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FESTIVAL BRIEF



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE FESTIVAL OF SHARING.....SPRING, 2007

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Celebrating 25 years of Sharing 1981 - 2006

The Festival of Sharing – 2006 was a very successful event again this year. The total of cash gifts received was \$261,621.25 and the value of material gifts distributed was \$588,459.50. The combined total of those numbers is \$850,080.75.

Two new projects introduced to the Festival in 2006 fared well. The first was “Water for Life,” a project of Church World Service that provides funding for drilling wells in Africa. Teaching about health and sanitation, responsible farming use of water and peaceful sharing of water is also part of that project. The amount raised for “Water for Life” was \$14,547.73.

The second new project, “Books From the Heart” was co-sponsored by the Missouri Coalition for Restorative Justice and the Department of Corrections. The intent of this effort was to provide books for the 30,000 plus men and women housed in adult correctional facilities around the state. This project was an overwhelming success with books delivered to six different prison facilities. An estimated value of the books was \$10,438.00. Due to the great success in supplying books for correctional facilities this past year, the project will not be repeated in 2007.

For further information about report contents, please contact the Festival Office by phone at 573/474-3332 or by e-mail at festival@socket.net.

**Sharing Today...
...Hope for Tomorrow**

Festival of Sharing

October 20th, 2007

**At the Missouri State
Fairgrounds in Sedalia**

Do you have Email?

We are in the process of offering *The Festival Brief* to anyone who is interested in “opting out” of paper copies of the newsletter. By choosing to receive Festival of Sharing information in electronic form you help reduce the budget for printing and mailing. Funds that can be used to help those in need. Send an email to Terri at Festival@socket.net letting her know that you are “opting in” for future copies to be sent via email.

The Coordinating Committee chose the theme “Sharing Today, Hope for Tomorrow” for the 2007 Festival of Sharing in Sedalia, MO.



60th Anniversary of CROP takes steps at the 2007 Festival of Sharing

Join the Festival CROP Hunger Walk relay at this year's Festival. Sixty years ago farmers in the Midwest filled box cars with grain and sent the grain trains east to be shipped to the hungry in Europe following WWII. This began CROP known as the Christian Rural Overseas Program. Today CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) continues to make hunger history through CROP Hunger Walks. CROP now works in over 80 countries and the US. The Festival CROP Hunger Walk Relay will begin at 7:00AM and go eight hours until 3:00PM to walk in solidarity with the third world women who walk at least eight hours a day for water, food, firewood, shelter, safety and survival. Join the CROP Hunger Relay at the Festival - stay tuned for more information and materials.

Heifer International 2007 Projects at the Festival of Sharing

In its 63rd year, Heifer International continues its work to promote peace through ending world hunger. The Festival of Sharing projects this year will focus on two Heifer International projects, **Covington County Self-Help** & **Farmers feed the Children.**

The *Covington County Self-Help Project* was organized to help small and underserved farmers (men, women and youth) in the county. They attend weekly meetings to obtain necessary training on a wide range of topics including care of livestock and water and soil conservation practices. The group also works together, sharing equipment and helping each other with tasks such as building fences and soil preparation. In the tradition of Heifer International each farmer will "pass on the gift" by giving a high quality heifer to another farmer in the community.

The goal for the Festival of Sharing is to help struggling farmers of the area move toward self-sufficiency with the additional resources they need to improve the health of their families and to take advantage of educational opportunities by providing eight purebred black heifers, (Angus or a good cross) bred to calve in the spring.



Farmers Feed the Children project is a joint project of Heifer International and Rotary International. Struggling farmers

are given a bred, dairy heifer. The animal improves the nutrition for that farmer's family and also increases the family income. In addition to "passing on the gift" by giving the animal's first offspring to another family, farmers make daily donations of milk and/or dairy products to improve the nutrition of children in hospitals, orphanages and in schools for the physically or mentally handicapped. Farmers have banded together to build a plant for processing and pasteurizing the milk.

