



## **World's Attic Annual Report**

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Mission Statement: The mission of the World's Attic is to serve within our community and support the work of Mennonite Central Committee in the Name of Christ.

The past year has been one of changes for the store. July 1, 2012 was the starting date for Sheri Speigle, our first paid store manager. As a result of the changes she has implemented at the store and increased advertising, our income has increased by approximately 44% over last year.

We expect to donate \$20,000 to Mennonite Central Committee, compared to the \$12,000 that was given last year.

The Board of Directors has been busy updating the By-Laws, creating Policy & Procedure Guidelines and working with the manager to update and revise the work schedule for the churches.

We now participate in *Sheep's Clothing Ministry* from 1<sup>st</sup> Christian Church. Persons that are approved by the church can receive \$25 worth of clothing/shoes by presenting a letter from the church. The church then pays World's Attic.

Customer appreciation frequent buyer cards have been successfully implemented with a positive response from our customers. Gift certificates are also available for purchase.

Carolyn Tice started writing a newsletter for the store, called *Attic Lights*. Volunteers are invited to submit items for publication. Each issue includes a list of volunteer birthdays, a word from the store manager, and also highlights current MCC projects. Recently retired volunteers were featured in the February/March issue. "Meet a Volunteer" was started in the current issue, which will feature a different volunteer in each issue.

Income from the Silent Auction that was implemented in June 2008, has risen from \$688 in 2009, to \$2,590 in 2012. Over 530 items have been sold, totaling over \$7,700.

MCC East Coast receives 30% of their total annual income from 18 MCC Thrift Stores, including World's Attic. The remarkable part of all of this is, that except for our paid manager, all of the work is done by 64 very dedicated volunteers.

The store is always looking for new volunteers and welcomes anyone who might be thinking about volunteering to give it a try. There is a job for everyone, whatever your interests or skills. Please encourage your friends and family to stop at the store and see our large assortment of very reasonably priced clothing, shoes, books, and miscellaneous items. Donations are accepted anytime the store is open.

**Shari Yoder**, *Secretary*