



over 40 years of collecting used clothing and small household items to provide for people in need -- free of charge



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Director's Report

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Hello! This note is from the little old lady at the House By the Side of the Road who is committed to helping the needy. Call me Raycean. We have been serving over 20 families per day with numbers increasing. We serve over 1000 families per year.

Thank you to the area pastors who have taken an interest in our operation – Pastor Davis, Pastor Ferrell, Pastor Weatherly, Pastor Hendricks, Rev. Cathy King, Rev. Cathy Freeman, Pastor Harris Johnson, Rev. Mark Spaw. Additional thanks go to the Mayor of Ann Arbor, the Mayor of Ypsilanti, attorney Pete Bilakos, the Sheriff's Department, Corner Health Center, St. Vincent De Paul, Bryant School, Catholic Social Services, Washtenaw County Administrator, Michigan Works.

Endorsement

For all of us giving makes us feel good, as if we were making a difference in this God's world. There are many motivations for giving - biblical, spiritual, financial and many more. We are called by God to help others and to be the

We have recently added two new volunteers bringing our total volunteers to over 30. Donations of clothing and household items are appreciated, but there is always a need for more, especially with the cold weather approaching. Since our items are given free of charge, monetary donations are also appreciated and needed to pay for expenses.

We welcome anyone to visit our store who has a need or anyone who would like to see our store. We are proud to be of service. We are overjoyed to show off our efforts.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving and Christmas!

Raycean Hunter

hands and feet of Jesus. Let me suggest that one organization in our own backyard of Ann Arbor offers us an opportunity to fulfill our calling by helping families who are victims of fires, difficult and challenging family situations, foster children, the

homeless and all those in need of a helping loving hand. The House by the Side of the Road offers this blessed opportunity. I hope you'll search your heart and answer your calling.

—The Rev. Mark E. Spaw

Wish List

- ◆ Computer and printer
- ◆ New socks and underwear for children and adults (all sizes)
- ◆ Clothes racks
- ◆ A truck for pickups
- ◆ New baby items – gowns, lotion, powder, onesies, receiving blankets

Client Stories

My name is **Jessica**. I am 24 years old. It is my first time here. The layout is nice and very clean. The staff is friendly. There is a great selection of clothes in different sizes. I am low income so the “House” is helpful to me.

My name is **Jennifer**. I am 31 years old. I love

it. I found pants for my four-year-old and clothes for myself. Catholic Social Services referred me to the “House”. It is very clean and friendly. I have 2 children and a husband. Independent organizations give help when you can’t get help anywhere else.

My name is **Dwayne**. I am thankful for the

“house” because I am homeless. I am glad to see this place. I was treated with kindness. I wish there were more people that care for you like this organization because it is real helpful. I always leave feeling happy because there are people here that care for me. It gives me hope.

Meet the Volunteers

Florence

My name is **Florence**. I have been a volunteer at the HBSR for going on three years. The HBSR was a friend to me years ago with my children – all five of them. I know the value of the organization in the community and we must provide support so that it

can continue to help others.

Pat Holt

My name is **Pat Holt**. I volunteer at the “House” 3 times a week. I am married. I have an 18-week-old puppy. I came here to volunteer because when my girls were small, the “house” helped me out. Now I can give back.

Ron Holt

My name is **Ron Holt**. I am a retired trucker. I volunteer at the “House”. I repair items and other tasks. I have made tables and racks. I enjoy working at the “house” and am waiting for my next task.



The House By the Side of the Road – History and Budget



House By the Side of the Road has provided clothing and household items to those in need for over 40 years. The “house” was started by area churches combining efforts to serve those in need. Our clients receive items free of charge. Clients are referred to us by service agencies and churches throughout Washtenaw County. We service victims of fires, grandparents raising grandchildren, foster parents, persons who are homeless, prison reentry persons, persons newly arrived in the U.S., and any person in need.

Send contributions to:

House By the Side of the Road
824 Phoenix Drive
Ann Arbor, MI 48108

The “House” serves over 1,000 families per year. The number of families served has doubled in the past 18 months. Donations of items has tripled in the past year.

The “House” operates on an annual budget of \$50,000. This means that for \$50, we serve one family for a year. We must now raise additional funds to meet our budget. Our present need is \$4,000 for 2013 and \$20,000 for 2014. Your gift of \$50 will provide for one family for one year. Your pledge of \$1,000 for 2014 will provide 1/50 of the cost of operations.

We hope you will consider support for *House By the Side of the Road* that we may continue to serve those in need.

— Roberta King, Board of Directors.

New hours at the “House”

Mon. & Fri.:
10 am – 4 pm
Tues., Wed., Thurs.:
10 am – 2 pm

Action of the Board of Directors

At its November meeting, the Board of Directors elected Pastor Larry D. Davis to the Board. Pastor Davis is pastor of the

Christian Tabernacle Baptist Church of Ypsilanti. Look for an interview with Pastor Davis in the next newsletter.

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Cooperative Supporting Agencies

In addition to the companies and congregations that support the “House”, we work cooperatively with the following agencies:

Washtenaw County Sheriff’s Department ♦ Corner Health Center ♦ Bryant School ♦ Catholic Social Services ♦ Community Action Network ♦ Bryant Community Center