



# Project S.H.A.R.E.

(Survival Help and Recipient Education)

## Quarterly Newsletter

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Has your address changed?  
Give us a call at 249-7773.

## A Few Words from Elaine...

I want to thank each of you who have pitched in and kept Project S.H.A.R.E. going while I have been out of commission for the last two months. I miss being at S.H.A.R.E. terribly, but I'm so proud of how you have worked together to keep the mission going and serve each other. You have maintained the high standards of hospitality, and quality food, and follow up. As staff, Ellen, Danna, Pam and Karen have done an outstanding job keeping things going. Whether you work behind the scenes as a Board member, out front as an office volunteer, on food or clothing distribution days, making pick ups in a S.H.A.R.E. truck; or whether you make a donation each month—you are needed and appreciated! Project S.H.A.R.E. is a unique community with people always willing to chip in and give how they can. It is a privilege to work with each one of you.

As most of you know, I was in a horrific auto accident on March 8th. I am still recovering from being hit head on that night, and my days are spent learning to walk again. I am the youngest by 30 + years at the Rehab. I have been treated very well and my curiosity and humor have carried me through some very difficult moments. Your cards and prayers have also carried me in ways you can only imagine. I laughed at the new cards that play a song when you open them, and cried because I was so moved by others. I marvel at how cards with just my first name and Hershey PA found their way to me! I thank my neighbor for the card saying he would mow my grass and other offers of practical help. Cards from each church, business, family, school and individual lifted my spirits. The most moving was a card from a recipient with \$3 cash in it. Knowing there is a co-payment to see a doctor and how expensive that helicopter ride is they wanted to help out. How precious. How generous. Doesn't that sound just like Project S.H.A.R.E.... one person helping another person in need?

## Ellen and Staff.

Since S.H.A.R.E. moved to Orange St. six years ago, the operation of the food bank has been, more and more, a team effort. The staff has grown and the Board become more involved as hundreds of volunteers feed the hungry at the Farm Stand and monthly distributions, clothe the needy at weekly distributions and share our abundance and resources with other food pantries in the region. Danna, Pam, Karen and I thank you for helping us continue this work as Elaine, our friend and director, recuperates.



## A Very Warm Thank You! to...

- S.H.A.R.E. office volunteers for their dedicated service every week.
- Jean Macaluso for selling a lot more Empty Bowls at CALC this year.
- Linda Benzon and the Soup to Nuts crew for the delicious refreshments they prepare for food distributions and the lunches they make for everyone in the building on Soup to Nuts Days.
- Jan Zink, her staff and Life Skill students for packing all our home delivery bags again this year .
- The Kohl's Associates who volunteered their time at a March food distribution.
- Meaghan Gruber, our Dickinson College work-study student, who will graduate this month.
- Lashana Dass, our Dickinson College intern, who will graduate this month.
- Oscar Dothard and Kevin Dowling for rounding up volunteers from the Navy Depot and Rotary Club to pack the cans from Canstruction.
- Nina Poe and Diakon Youth for doing many tasks at S.H.A.R.E. and working the land at Lloyd's Farm. Thanks to Mary and Don Lloyd for letting them plant there!
- Courtney, Connie and Lauren of Hanover St. Neighbors for coming every week to hang clothes or pack chicken.
- Knouse Foods, Fresh Express, Allen Distribution, Giant and Shaffer Trucking for donating large quantities of food.
- Joe Skasko at Mission Central for thinking of us so often when they are over-stocked.
- Alyson Hertz, her staff and Life Skills students for filling jugs with orange juice every month.
- Deb Vandling and her CAIU students for also helping us fill more jugs of orange juice.
- The West Shore Evangelical Free Church for sponsoring a food drive at two Karns locations.
- The Lucky Dinner Club, Tuesday Dinner Club, Dickinson College Children's Center and St Patrick Church for bringing in Easter candy baskets for children.
- United Way Day of Caring volunteers from the Washington Group International who painted rooms and numbered storage racks. The building looks great!!
- St. John Episcopal, St. Paul Lutheran, St. Stephen Lutheran and Second Presbyterian Churches and Campus Door for providing Easter dinner bags for the March food distribution.
- Lynda Ballentine and the Messiah Lacrosse Team for helping at April's distribution.

Go Falcons!



## Does your workplace have a Matching Gifts Program?

Tyco, IBM, and Highmark have matching programs in place. Their generosity is a great benefit for us and for the participants. When there is matching, our resources are doubled. As they say in business, that is a win-win, but there are other things to consider as well. Employees get to make their wishes known and are able to influence the charitable work of their companies. Employers show their people and their community that they are good citizens. Help can be in cash, in goods or services. There are tax benefits in helping a qualified agency like Project S.H.A.R.E. We urge you to talk about it at your workplace.



## M&T Bank Matches “Souper Bowl” Funds... \$12,582

This year more churches participated in the Souper Bowl Day of Caring to support Project S.H.A.R.E. than ever before! Twenty-four congregations, a school group, and a business in our area joined in this effort on the day of the big game, February 4th. \$8582 was collected that day! This amount more than doubled the amount of the matching funds (\$4000) promised by M&T Bank. Tom Wess of M&T Bank was impressed, and has promised to match funds again next year. Thank you M&T! Mark your calendars for Feb. 3, 2008.

