



Fall 2010 Newsletter

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CELEBRATE!

Open Door Outreach Center is celebrating its 30th anniversary at a Dinner/Dance/Silent Auction to be held Saturday, October 23, 2010. This event will be held at the Rose Garden Banquet Center in the newly opened Waterford Lakes Plaza on Cooley Lake Road, just west of Hospital Road.

The fun begins with a cash bar and silent auction at 6:00 p.m. Guests will enjoy a wonderful dinner followed by a brief program about the history of Open Door. Then the fun really begins with dancing to local band "Wack the Mole", playing 60's to current tunes. The cost of the event is \$50.00 per person. Please call Tammie or Sharon at (248) 360-2930 to obtain ticket information. Don't be left out, call soon.

TIPPING THE SCALES TO REACH 30,000 lbs.

Our 30,000 lb. food challenge continues in celebration of our 30th anniversary. Businesses, churches, schools, clubs, individuals, and those with community gardens have been bringing in food to help us reach our goal of 30,000 lbs. collected this year. We have approximately 12,000 lbs. and only three months to go. Please help us meet this goal and feed those who are in need throughout our community.

Please call our sponsor of this food drive, Waterford Insurance Agency (248-682-0044) to obtain a collection box or you can use your own. Please call Sharon at (248-360-2930) for more information or to make arrangements to drop off your donation.

STUDENTS START THE SCHOOL YEAR WITH SMILES

This year's Back-to-School Program brought smiles to the faces of 191 children in grades K-12 as they selected their favorite backpack filled with school supplies and a \$20.00 gift card for Payless Shoes. Then they were on to the White Lake Kohl's store where Open Door volunteers greeted them for a \$35.00 shopping trip. Thanks to all the volunteers, donors and to the management and staff of the White Lake Kohl's store. This year the program was valued at \$16,735.00.

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Summer is gone and a beautiful Michigan fall is coming. As the beauty of the season approaches, we try to maintain a spirit of thankfulness for all that is positive even when, for some, life is truly difficult. We hope to ease their burden and know that you do also. With your help with donations of food, dollars and time, we can accomplish much by working together.

We at Open Door have much to be grateful for. We are in the mist of celebrating 30 years of making a difference for the many whom have passed through our doors. More and more come everyday and somehow we continue to stretch what resources we have.

In life you take the good with the bad. We pray for help with the bad and celebrate the good. This year we have much to celebrate. We have many friends throughout our community who help us, and we have the loving support of many volunteers.

We had a great Julie Run/Walk and are about to have our first dinner/dance. We have opened our new Resale Store and hope that it is a profitable enterprise. We hope you will continue with us into our 31st year by celebrating all we accomplish together.

If you want to stop by and see what we are doing or come in for a chat, as always my door is open.

Blessings and Thanks,
Sharon

THE HOLIDAYS ARE COMING

Preparations have begun for the upcoming holiday season. We need food for our Thanksgiving and Christmas meal bags. For Thanksgiving we also need 10-12 lb. turkeys and for Christmas we need small hams.

Also needed are Speedway "fuel only" gas cards as well as \$20.00 gift cards from stores such as Meijers, K-Mart and Target. If you would like to volunteer to help pack holiday bags or to pass out bags and gifts to those we help, please call Tammie at (248) 360-2930. A little help goes a long way to brighten someone's holidays.

JULIE RUN/WALK RAISES A RECORD AMOUNT FOR OPEN DOOR

The 17th annual Julie Run/Walk was held in June with a record number of 368 participants. We also netted over \$30,000.00, a new record befitting our 30th year helping the community. Gordon Chiropractic, Quicken Loan and Fathead were major corporate sponsors. Andrea VonBehren, Body Language Fitness and Rod Meloni, Channel 4 News were honorary co-chairpersons.

Those who placed in the top spots were:

5K overall female winner:

Lauren Quaintance (20) of White Lake (18:39.2.)