The project has been very successful but the need is great to expand it. Their goal is to serve the 5,000 children in hospitals, schools for the handicapped and orphanages each year.

The Festival of Sharing's goal is to raise \$20,000 for this project.

Want to know more about Heifer Project International? David Boothby, Director of the Midwest Region for Heifer International will be touring Missouri to speak at the following times and places:

Wednesday, March 21st, 7:00 p.m. at Truman State University, Kirksville

Thursday, March 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at Millville United Methodist Church (near Braymer)

Friday, March 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Celebration Center, Sedalia

Saturday, March 24 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Stephens College, Columbia

Additional speakers will be local folks who have had experience working with Heifer International and Carol Oliver, Missouri Representative for Heifer.

Contact Carol Oliver, Heifer International, Missouri Representative at 573-474-7155 or by e-mail at oliver@umocm.com for more information.

The *Festival Brief* is published twice a year, Spring and Fall. If you have questions about the Festival of Sharing please contact Terri Williams, Coordinator.. By calling 573-474-3332 or email at festival@socketlnet. Any part or all of this newsletter may be reproduced.

FESTIVAL OF SHARING - 2007 KIT PRE-VIEW
MISSOURI KITS: USED BY SHELTERS, CRISIS CENTERS, AND OTHER MINISTRIES IN MISSOURI
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Readin' & Writin' Pac

- 6 new pencils with erasers
- 2" eraser
- 1 package of notebook filler paper
- 12" ruler
- 2 ink pens (medium point)
- 3-ring binder
- 3-hole pencil holder that fits inside the binder
- 1 box of 24 crayons
- 1 pair of child-sized metal scissors
- 2 folders with pockets and prongs

Place smaller items inside the pencil holder and secure it in the three ring binder. Place remaining items inside the back cover of the binder. Tie binder closed with string or yarn. Place kits in boxes labeled "**Readin' & Writin' Pac**" and mark the **quantity** on outside of **each box**.

Paper Products Kit

- 6 double rolls of toilet tissue
- 3 rolls of good quality paper towels
- 2 large rectangular boxes of facial tissue

Place all items in a tall-sized kitchen trash bag. Close securely and placed bagged kits in a box labeled "**Paper Products Kit**." Mark the **quantity** on **each box**.

Baby Bundle

- 2 receiving blankets
- 1 sweater or sweatshirt for warmth
- 2 undershirts
- 2 sleepers (1 piece or gown)
- 8-12 diapers (cloth or disposable)
- 2 diaper pins (if cloth diapers are enclosed)

Place items in a plastic grocery sack closed with a twist tie and then pack the filled bags in boxes labeled "**Baby Bundles**." Please mark the **quantity** of kits on the outside or **each box**.

Family Food Box

- 6 cans assorted vegetables
- 2 jars peanut butter
- 6 cans assorted fruits
- 2 pounds dried pinto beans
- 2 cans Spam
- 2 pounds rice
- 6 cans tuna
- 2 pounds pasta
- 6 packages macaroni & cheese
- 2 cans pasta sauce

Place items in a sturdy box or book carton, tape and label "Family Food Box."

Student Dental Kit

- 4-6 soft toothbrushes (include 2 child size)
- *unopened packages; extra brushes are for family members
- 1 dental floss—any size
- 1 fluoride toothpaste, 6 oz. or more

Place items inside a **1-gallon zip lock bag**. Pack filled zip locks in boxes labeled "**Student Dental Kits**" and mark the **quantity** on the outside of **each box**.

