



Project S.H.A.R.E.

(Survival Help and Recipient Education)

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A Few Words from Elaine...

Now is one of the most difficult and exciting times of the year at Project S.H.A.R.E. It's time to start the budget process, and most of you know, I like people far more than I like numbers. My Dickinson Economics Prof told me prophetically, "You need to take remedial math." I remember thinking "I'll get a job where I don't use math!" (oh the dangers of a liberal arts freshman's mind). The exciting part is the opportunity to bring in our new Board Members. If you have a good organization—you don't lose the support of your experienced members that are rotating off. Instead you just give them a break from committee life and offer them a chance to revitalize with direct contact with recipients which is why most volunteers come to serve in the first place. But the Board Members are unsung heroes. They usually work behind the scenes. Boyer and Ritter's Mike Devlin has served as treasurer for at least the past 20 years and seen this ministry through lean and plentiful times. Salt of the earth workers like Madeline Lyons and Jim Sollars have served, as well as, good number crunchers like Jess Newcomer. People with invaluable life experience like Madlyn Orloski have informed this work for many years behind the scenes.

I am excited about the promise and potential of new volunteers like those with a star beside their name on the left. People chosen carefully because of their solid experience. Each individual was selected because of what they bring to the table. Join me in praying for these new members to the S.H.A.R.E. Team. Pray that they will feel a connection with the overall work and the people, not just policies and numbers. Pray that they will experience, as you and I have, the reality of people's suffering and the joy of being able to interact, person to person, along with the exhilaration of helping.



It's Time Again to Start Collecting Giant Receipts
Dated Oct. 1– 31st. 5000 receipts = \$5000!

Could you set up a collection box at your business or church and mail/bring the receipts in to Project S.H.A.R.E. by October 31? Last year, we collected 5000 receipts and received \$5000 from Giant!

GIANT Gift Cards Are Available at S.H.A.R.E.

This is not a secret! You can buy your GIANT gift cards here at Project S.H.A.R.E. They are available Monday through Friday from 9AM to 4PM at the S.H.A.R.E. office. You can also pick one (or more) up when you come to volunteer at the food distributions. Just ask the receptionist about it. You receive the full value of the card, and S.H.A.R.E. receives 5% from every gift card sold. These cards are good for food and gas at GIANT. Or give a Giant gift card to someone you care about.



A Very Warm Thank You! to...

- The New Life Community Church and the more than 60 volunteers who planned and executed an Extreme Makeover at the Farm Stand
- Buck Burkholder of Duron Paints and Wallcovering for donations toward Farm Stand improvements 
- Harold Sloop, a dedicated, daily volunteer at the Farm Stand 
- Zeigler's Storage and Transfer, Inc., for donations of cardboard 
- George Weston Bakery, Inc., for supplying enough bread for the monthly food distributions
- Jay Stauffer and family for helping us at the Shippensburg Produce Auction
- Jenn Halpin and the Dickinson Student Gardeners who share their muscle and expertise all summer
- Wegmans Food Markets for donating and delivering 24 pallets of non-perishable food items before their new Silver Spring store even opened
- Oak Grove Farm for twice weekly supplies of fresh produce
- Paul Cathro, our volunteer webmaster—take a look at what he's done—www.projectshare.net
- Kim Fickel who runs the monthly Kids in the Kitchen program
- Dave Earnest and Harry Shroyer for all the hours they spent baling cardboard
- Jo Ann Rossi and Gloria Boyle for coming in the night to load the coffee machines twice a month
- Ellen Simon, a Dickinson student, who has volunteered with a joyful spirit for the last two years. She also recruits other college students and usually alerts the whole student body to many S.H.A.R.E. special events. We're glad to have you back. 
- Carlisle Evangelical Free Church and collaborating churches for sponsoring the Fun Fest—over 400 children received school supplies and enjoyed the food, games and singing.
- Lynda Ballentine for her work with the Boiling Springs Triathlon and all year long



2nd Annual B. S. Triathlon

Wish List

Beautiful weather, 10 teams and 40 individual participants all combined to make the 2nd Annual Boiling Springs Triathlon a very successful day. Many thanks to Susan Allen and her team for coordinating this event. \$1300 were raised for Project S.H.A.R.E.



