

MAKE A DIFFERENCE NEWSLETTER

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What started nearly 10 years ago as a simple idea - to provide children in Johnstown, PA with access to high quality tutoring without the high price tag - has grown into a multi-faceted program

that gives children, families, and schools greater options for improving academic achievement.

The need was identified by Lorraine Nulton, D.Ed., founder and president of the nonprofit agency. While working in public schools, Dr. Nulton, an educational psychologist, discovered that many of the children who needed academic support the most came from homes where parents didn’t have the skills to provide it. They also couldn’t afford to pay a private tutor. A generous donation from the Nulton family funded The Learning Lamp’s birth.

Today, The Learning Lamp is a respected organization that served more than 13,000 children from 77 school districts across 32 counties last year. Together with schools, families, and community organizations, The Learning Lamp offers a wide range of educational services when and where they are needed most.

At The Learning Lamp, our mission is to provide all children with the support they need to succeed in school. We believe success in the classroom is the foundation for success in life—and that no child should go without the opportunity to reach his or her full potential.

Address: 202 S. Bedford Street
Johnstown, PA 15904

Contact Person: Angela Rizzo

Phone Number: 814 262-0732

Email: arizzo@thelearninglamp.org

Website: www.thelearninglamp.org

Business Hours: 8:00 AM—8:00 PM Monday—Friday
10:00 AM—6:00 PM Saturday

Items Needed: Snacks (healthy kid friendly), school supplies, art supplies

Volunteers Needed: Homework help, Children’s Book Festival (March 22-24), volunteering in our Children’s Consignment Store.

“Open your heart - open it wide; someone is standing outside”

Birthright of Somerset, Inc.

238 W. Union St.
P.O. Box 94
Somerset, PA 15501



Contact Person: Janice Schrift

Phone Number: 814 445-9300
Toll Free Hotline: 1 800 550-4900

Website: www.birthright.org

Business Hours: Mon & Fri. 10 AM to 2 PM, Tues & Thurs. 4 PM to 6 PM, Wed. 6 PM to 8 PM, Sat.

10 AM to noon,
Confluence Office: Thur. 5 PM to 8 PM
(814 395-9300)

Birthright is a non-judgmental pregnancy support service.

Items Needed: Crib sheets, newborn sleepers, maternity clothes, stamps, paper towels

Volunteers Needed: Christmas giving tree collections, carnation sales and delivery on Mother's Day weekend.

Somerset Food Pantry

Trinity Lutheran Church
918 Tayman Ave.
Somerset, PA 15501

Contact Person: Diane Krotzer

Phone Number: 814 445-5616

Business Hours:

Wednesday 8:00 AM—11:00 AM

Our mission is to serve the people of Rockwood and Somerset school districts who meet the guidelines for food aid.

Items Needed: Non-perishable food, personal care items

Volunteers Needed: Substitute food packers and food cart runners



Teen Quest

293 Rich Road
Somerset, PA 15501

Contact Person: Lisa or Debbi

Phone Number: 814 444-9500

Email: quest@teenquest.org

Website: www.teenquest.org

Business Hours: 7:30 AM—5:00 PM Mon.-Fri.

Our Mission Statement: A youth mission assisting churches, communities, and families in winning, equipping, and empowering students in ministry through camping, student groups, ministry teams, and global evangelism.

Items Needed: All paper products (toilet paper, paper towels, paper plates, etc), equine supplies, hand tools for mission projects, cash donations, ping pong table

Volunteers Needed: Electricians and plumbers to help with our new cabin and volunteers for mailing parties the 3rd Thursday of each month.



Meals On Wheels of Somerset, Inc.

235 W. Church St.

Somerset, PA 15501

Contact Person: Marge Coddington

Phone Number: 814 443-2787

Business Hours: 8:00 AM—12:30 PM

Briefly stated, our organization's mission is to prepare and deliver hot nutritious meals to those who are unable to prepare meals for themselves.



Items Needed— Donations of cash are needed to help defray operating expenses and to keep the meal cost down for those on a fixed income.

Volunteer Help Needed: Willing workers who pride themselves in a worthwhile endeavor.