"Backpacks of Love"

- 1 large backpack
- 1 t-shirt (large for sleeping)
- 1 pair underpants
- 1 pair socks
- 1 comb
- 1 teddy bear
- 1 toy suitable for either a boy or girl
- 1 toothbrush (soft and in unopened, original package)
- 1 tube fluoride toothpaste, 6 oz. or more
- 1 coloring book
- 1 box crayons
- 1 notebook
- 1 pencil without advertising
- 1 pencil sharpener

A small quilt or blanket* already donated will be added to the kit. *Please pack all items in the backpack and label "Backpacks" and "Boy" or "Girl" and size, "S," "M," or "L."* These kits are used by children between the ages of 4 to 10 who have experienced a crisis and are being placed in foster care.

Personal Hygiene Kit

- 1 fluoride toothpaste, 6 oz. or more
- 1 bath-size bar of soap
- 1 toothbrush in original, unopened pkg.
- 1 bottle shampoo (full size)
- 1 bottle skin lotion
- 1 washcloth
- 1 deodorant
- 1 hand towel
- 2 disposable razors
- 1 comb or brush

Tighten lids and place all items in a **large zip lock bag (2-gallon size works best)**. Place zip locks in boxes labeled "**Personal Hygiene Kits**." Please also mark the **quantity** on the outside of **each box**.

Prison Kit

- 1 Shampoo (12-16 oz. size, alcohol-free only)
*Acceptable brands: Suave, Equate Herbal, Personal Care Herbal, Alberto VO5, Style
- Emery Board (not a metal nail file)
- Deodorant (2-3 oz. size, alcohol-free only, no roll-ons, no men's brands) *Acceptable brands: Revlon Hi & Dri, Lady Mitchum Clean Gel, Crystal Clean Deodorant, Almay Clear Gel, Simple Basic Clear Deodorant
- 1 Tube toothpaste (6 - 6.4 oz. size, alcohol-free only)
*Acceptable brands: All types of Ultrabrite, Colgate, Crest, Aquafresh and Gleem
- 1 Pencil (unsharpened, no advertising)
- Writing Paper** for 5 letters, 6"x9", (no note cards)
- Envelopes** for mailing 5 letters (white standard size, not business size)

Place only these items in a plastic grocery bag, tie the handles. Put filled bags in boxes labeled "**Prison Kits**." Please also label with the **number** enclosed. **Toothbrushes and Stamps are not allowed as part of these kits.**

Church World Service - "Gift of the Heart Kits"

Church World Service (CWS) "Gift of the Heart Kits" are used worldwide in long term development, education, emergency/disaster response and assistance to refugees. Kit contents have been chosen carefully so **please include all and only the items listed.**

HEART-TO-HEART KIDS KIT

\$24 value

Shipping— \$3/kit

The Heart-to-Heart Kids Kit recognizes that even as faces must be washed and bellies must be fed, laughter must be heard as well.

- 1 Rubbermaid® Clear Impressions shoebox with lid, 6.5 qt., or other flexible, clear plastic, 6.5 qt. shoebox with lid
- 1 small stuffed bear
- 1 soft small ball
- 1 harmonica, or other small musical instrument
- 1- 6"x9" non-spiral bound pad of regular or construction paper (60-100 sheets)
- 1 slinky
- 1 yo-yo
- 1 seven-foot child's jump rope
- 1 comb
- 1 toothbrush (in original packaging)
- 1 tube toothpaste (4-7 ounces)
- 1 box of 24 crayons
- 1 large eraser
- 6 new pencils with erasers
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1- 30 centimeter ruler (12")
- 1 pair blunt child's scissors

Place all items in the shoebox, close the lid and tie securely with ribbon.

EMERGENCY CLEAN-UP BUCKET

\$45 value

Shipping—\$3/kit

These kits enable people to begin the overwhelming job of cleaning up after a disaster here in the United States.