Casey Williams was the overall male winner at 1hr, 16 min, 19 sec; Tara Seymour the overall female winner at 1hr, 25 min, 9 sec. The winning team included Randy and Jonathan Montag and Tina Funke at 1 hr, 27 min. Sponsors were Curmudgen Bridge Club, B.S. Pool, B.S. Civic Assoc., Knight & ASS, P.C., Ironforge

Professional Center., World Cup Ski & Cycle.

- Hay bales & cornstalks for the Harvest Swing Dance to borrow on Sept. 27-29
- Paperware place settings for the Holiday Dinner
- Spray Faucet for large sinks
- Software—Adobe Acrobat 2007
- Person/business to underwrite the 2008 S.H.A.R.E. newsletters (\$6000 value)
- 6 lap counters (\$198 value)

Gifts Bog Down S.H.A.R.E.

A generous community

A generous community has become both the blessing and the bane of Project S.H.A.R.E. Though the Clothing Room ministry has been in operation more than 15 years, volunteers and staff hope to remedy problems they have encountered recently with the clothing donations. The concern centers around the significant amount of donations. Ordinarily, an overabundance of donations would not be an issue, but we find ourselves turning away bundles of clothing.

“The larger idea is to help people understand the Clothing Room and why we can’t take certain items. We’re doing this because we have a limited amount of storage space. Since we’re a food bank, most of our space is for food,” says Elaine.

Too many drop-offs

Though the Clothing Room serves 70-100 families a week, it is not big enough to take all that the community has to offer. Some are bringing in trucks filled with clothing and other household items. We are forced to set limitations on what is donated including amounts and types of clothing. We only accept two filled trash bags at one time and only clothing that is in season. It’s not that we don’t appreciate it, but we just don’t have the room to store it. Though turning down eager donors may be difficult, it is even more problematic to handle and dispose of donations dumped on the doorstep. We don’t accept furniture with the exception of baby furniture. We end up putting it in the dumpster and we don’t want to do that.

The good news

It’s important to be able to give out clothing. We’ve seen a lot of people who don’t have clothing, children who don’t have shoes, people who can’t come for their food in the winter because they don’t have a jacket, men and women looking for proper attire for work, a job interview or to go to a funeral. One man found a suit to wear to his daughter’s wedding!

It’s also good for the community to give. People have more clothing than they can store, and they want to clear some things out by giving to a place where clothes go directly and free of charge to people who need them.

About 8,500 pounds of clothing and household goods are donated each month.

Donation Tips

What to donate:
 Shoes, Handbags, Belts
 Clothes and Baby Equipment
 Household Items
 Craft Items
 Large Sizes
 Maternity Clothes

Limitations:
 Two Trash Bags or Equivalent per Trip
 Clothing Needs to be In Season
 No Furniture (except Baby Furniture)

S.H.A.R.E. is open to accept clothing and household goods on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9AM to 4PM.
 Receipts are available for tax purposes.

Clothing is given away on Wednesdays from 2PM-5PM (except once a month on the food distribution week.)

We will begin taking Winter Clothing on September 4th.



Some Questions from “Poverty Quiz”

Friends Committee on National Legislation Newsletter, July/August

1. What percent of poor children are in families with at least one working parent?
a) 25%, b) 45%, c) 65%
 2. About what portion of U.S. jobs pay too little to keep a family of four out of poverty?
a) one tenth, b) one quarter, c) one third
 3. In 2005, 37 million people were officially considered “poor.” About how many of those people were living in extreme poverty-with incomes below half the poverty threshold?
a) 15 million, b) 10 million, c) 5 million
 4. About what portion of the elderly people in the U.S. would be poor if they didn’t receive Social Security benefits?
a) 10%, b) 25%, c) 50%
 5. About what portion of the elderly people in the US are poor, even though they receive Social Security benefits?
a) 10%, b) 25%, c) 50%
 6. At the 350 largest public companies, the average CEO total direct compensation was \$11.6 million in 2005. How long does it take the average CEO to earn the annual pay of a full-time minimum wage worker?
a) 2 hours, b) 6 hours, c) 1 day
- Answers: 1) c; 2) b; 3) a; 4) c; 5) a; 6) a*

Statistics

August Distribution

821 Households
1966 Individuals
280 Seniors (over 60)
284 Living Alone
681 Children
408 Families Earning less than \$12,000 (nearly 50%)

Farm Stand Statistics

(not included above)
886 families received
24,352 lbs.
of fresh produce in the last
three weeks.

