



Joseph's Coat

Newsletter
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**“What does love look like?
It has the hands to help others.
It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy.
It has eyes to see misery and want.
It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men.
That is what love looks like”.**

- St. Augustine

Wonderful Friends,

The last time we got together over a newsletter it was December, 2009 which proved to be a very remarkable month. Once again, you gifted us in the most amazing way. You dropped off cookies and other holiday treats so we could keep our strength up. You brought hard candy that we put by the door so our clients could help themselves to a sweet as they were leaving. You brought dozens and dozens of new jackets for men, women and children, new gloves and mittens (many hand made) for everyone, bed linens, new hand made quilts, blankets, and new clothing items. Some of you purchased hygiene products for us, others brought new socks and/or underwear, and still others helped with small new items that we could give away from our holiday gift cart the last week we were open. Some tell me they offered prayers for us or thought of us while we worked. What ever you did, we are deeply grateful for your love and for your great kindness.

THANK YOU!

We give thanks and praise each day for our wonderful employees and our faithful volunteers. Without their help and their amazing generosity, we wouldn't be able to open our doors!

THANK YOU!



Liz laughs with a client



Jasmin has found a great game and is so happy



Trolonda waits in line for her hygiene products



Yeisa hit the jackpot at the toy box



Todd welcomes guests

Now, here it is: **SPRINGTIME!!**

As I am writing this, the temperature is in the high 70's and it is barely April! Weren't you delighted to see the ice and the huge snow piles on our sidewalk melt away? It has made dropping off donations so much easier. Most of our clients are already looking for spring things, both for themselves and for their children. That said, we would be very grateful if now you would begin to hold onto heavy winter clothing items until next fall and bring us items appropriate for these warmer temperatures. You are kind and generous and we so appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity.

THANK YOU!

Currently, we are offering assistance to about 500 adults and 80 children each shopping day (Monday and Wednesday). All of you who are reading this, our staff and our wonderful volunteers make this possible.

WE ARE TRULY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR WONDERFUL CARE OF JOSEPH'S COAT.