## Empty Bowls Success at Dickinson College... \$3,201

Brooke Wiley did a wonderful job hosting the Empty Bowls dinner at Dickinson College again this year. Tickets were \$20 and the event quickly sold out. Lively entertainment was provided by two a cappella singing groups. The bowls were unique and lovely, the soup was delicious, and the company a lot of fun. There are no overhead costs for this event—all funds raised go toward providing food and programs.

## Benevolent Bells ... \$1,600

Allison United Methodist, Second Presbyterian, First Lutheran and St. Patrick Churches all gathered together to present the Benevolent Bells concert last month. The concert, dedicated to Elaine, was the result of an idea of Donna Houser to create a benefit bell choir concert for S.H.A.R.E.. \$1600 was raised.

## Canstruction ...

This year's Homebuilders Show at the Farm Show Complex included a Canstruction fundraiser for regional food pantries. Project S.H.A.R.E. had a leading role in accepting and dispersing the cans of food that came from this event. Food was donated by Giant Foods and by the public who attended the Show. We received 25,695 cans of food and 23,000 bottles of water, which were then divided and sent to four local counties. Approximately forty pantries, serving 7,000 families per month greatly benefited from this fundraiser.


## Bales of Clothing ... over \$3000

Months ago a local foundation enabled us to purchase a baler. For four months we baled clothing donations that we were not able to give away. Last month we shipped out the bales of clothing to go to overseas missions. We made \$3000 from the baled clothes, which we will now use for the purchase of food. The baling is done by volunteers and is another example of how Project S.H.A.R.E. works towards self-sufficiency.

## Feinstein Foundation March on Hunger

For the 10th year S.H.A.R.E. is participating in the Feinstein Foundation Challenge to wipe out hunger. 206,853 food items, valued at \$1 each, were amassed in March and April, the challenge period. This is a record number due to Canstruction, donations from distribution centers and the continuing support of local churches and civic groups. Since 2000 we have received \$6,526.69 in matched funds from the Feinstein Foundation. Thanks to Alan Feinstein and everyone who sent in money and food during this match period!



Make a Wish Come True	Wish List
<p>To the right we have made a list of volunteers and items we need to better serve the people at Project S.H.A.R.E. What happens when you give of yourself or donate these items? You become vital to our operation. The things donated we use every day. Here the gift you give does, as the saying goes, keep on giving.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A quilt</li> <li>• Heavy industrial floor fans</li> <li>• Baby food stages 1 &amp; 3</li> <li>• Cuisinart Blender</li> <li>• \$550 for a floor jack with a scale—offered to us at this greatly reduced price</li> <li>• Volunteers to bale clothing</li> <li>• Kitchen volunteers</li> </ul>
	

### A Message from the Board of Directors by Madlyn K. Orloski

I have been truly blessed in my 22 year association with Project S.H.A.R.E., ever since the food bank opened its doors to qualifying clients in 1985. Initially I thought I was volunteering solely to help those in need in our Carlisle community. I have found, however, that my years with S.H.A.R.E. and the selfless, dedicated volunteers and staff there have enriched my life beyond measure. Over the years I have watched S.H.A.R.E. grow in leaps and bounds, adding new programs and attracting hundreds of volunteers, each guided to bring dignity and self respect to those in our community who need it most. Although I retired from the Financial Team (representing the Carlisle Area Religious Council) of the S.H.A.R.E. Committee last year, I cannot imagine not having this important work continue to be a part of my life. I still volunteer, as best I can, with the Clothing Distribution, financial matters and elsewhere as needed. I am part of S.H.A.R.E. and S.H.A.R.E. is part of who I am today. How about you? No dues...no fees...no obligations...just one of the most rewarding “People Helping People” experiences in Carlisle. Please join us!

### A Reflection from one of our Volunteers... by Stephen Peterson

Project S.H.A.R.E. has shown Donna, Nicholas and me what a community should and can do when a real need is found. We use our experiences as a volunteer family to grow closer to each other and for teaching our son about community service. No matter what your abilities, there is a need for you: whether it be lifting boxes, interviewing potential clients, cooking in the kitchen or simply sharing a smile. The staff and other volunteers go out of their way to make you feel comfortable and an essential part of their team. You can feel God’s presence hard at work at Project S.H.A.R.E.

### Project S.H.A.R.E. Mission Statement

*In response to God's call to love one another, Project S.H.A.R.E. provides food, clothing, nutritional education and links to programs to empower people in need within the greater Carlisle area.*

# The Farm Project

It's time!

Spring is here and we're preparing for the 14<sup>th</sup> year of S.H.A.R.E.'s Farm Project. Last year was so successful that we have decided to expand our gleaning opportunities this year. If you want to go out to local farms and orchards with great people to pick fresh fruits and vegetables, give us a call.