Food items such as, churches who donate desserts and others who might buy livestock at the County Fair and then donate to be used in preparing meals. Also, drivers, carriers and stand-by volunteers.

Somerset Area Ministries S.A.M. Van

320 Felgar Road

Somerset, PA 15501

Contact Person: Charles Olson

Phone Number: 814 443-6354

Business Hours: Mon. through Fri. as needed

Our purpose is to provide transportation to people who need a ride to medical appointments or to visit a hospitalized loved one out of the Somerset area, possibly in Pittsburgh or Johnstown.

We are in need of: drivers for our vans (we are very flexible with drivers schedule)

**"Share Your Knowledge, Your Wisdom,
Your Passion, Your Experiences"**

Alternative Community Resource Program, Inc.

131 Market Street

Johnstown, PA 15901

Contact Person: Frank Janakovic, Executive Director

Phone Number: 814 535-2277

Email: fjanakovic@acrpkids.org

Website: www.acrpkids.org

Our mission is to service youth and families in our community by providing mental and behavioral health services, educational programs, after school programs, and youth recreation leagues.

Items Needed: Playground equipment for younger children, sport equipment, art supplies, board games, puzzles, toys, silverware, plates, bowls, small household appliances, clothing, non-perishable food items, tools, lawn & garden equipment & computers

Volunteers Needed: Winter soccer & basketball league coaches, interns for programs, activities and community center, minor construction, arts & crafts projects, painting, mentors & tutors, sort clothing, toys & donations, woodwork, arts & crafts, gardening & landscaping, masonry & plumbing, help constructing a play center for kids with painting murals & artwork.



Somerset County Habitat for Humanity

P.O. Box 785

Somerset, PA 15501

Contact People: Art Gotjen, 445 – 6274
John Minnich, 445 – 7660
Cheryl Spangler, 443 – 9400

Email: cherspang@aol.com

Business Hours: We have an answering machine for messages at 814 443-9137.

Our organization's mission is to assist qualifying individuals and families to obtain adequate, affordable housing which meets their needs according to standards established by the National Organization of Habitat for Humanity.

Items Needed: Step ladders and extension ladders up to 30', circular saws and blades, all saws and blades, roto-zip and blades, drill motors and accessories, all size levels, air compressor, nail guns, pry bars and crow bars, scaffolding equipment, dry-wall lift, dry-wall tools, framing squares, speed squares and straight edges.

Volunteers Needed: A variety of general contracting work (hats, work gloves, safety glasses and work shoes should be worn), bring a hammer and or tool bag with you.

Contact Jason McClemens for more information at 814 244-2389. We work Sat. from 8:30 AM—3:30 PM, currently working at 921 S. Center, Somerset.



Mountain Watershed Association

P.O. Box 408

Melcroft, PA 15462

Contact Person:

Beverly Braverman

Phone Number: 724 455-4200 ext. 1

Email: mwa@mtwatershed.com

Website: www.mtwatershed.com

Business Hours: Mon—Thurs 8 AM—4:00 PM,
Fri. by appointment

The Mountain Watershed Association is concerned with the conservation, restoration and protection of the Indian Creek Watershed in Westmoreland and Fayette Counties

Items Needed: HD camera with zoom, Stereo microscope with 10x lens or better, drafting table, 2 bar stools

Volunteers Needed: Trail work, road clean up, water monitoring and filing



Somerset Christian School

708 Stoystown Road Ste. 2

Somerset, PA 15501

Contact Person: Susie Harshbarger

Phone Number: 814 443-1960

Email: susieharshbarger@hotmail.com

Business Hours: 8:00 AM—4:00 PM

We are a non-denominational Christian school whose goal is to provide an exceptional biblical education instructing the whole child.

Items Needed:

- Copy paper
- 2 Braun Thermo Scan (Digital Thermometers)
- Batteries—AA / C / D
- Baby wipes
- Napkins

Mom's House Inc. Johnstown

1325 Franklin Street
Johnstown, PA 15905

Contact Person: Allegra P. Slick

Phone Number: 814 535-4848

Email: allegrapslick@yahoo.com

Website: www.momshouse.org

Business Hours: 8:00 AM—4:00 PM

We provide quality childcare while the Moms are attending school, at no cost to the single mom. Our mission is to help two generations at one time.

