



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.

As it should, 2013 continued our pattern of change and growth. With the hard work of our manager, Sheri Speigle and the dedicated work of the volunteers, the sales continue to increase. Many long hours of organizing, sorting and pricing clothing, painting and upgrading the store with the addition of a second dressing room and frequent changes in displaying the merchandise have all been factors in maintaining customer interest and increasing sales.

The Silent Auction has brought in over \$10,500 since June 2008, and monthly totals continue to increase. The change to a "blind" bidding format has received good reviews from the customers, and resulted in higher bids.

Our goal to practice good stewardship has resulted in increased local recycling of plastic, glass, metal and books. Unusable clothing is cut into rags to sell, or sent to Mission Partners Ministry in Pittsburgh who pays for them.

A short DVD was made showing the work of the store. The Board of Directors is in the process of giving all of the churches in Allegheny Conference a copy, along with an information sheet to raise awareness and hopefully recruit volunteers. As many as possible of these contacts are being done in person with a Board member going to the church and showing the DVD and sharing information.

In addition to the approximately \$20,000 that will be given to Mennonite Central Committee this fiscal year, the store has supported several local projects. We also have given clothing and household items to individual and families referred by local agencies and churches. Almost \$1,000 was raised and sent to Oklahoma for tornado victims.

During the 2013 calendar year we had 137 volunteers plus 25 child volunteers. Eighty eight (88) of the volunteers worked at least 2 days. This gave a total of 1,032 days' worth of labor, not including the numerous hours served at home cutting rags, researching the value of items, making signs, and hauling clothing and recycling items.

The store was open 300 days in 2013. Martinsburg Church worked a total of 217.5 volunteer days, Kaufman Church 198.5 volunteer days, and Thomas Church 150 volunteer days. The other churches represented are Carpenter Park, Crossroads, Glade, New Life, Pinto, Scottdale, Springs, and Stahl, and several volunteers from the community. Several students from Johnstown Christian School worked at the store for their service project.

The Board of Directors thanks all of our volunteers for their work and dedication we are always in need of additional help. There is a job to be found for everyone, whatever your interests and skills. Please continue to encourage your friends and families to shop at the store and enjoy saving money on quality items, while supporting the work of the church.

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:10

By volunteering locally you join a global community of people responding to basic human needs and working for peace and justice in the name of Christ.

Shari Yoder, secretary