- 1 five-gallon bucket with re-sealable lid
- 5 scouring pads
- 7 sponges, assorted sizes
- 1 scrub brush
- 18 cleaning towels, (reusable, like Easy Wipes®)
- 1 dry laundry detergent, 50-78 oz.
- 1 bottle liquid concentrated house-hold cleaner (i.e. Lysol®), 12 oz.
- 1 bottle liquid antibacterial dish soap, (like Dawn®), 25 oz.
- Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
- 50 clothes pins
- 5 dust masks
- 2 pairs latex gloves
- 1 pair work gloves
- 1 box heavy-duty trash bags, 22-27 count (33-45 gallon)
- 1 bottle insect repellent (drops or lotion, not aerosol) 6-14 oz.

Please purchase all liquids in plastic bottles. Send only new, unopened materials. Make sure lids on bottles are tightly closed. Put all items in the plastic bucket, making sure they are packed securely to avoid damage during shipment. Seal closed with lid.

HEALTH KIT

\$12 value

Shipping—\$2/kit

In the face of natural disasters, violence, or poverty, these kits can mean the difference between sickness and health for family members.

- 1 hand towel
- 1 washcloth
- 1 sturdy comb
- 1 metal nail file or nail clipper with file
- 1 bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- 1 toothbrush (in original packaging)
- 1 tube of toothpaste, 4-7 oz.
- 6 Band-Aids

Seal all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with zipper closure.

SCHOOL KIT

\$13 value

Shipping—\$2/kit

These kits give children in impoverished schools and refugee camps some basic tools for learning.

- 1 pair blunt child's scissors
- Spiral or tape-bound notebooks of ruled paper, 8-1/2" x 11" containing a total 140-200 sheets. No filler paper, please
- 1- 30-centimeter ruler (12")
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 large eraser
- 6 new pencils with erasers
- 12 sheets colored construction paper
- 1 box of 24 crayons
- 1- 12"x14" finished size, cloth bag with cloth handles and a closure (Velcro, snap or button).

Place the items in the bag and secure contents with closure.

LAYETTE

\$39 value

Shipping—\$2/kit

Layettes provide gentle warmth for infants and basic tools for young mothers struggling with poverty or the consequences of natural disaster.

- 6 cloth diapers
- 2 shirts
- 2 washcloths
- 2 gowns or sleepers
- 2 diaper pins
- 1 sweater or sweatshirt
- 2 receiving blankets (1 can be a knitted blanket)
- Bundle items inside one receiving blanket and secure with diaper pins.

The amount requested for kit shipping is included with the list of kit contents. Please do not include the shipping fee in the kit but deliver it to the Money Booth at the Festival of Sharing or mail it to the Festival Office. Please note on the memo line of the check that it is for CWS shipping or include a note to let us know it is for CWS shipping expenses.

FESTIVAL OF SHARING – 2006 REPORT OF GIVING

CASH GIFTS RECEIVED

Alfalit International, Inc.....	\$ 562.42
Beans & Rice Fund.....	\$ 2,626.22
Best Choice Labels.....	\$ 3,210.00
Bread For The World.....	\$ 685.00
Church World Service:	
Cash for Cans (African Children).....	\$ 334.80
Kits & Clean-up Buckets.....	\$ 2,677.68
Kits & Bucket Shipping & Insurance....	\$ 16,420.45
Tools & Blankets.....	\$ 30,419.42
Quilt Shows & Auction.....	\$ 38,822.00
Emergency Response.....	\$ 718.43
Water for Life.....	\$ 14,547.73
ECHO.....	\$ 85.50
Foods Resource Bank.....	\$ 500.00
Habitat For Humanity:	
Missouri Affiliates.....	\$ 762.45
International.....	\$ 100.00
Heifer Project International:	
OKI Fish & Water Buffalo Project.....	\$ 12,472.43
Louisiana Small-Scale Farmer—Beef..	\$ 18,338.84
Mississippi Beef Project.....	\$ 458.57
Other Animals & Arks.....	\$ 11,183.02
Hunger Needs In Missouri.....	\$ 4,896.17
Interchurch Medical Assistance (IMA)	
Burkitt's Lymphoma Project.....	\$ 240.00
Medicine Boxes.....	\$ 13,014.00
Lutheran World Relief Shipping.....	\$ 194.00
Missouri IMPACT.....	\$ 0.00
Other.....	
Booth Income.....	\$ 559.50
Food Court.....	\$ 2,510.34
Offerings.....	\$ 2,675.61
Trailer Donations.....	\$ 6,000.00
Work of Our Hands.....	\$ 630.00
Personal Energy Transportation (PET).....	\$ 8,986.50
Prison Ministries:	
Agape House—Jefferson City.....	\$ 70.00
Agape House—Vandalia.....	\$ 830.00
PATCH—Chillicothe.....	\$ 1,161.26
Rainbow Network.....	\$ 598.00
Seeds.....	\$ 447.07
Society of St. Andrew.....	\$ 326.33
Where Needed Most.....	\$ 63,557.51
Total Cash Received.....	\$ 261,621.25