Items Needed:

- ◇ Baby Wipes
- ◇ Diapers
- ◇ Lysol
- ◇ Toilet Tissue
- ◇ Baby Food & Snacks



Next Step Center, Inc.

406 Stoystown Road
Somerset, PA 15501



Contact Person: Renee Gindlesperger

Phone Number: 814 444-8588

Email: nextstepcenter@verizon.net

Website: nextstepcenter.org

Business Hours: Varies

Our mission is to provide emergency shelter for up to 30 days to residents of Somerset County.

Items Needed:

- * Dishwasher
- * DVD Player
- * Paper towels and Cleaning Products
- * Towels and Wash clothes

Volunteers Needed: Shelter Host—greet guests, answer phone and be a good listener to those in need.

The Boys & Girls Club of Somerset County

117 Georgian Place
Somerset, PA 15501

Contact Person: Gina McNulty

Phone Number: 814 445-1802

Email: gina@bgcsomersetcounty.org

Website: www.bgcsomersetcounty.org

Business Hours: Office Hours: 10:00 AM –2:30 PM,
Program Hours: 2:30 PM—6:00 PM

We are here to inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens.

Needed Items:

- ◆ Commercial sized refrigerator
- ◆ 30" Electric stove
- ◆ Gym equipment
- ◆ Couches in good condition
- ◆ Dust mops and wide brooms

Volunteers Needed:

- ◆ Carpentry skills to outfit new building
- ◆ Homework helpers: 3:00 to 4:00 PM
- ◆ Art, science and cooking instructors



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

Humane Society of Somerset County

204 Whitetail Road
P.O. Box 182
Somerset, PA 15501

Contact Person: Sally Urban, President

Phone Number: 814 443-2121

Email: surban52@verizon.net

Website: www.somersetpets.com

Business Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat: 12-5 PM, Sunday (Adoptions Only): 1-5 PM ,
Closed Wed.

We make every effort to find homes for every animal in our care. Sometimes, this can take months. There is no "time limit" on an animal's stay. When our shelter is over-crowded, we rely on a network of "foster families" to take care of our pets. All the while, we have increased our efforts to "get the word out" about our pets (e.g. websites, pictures, newspaper publicity, etc.) Our efforts pay off.

The Staff and Board of Directors at the Humane Society love pets, and our actions bear out that simple fact. Our animal guests get the very best care while they are with us.

Items Needed:

- Stretch and Scratch for cats
- Kuranda Beds
- Kong toys
- Cat Treats
- Cat Flea Medicine (Advantage-Hartz-Sergeant)
- Baking Soda
- Kitty Litter
- Canned Dog and Cat Food
- 30 Gallon Garbage Cans with Lids
- Pet Safe Salt
- Creamy Peanut Butter
- Chewy Toys
- Stamps
- Gas Cards for the Humane Officer's truck



Volunteers Needed:

- Foster Homes
- Volunteer Dog Walkers
- Cat Cuddlers



Manny and Marvel have been waiting for a home since last summer. They arrived at the shelter together and we would like them to be adopted together since they are best buddies.

The Salvation Army

Somerset Service Center
140 E. Fairview St.
Somerset, PA 15501

Contact Person: Holly Beckner

Phone Number: 814 445-9232

Email: holly_beckner@use.salvationarmy.org

Business Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Our center serves Somerset County in Western Pennsylvania with programs aimed to meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of those hurting most.

Items Needed:

- Waiting Room Furniture
- Food Items



www.somersettrust.com

Habitat for Hounds

R. 805 Luray Ave.
Johnstown, PA 15904



Contact Person: Joni Weaver or Judy Mearns

Phone Number: 814 266-7384 or 814 266-7157

Email: nibertj@hotmail.com

Website: www.habitat4houndsrescue.com

Business Hours: 9 AM—5 PM daily, some after hours in emergencies only.

