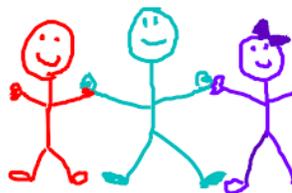


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**Number of
Volunteer
Hours:**
934

**Number of
Families
Assisted:**
1,013

**Total Value of
Assistance
Provided:**
\$43,479.06

People To People Ministries'

Shopping List

Household Items

- Blenders
- Toasters
- Crockpots
- Fans
- Dish Drainers
- Dishes
- Glasses
- Sweepers
- Pots & Pans
- King & Queen Sheets

Clothing

- Hoodies
- Men's Items
- Plus Sized Items

Hygiene Products

- Women's Deodorant
- Men's Deodorant
- Shower Gel
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Facial Tissues
- Razors
- Shaving Cream
- Tampons
- Panty Liners
- Diapers Size 6
- Dish Soap

Food

- Chicken Noodle Soup
- Sugar
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Sweetener
- Flavored Tea
- Tuna
- Canned Chicken
- Helper Mixes
- Dessert Mixes
- Pudding
- Black Beans
- Canned Stew/Chili

Interested in VOLUNTEERING with People To People Ministries?



Join us for one of our Volunteer Information Sessions

Tuesday, June 20, 2017 6-8 PM

OR

Thursday, July 13, 2017 6-8 PM

The Information Session will include: the history of the ministry,
descriptions of the volunteer opportunities, and a tour.

Upon completion of the Information Session, applications will be available
and interviews will be scheduled.

Please register with Sara at ptpmsara@aol.com or 330-262-1662 ext. 211