VALUE OF MATERIAL GIFTS DISTRIBUTED

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE:

Health Kits.....	\$ 97,008.00
School Kits.....	\$ 53,586.00
Layettes.....	\$ 30,615.00
Kid's Kits.....	\$ 5,712.00
Emergency Clean-up Buckets.....	\$ 20,250.00

HEIFER PROJECT—Livestock..... \$ 12,400.00

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF..... \$ 3,500.00

OTHERS

Eye Glasses.....	\$ 2,943.00
Wheelchairs.....	\$ 825.00

RESOURCES DISTRIBUTED IN MISSOURI

Baby Bundles.....	\$ 34,340.00
Backpacks of Love.....	\$ 89,728.00
Beans (retail price).....	\$ 12,400.00
Blankets.....	\$ 9,000.00
Family Food Boxes.....	\$ 21,952.00
Miscellaneous (including popcorn)...	\$ 3,282.50
Paper Products Kits.....	\$ 14,688.00
Personal Hygiene Kits.....	\$ 88,272.00
Potatoes.....	\$ 6,840.00
Prison Kits (not yet distributed).....	0.00
Readin' & Writin' Pac's.....	\$ 35,616.00
Rice (retail price).....	\$ 9,960.00
Seeds.....	\$ 2,680.00
Student Dental Kits.....	\$ 22,664.00
Suitcases.....	\$ 30.00

BOOKS FROM THE HEART \$ 10,438.00

Total Value of Material Gifts Distributed... \$588,459.50

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**TOTAL VALUE OF RESOURCES
DISTRIBUTED AND CASH RECEIVED
\$850,080.75**

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YouthFest '07

The youth component of Festival of Sharing

YouthFest is for youth 6th-12th grade

YouthFest is like a mission trip

Spend time in worship

Spend time in fellowship

Spend a time working for others by
sorting beans, rice and potatoes, filling a
backpack with love for a child and various
other projects

If you attended YouthFest '06 you will automatically
be sent registration information for YouthFest '07. If
you didn't attend last year and would like information
mailed to you please email the YouthFest planning
committee with your name, church name, and mail-
ing address at youthfest2007@gmail.com

Registrations will be taken until October 5, 2007.

Registration fee for YouthFest 2007 is \$30

Please B.L.T. all Kits!

Box - *the kits in a sturdy box*

Label - *the box clearly with type
of kit and quantity*

Tape - *secure the kits in the box
by taping with packing tape*

THANK YOU!

2007 FESTIVAL PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

Promotional materials for 2007 will be available from the festival office in late March or early April.

FESTIVAL VIDEO - AVAILABLE FREE ON LOAN

The 12-minute video, "A Day at the Festival of Sharing" focuses briefly on the highlights of the Festival and even captures a bit of the spirit of the event! Included are scenes from the worship service, Quilt Auction, gathering and distribution of kits, sacking beans, rice and potatoes, craft sales, educational displays, the Food Court and interviews with Festival participants. Suitable for audiences from junior high through adults. Call the Festival Office or e-mail to reserve a copy.