Our mission is to alleviate the abuse and neglect of animals and to find loving forever homes to those who need them. We provide dog houses, straw, and emergency medical care and adoption services to animals in need.

Items Needed:

- ⇒ Cat Litter (urgent need)
- ⇒ Cat & Dog Food
- ⇒ Bales of Straw (clean and dry)
- ⇒ Dog Beds, Blankets, Leashes, Collars
- ⇒ Food Bowls for our foster homes
- ⇒ Urgent Foster Homes Needed



Volunteers Needed:

- ⇒ For Rabies Clinics
- ⇒ Pictures with Santa Day
- ⇒ Annual Basket Party
- ⇒ Taking Animals to Adoption Functions and Vet

Meyersdale Public Library

210 Center St.
Meyersdale, PA 15552

Contact Person: Amy Hanley

Phone Number: 814 634-0572

Website: www.meyersdalelibrary.com

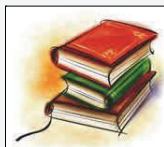
Email: mpldirector@meyersdalelibrary.com

Business Hours: Mon—Fri: 10 AM to 7 PM,
Sat. 10 AM to 5 PM, Closed on Sunday

We are available to provide information resources, local history services and a welcoming environment for children.

Items Needed:

- Bubble Envelopes, size 3x4
- Glossy Photo Paper 5x7 or 4x6
- Recordable CDs
- Sharpies
- Post It Notes



Volunteers Needed: Photo copying archival documents

The Family Center

192 Smith Ave.
Salisbury, PA 15558

Contact Person: Travis Hutzell

Phone Number: 814 662-2721

Email: thutzell@capfsc.org

Business Hours: Mon. – Fri.

8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Our organization is available to support families through community driven programs so they may provide the best possible opportunities for their children to grow intelligently, physically and spiritually. First Start program: for teen parents, young first time parents (16-24).

Needed Items:

- Diapers, Wipes,
- Bath Supplies
- Toys & Basic Items for Newborns
- A Van to utilize for appointments for high-risk teen parents and young first time parents



Volunteers Needed: Child care providers at parent group meetings (clearances and background checks required and provided).

Turkeyfoot Food Pantry

P.O. Box 165
700 Logan Place
Confluence, PA 15424

Contact Person: Mona Tissue
Phone Number: 814 395-3062
Email: CE99mw55@verizon.net

We are dedicated to helping our local neighbors in need providing food for their bodies and relief to their minds.



Items Needed:

- * Non-perishable Food
- * Monetary donations to purchase a pallet jack and food items

Volunteers Needed:

- * Packing boxes (8:30 AM to 9:30 AM on food distribution days)
- * Carry boxes to people's cars (11:00 AM to 12 PM on food distribution days)

Johnstown United Methodist Parishes

510 Locust Street
Johnstown, PA 15901

Contact Person: Carol Burket
Phone Number: 814 535-8288
Email: fsadmin@atlanticbbn.net

Business Hours: 9:00 AM to 4:00 Mon.—Thurs.

Our goal is to improve the quality of life of the citizens of the area by identifying and meeting the spiritual and physical needs of the men, women, youth and children of the area to the best of our abilities.

Items Needed: JUMP (Johnstown United Methodist Preschool) needs a partner in Somerset County that will respond to requests for volunteers who are willing to repair and build small projects and contribute to inadequately maintained residences in Somerset County.

Volunteers Needed: Carpentry, plumbing, materials pick-ups, and other miscellaneous jobs.



Berlin Food Pantry

610 Main Street
Berlin, PA 15530

Contact Person: Dan Collier
Phone Number: 814 521-0789
Email: dcollier7604@yahool.com

Business Hours: Every Wednesday from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

We are here to meet the emergency food needs of low income households in the Berlin and Shanksville School Districts.

Items Needed: Non-perishable Food Items, Personal Care Items, Cash Donations



Sonrise Counseling Ministries, Inc.