A Message from the Board by Casey Waller, BENATEC Assoc.

It is both an honor and a privilege to be invited as a new Board Member for Project S.H.A.R.E. I became familiar with Project S.H.A.R.E. through the CANSTRUCTION event held earlier this year. It is rare to find a group of employees and volunteers so dedicated to assisting their local communities in so many capacities—where everyone rolls their sleeves up and pitches in where needed. I look forward to my involvement with Project S.H.A.R.E. and am thankful for the opportunity.

A Reflection from one of our Volunteers... by John Slonaker

Once a month as a retiree I help Project S.H.A.R.E. with home deliveries, client interviews, and data entry. First-hand encounters with clients have revealed needs that are serious and have grown these last few years, to the extent that I think the government should be more involved in issues facing Carlisle’s poor. The kindness of food recipients and the dedication of Project S.H.A.R.E. staff and volunteers are an inspiration. I recognize that religious convictions underlie the spirit of Project S.H.A.R.E., but, as a non-religious person, I appreciate the opportunity to find within myself love and respect for my fellow man.

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

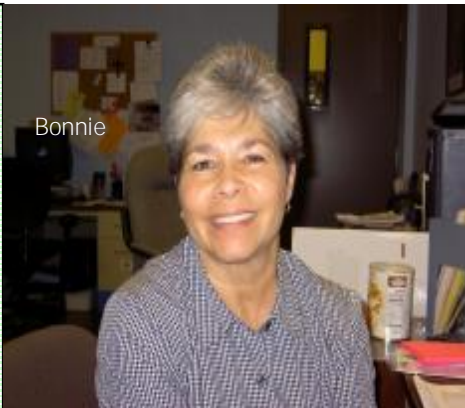
In response to God’s call to love one another, Project S.H.A.R.E. provides food, clothing, nutritional education and links to programs to empower people in need within the greater Carlisle area. *Adopted 2006*





Amy and some Farm Stand Regulars

2 Wonderful New Staff: Amy Staggs and Bonnie Hannan



Bonnie

Amy is from Durant, OK, and moved to the Carlisle area in January of 2006 with her husband, Nathan and two children, Cameron and Christina. Dubbed by Elaine as the "Produce Queen", Amy oversees the S.H.A.R.E. Farm Stand, the farm project, and special events. A graduate of the University of Oklahoma, Amy is Sooner proud and anxious for football season!

Already Amy has been a huge asset tackling the Farm Stand and summer gleaning trips immediately! She's a pro at packing a pick-up truck, and is now trained on the fork lift. A cheerful group of recipient volunteers are glad to work with her at the Farm Stand every day.

My name is Bonnie Hannan. I was formerly employed by Dickinson College, but as of August 27th, I have become a member of the Project S.H.A.R.E. Team. I am married and have two grown children. Although I consider myself a native of Carlisle (35 years), I am originally from the Pittsburgh area. I am excited about working at S.H.A.R.E. with all the wonderful employees and volunteers. I look forward to being more involved with the community.

Bonnie will help the staff orient to a new computer software designed for food banks, and she'll automate our inventory system. We are really glad to have Bonnie on board to help us with this big step for S.H.A.R.E.!

EMBARQ

EMBARQ in Carlisle has made a substantial contribution to our work by underwriting the cost of our quarterly newsletter for 2007. EMBARQ knows the importance of making sure our many volunteers, benefactors, and recipients have information about our programs and activities. Thousands of people rely on and use the schedules and project details we publish.

EMBARQ has helped us for years in many ways by joining our gleaning expeditions, initiating an annual



Debbie Keyser and Perry Login

Let's Tackle Hunger food drive for S.H.A.R.E., supporting our school supplies collection efforts and more. Their help with our newsletters has been a special boost for everyone involved, and we all appreciate it. It is important to note that because of their generosity we have been able to devote more of our cash resources to buying food for those in our community who need it. We greatly appreciate EMBARQ's support in helping us to alleviate hunger in our community.

In 2008 S.H.A.R.E. will need a new underwriter for the quarterly newsletters. The value of this service is \$6000.