5K overall female masters winner:

Teresa Szabo (40) of Flushing (21:56.4)

5K overall male winner: Greg Janicki (45) of W. Bloomfield (18:55.5)

5K overall male masters winner:

Tim Quaintance (50) of White Lake (19:29.4)

10K overall female winner: Andrea Osika (44) of Waterford (40:38.0)

10K overall female masters winner:

Debora Deren (50) of White Lake (42:47.0)

10K overall male winner: David Goyette (14) of White Lake (30:41.4)

10K overall male masters winner: Jim Lemon (49) (40:3.1)

Congratulations to everyone who participated and thanks to all who were sponsors and donated raffle items and their time as volunteers.

DONATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE IN MEMORY OF:

Mary Waters
Scott Easley
James Vinall
Earl Whitlock
Jeanette Tannous

SPEAKER'S AVAILABLE

Speakers are available to share the Open Door story with your work, church, club, etc. Contact Sharon at (248) 360-2930 to make arrangements.

OUR VOLUNTEERS ARE GREAT

Nearly 80 staff and volunteers gathered at O'Toole's restaurant on September 13th to enjoy a delicious lunch and to honor the hard work of all our volunteers. For their length of service and/or special contributions, Angel Awards went to volunteers Marie Chmielewski, Joan Cole, Darlene Collom, Winnie Curran, Thomas Donahue, Rosemary Mirabito, Pat Rhea and Ruth Zatocil.

For extraordinary community support, Golden Key Awards went to Janice McNulty of the Janice McNulty Insurance Agency and Richard Berkfield of the Waterford Insurance Agency.



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THE RESALE STORE HAS MOVED

A few weeks ago our Resale Store made the move a few doors down from our main building into the Waterford Lakes Plaza. Nearly twice the size of our former store, there is room for great deals for everyone. Manager, Pat Kaners and many of our volunteers have spent many hours making our new store a place we are all proud of. Store hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

As always we are taking donations of new and gently used clothing, books, and small household items. We are also looking for additional volunteers. You may call Pat at (248) 360-4977 for more information on how you can join us.

VG'S

Bring your VG receipts in to Open Door. We are able to turn them in for cash rewards through "Community Share" Program.

Wish List

Food Items

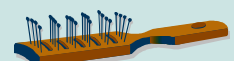
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Canned Meat (tuna & chicken)
- Canned Vegetables/Fruit
- Canned Chili, Stew, Soup, and Baked Beans
- Baking Goods (Jell-O, Pudding, Jiffy Mix, Pop-corn)
- Cereal and Other Breakfast Items
- Pasta Products/Ramen Noodles
- Spaghetti Sauces
- Crackers (Saltine, Graham, Packaged Snacks)
- Juice (preferably in cans, plastic or juice boxes)
- Condiments (Ketchup, Mustard, Mayonnaise)
- Baby Food

Hygiene & Household Products

- Toothbrushes/Toothpaste
- Soap (bar or liquid)
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Combs / Brushes
- Feminine Products
- Razors / Shaving Cream
- Deodorant
- Band-Aids
- Toilet Paper / Kleenex
- Cleaning Products / Dish Soap
- Laundry Detergent / Fabric Softener
- Diapers

Cash Donations

- Gas Cards
- Kroger and Meijer Gift Cards
- Cash



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Current Resident:

Open Door is a 501 (c) (3) tax exempt organization that is able to help those in need only through various types of donations. Your gifts of cash, food, used clothing and household items help us help others.

Our Mission Statement

Celebrating the spirit of interfaith charity and recognizing the human dignity of all persons, the Open Door Outreach Center's primary mission is to provide emergency services (food, clothing, and referral information) to families in need.

Open Door may offer, as funding permits, other special assistance programs and supplemental services meant to improve the quality of the life in the community.

To meet its mission of servicing families living in designated townships in western Oakland County, Open Door is dependant upon generous, on-going support and funding from individuals, local businesses, corporations and religious and civic organizations.

Do You Have A Little Time?

Are you retired? Do you have a little spare time? Or do you just want to do something to help others? Come join us at Open Door Outreach Center and make a difference while working with other great people.

Our Volunteer opportunities are many:

- Receptionist
- Pantry Worker
- Resale Store — Customer Service
- Resale Store — Sorter
- Data Entry
- Bulk Mailings
- Special Events
- Committee Member
- Making telephone calls
- And More



All it takes is a telephone call to Sharon Josephson to set up an appointment (248-360-2930) for an interview to determine what job you want to do.