101 W. Main St., Ste. G103
Somerset, PA 15501

Contact Person: Gloria Burkey

Phone Number: 814 445-7557

Email: sonrise.inc@verizon.net

Business Hours: Mon-Tue Hours Vary, Wed-Thurs 9 AM-4 PM

Youth Drop-In Center: Mon, Wed. & Fri.—3:15 PM—6 PM

Sonrise Counseling Ministries is a Christian ministry devoted to transforming the lives of youth and adults of the Somerset area in the spiritual, emotional, mental and social areas of their lives.

Needed Items: Carpet and couches for youth room, air hockey table, pool sticks, easy to prepare food, snacks and drinks.

Volunteers Needed: we need help with our youth drop-in center either an ongoing basis or with one-time presentations or projects. Also to help with fundraising and our annual banquets, events and office help.



**“Use what talents you possess, the woods would be very silent
if we only heard the birds that sang best”**

The Children’s Aid Home Programs

1476 North Center Ave.
Somerset, PA 15501

Contact Person: Lynne M. Horne

Phone Number: 814 443-1637

Email: Lhorne@cahprogram.org

Website: www.cahprogram.org

Business Hours: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM Mon-Fri.

We provide a continuum of quality services, which promote the emotional, behavioral, educational and physical development of children, adolescents and their families.



Needed Items:

- ◆ Scrapbooking Supplies
- ◆ Markers & Colored Pencils
- ◆ Art Supplies
- ◆ Yarn / Crochet Hooks
- ◆ Notebooks

Wings of Change, Inc. (Jager & Friends Dog Park)

534 S. Center Ave.
Somerset, PA 15501

Contact Person: Jim Atchison

Phone Number: 814 443-4900

Cell 814 279-5439

Email: jnatchison@verizon.net

Website: www.somersetdogpark.org

Business Hours: Can be reached anytime

Our mission is to actively raise funds in support of the development of a safe and sustainable facility for off-leash, owner-supervised, socialization of our canine companions in order to provide personal and community enrichment and promote the health and well being of the citizens and canines of Somerset County.

Volunteers Needed: Volunteers to mulch, trees, shrubs, Spring clean-up, mowing, planting, and beautification of park and walking trails, parking lot clean-up, help is needed for future flea market and donated items, new members are always welcome.

Needed Items:

- Weedeater
- Sheetz cards (for gas for equipment)
- Cement
- Postage Stamps
- Fence Sponsors



"A dog is a good reason why some people can be persuaded to go for a walk."

Camp PARC

P.O. Box 404
Davidsville, PA 15928



Contact Person: Judy Risch

Phone Number: 814 410-5343 or 814 479-4739

Email: judyr@camparc.org

Website: www.campparc.org

Our goal is to create meaningful and binding experiences between individuals with special needs and the volunteer staff that devotes their time and energy to serve them.

Needed Items:

- * Gift baskets for our March 10th Basket Party
- * Items for gift baskets
- * Large baskets
- * Basket filler

Volunteers Needed:

- * To sew simple costumes
- * Craft preparation

“People Always Responding with Compassion”

Somerset Historical Center

10649 Somerset Pike
Somerset, PA 15501

Contact Person: Mark D. Ware

Phone Number: 814 445-6077

Email: c-mware@pa.gov

Website: somersethistoricalcenter.org

Business Hours: Open Tue—Sat. 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Closed Sundays and Mondays

Our mission is to collect, preserve and present the historical heritage of Somerset County, PA

Items Needed: USB Memory Sticks, Gift Cards for purchasing cleaning supplies from Walmart, Giant Eagle, Somerset Candy Co., Dish Cloths, Dish Towels, Asphalt repair and paving sealing.





Watch for our

MAKE A DIFFERENCE COMMUNITY WISH LIST

in the Daily American for quarterly
updates about local non-profit
organization needs!



We at Somerset Trust Company are dedicated to serving our customers by reinvesting in our local communities. This newsletter was created to help build long-lasting relationships between area non-profit organizations and community members. Please share it with others.

Thank you for caring enough to make our community a better place.

For more information about this project contact:

Nancy Walker at community@somersettrust.com or 814 443-9360
or Michael Whipkey at (814) 443-9381

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