Exciting Upcoming Events

- **Harvest Swing Dance** Friday, September 28, 7PM-10PM
Last year's dance was a rockin' good time! Tickets are now on sale at S.H.A.R.E. for \$10 a ticket.
- **Crop Walk** Sunday, September 30 at Second Presbyterian Church
Support this traditional fundraiser. Pick up your Pledge Form at 2nd Presbyterian Church
- **GIANT Receipts Collection** October 1st– 31st
GIANT will pay \$1 for each receipt collected between 10/1-31 - up to 5000 receipts! Collect receipts at home, work, school or neighborhood and bring them into S.H.A.R.E. Help us raise \$5000 this fun and easy way.
- **Drop off a Turkey** October 1st—November 12th
Every year S.H.A.R.E. adds a turkey and a Thanksgiving dinner bag to the regular foods given to families in November. This year we're hoping to collect 1187 turkeys before the November food distributions. The ingredients for the Dinner Bag are: sweet potatoes, green beans, corn, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, canned fruit, 100% juice, pie filling and instant bread mix. Please help us set a good holiday table for all our recipients.
- **Red Robin Fundraiser** Monday, October 29th, 5PM—8PM
Join us for a delicious dinner at Red Robin. 10% of your tab will come back to Project S.H.A.R.E.
We're also collecting frozen turkeys when you come; our truck will be waiting in Red Robin's parking lot.
- **Eaken Trio Holiday Benefit Concert** Friday, December 7th, 7:30PM at St. John Episcopal Church
Come enjoy charming, holiday chamber music in a beautiful setting.

S.H.A.R.E. wants you!

One of the many strengths of Project S.H.A.R.E. is our wonderful volunteer team. S.H.A.R.E. volunteers are faithful, and they work hard! As a staff we really enjoy working with each and every one of them. One of the challenges we face as an organization is matching volunteers with the many, many tasks to be accomplished. We work as diligently as possible to match people with tasks they'll enjoy. Most of the time our volunteers really do like what they are doing, but sometimes there are those tasks... A few that we could really use help with are:

- **Balers** – to bale both cardboard and clothing. Training is provided here. We need to have that wonderful piece of equipment in operation at least three days a week. Ideally, two to three people would work together for a few hours at a time. Right now we have a few people working hard to accomplish this task, mostly alone. Thank you to Harry and Dave for those all day sessions!!!
- **Home Delivery Teams** – a driver and a passenger who could deliver groceries once a month to approximately four households using their own vehicle. We need two new home delivery teams.
- **Kitchen hospitality volunteers** – friendly people who like to set out food and beverages for the many recipients who wait in line to get their food at monthly food distributions.
- **Kitchen maintenance volunteers** - people to keep our kitchen in good working order (the good news is the floors are cleaned by a staff person.) The time commitment would be about two hours a week.
- **Warehouse maintenance volunteers**– two volunteers during the morning and two during the afternoon, Monday through Thursday would be perfect on weeks other than distribution week. We already have a few of those spots filled, but we could use some more!

Our office and driving teams are solid, but we're always willing to add new members. *If you or your friends are interested, please contact Pam right away at pamshare@pa.net or call her at 249-7773.*

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S.H.A.R.E. Volunteers at Work



Camp Hollen:
Grandkids massage shoulders for cash or food for S.H.A.R.E.!



Oscar, Darnell and Deonte Dothard



Last Minute Gleaning Crew to Pick Watermelon



Lena prepares corn for freezing.



Pat and Louise sign people in at a food distribution.



New Life Community Church:
Extreme Makeover at the Farm Stand





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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

Summer Hours: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 10AM-1PM

Winter Hours: Tue., Wed. 10AM—12:00PM

Food Distributions

Hours: Tue. 12-2PM, Wed. 3-5:30PM, Thurs. & Sat. 9-11AM

Sept. 18, 19, 20 and 22

Oct. 16, 17, 18 and 20

Nov. 13, 14, 15 and 17

Dec. 18, 19, 20 and 22

Upcoming Events in a Nutshell

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Crop Walk Sept. 30 at Second Presbyterian Church

Giant Receipts Collection October 1st– 31st

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Red Robin Fundraiser October 29th

Molly Pitcher Holiday Dinner Nov. 29 5PM and 6:15PM Seatings

Eaken Trio Holiday Concert Dec. 7th 7:30PM at St. John Episcopal Church