Also we need help after the food has been harvested. Have you ever husked corn and prepared it for freezing? Made cornbread? Dried apples? Cooked applesauce? Pressed cider? Come share your ideas and experience. We will fit this work with your schedule.

Our hope is that the additional opportunities will allow more people to experience the fun of harvest season and provide more fresh produce for our ever growing recipient community.

We look forward to the fun of working with you again in gleaning fresh fruits and vegetables - free for our labor or to having you in the kitchen preparing what has been gleaned.



Email Pam at [pamshare@pa.net](mailto:pamshare@pa.net) or call the office at 249-7773 to sign up sign up for gleaning.

## Project Fun Fest

On Saturday, August 25, the Carlisle Evangelical Free Church and Project S.H.A.R.E. will join forces to celebrate the beginning of a new school year at our annual Fun Fest. School supplies will be given away while families enjoy food and games. Last year over 400 children were given backpacks and supplies at this event. This year we're hoping to collect 500 backpacks!

Supplies for boys and girls in all grades are needed: pencils, pens, crayons, highlighters, notebooks, paper, rulers, etc. Ask your church, club or workplace to collect backpacks and school supplies or money for us to make the purchases. Let's help all children start off to school well prepared!

## The Boiling Springs Triathlon

Do you like swimming, bicycling and running? Would your family or friends like to enter the Triathlon as a team? The second Boiling Springs Triathlon to benefit Project S.H.A.R.E. will be August 25. It includes a .5 mile swim, 5 mile bike ride and 3 mile run. Last year the triathlon was on a beautiful summer morning. Come participate or watch the race.



Check this website for more information.  
[www.bstriathlon.com](http://www.bstriathlon.com)



## The Farm Stand Was Open All Winter Because of...



The USAWC Commissary Produce Department ... and volunteers like Barb and Jerry...

The Carlisle Barracks Commissary and Panera Bread have been the backbone of the Farm Stand all winter. Twice a week volunteers go to both businesses to pick up food for the Farm Stand. Occasionally there are other food items available: milk and eggs left over from the monthly food distributions and other dairy products donated by Giant Distribution. These donations have sustained the Farm Stand through the winter months. It has been open two days a week November through May ... and about 100 families come to the Stand each day it is open! Starting in June, look for an increase in the number of days the Stand will be open. Fresh produce from gleaning efforts and purchases at produce auctions (courtesy of CAHWF) will make the supply even more abundant. We thank these businesses for their generosity and all businesses that donate to Project S.H.A.R.E.

S.H.A.R.E. remains committed to providing nutritious foods to our recipients. The response to the Farm Stand demonstrates the need and interest of people in providing a healthy diet for their families.



... and Jarl ...



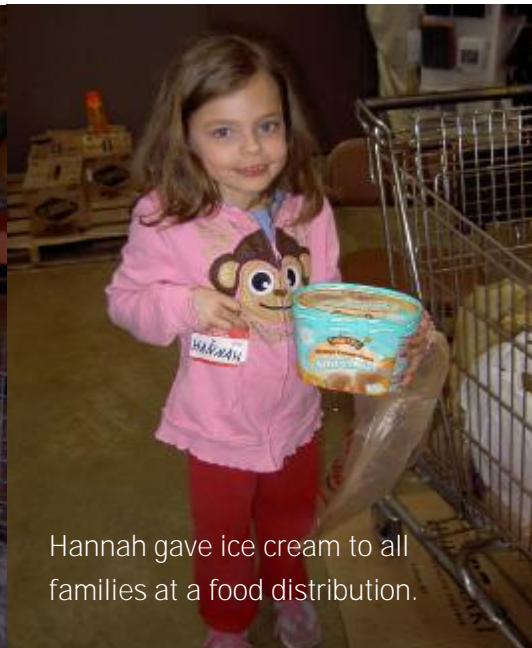
...and Panera Bread.

## Recent Pictures from Project S.H.A.R.E.!

Lucy and John brought visiting family members to help at a food distribution.



Hannah gave ice cream to all families at a food distribution.



Marge plays the piano at every Thursday food distribution.



Kim and Tammie at Soup to Nuts



Dickinson College Children's Center students donate food before distribution.



Molly and Elaine are busy knitting prayer shawls.





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## Calendar of Events

**Soup-to-Nuts Cooking Club**

Wednesdays 9AM-1PM (except food distribution week)

**Clothing Distributions**

Wednesdays 2 PM-5PM (except food distribution week)

**Farm Stand**

Wednesdays & Fridays 10AM-12 noon

**Food Distributions**

\*NEW HOURS in 2007 for Thursday and Saturday: 9AM to 11AM\*

**May 15, 16, 17 and 19**

**June 19, 20, 21 and 23**

**July 17, 18, 19 and 21**

**Aug. 14, 15, 16, 17 and 19**

**Upcoming Events**

May 12: Post Office Food Drive

May 7: Haircuts at Project S.H.A.R.E.

June through October: Gleaning

August 25: Boiling Springs Triathlon

August 25: Fun Fest (School supplies give-away)

