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FROM YOUR DIRECTOR

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This is the letter we included to the parents during our Back to School Baskets distribution. I thought you might like to read it also.

Build a lasting legacy!

Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.

In his book, A Spiritual Clinic, J. Oswald Sanders wrote about the lasting family legacies of two families from New York.

"Two families from the state of New York were studied very carefully. One was the Max Jukes family and the other was the Jonathan Edwards family. The thing that they discovered in this study is remarkable: like begets like.

Max Jukes was an unbelieving man and he married a woman of like character who lacked principle. And among the known descendants, over 1,200 were studied. Three hundred and ten became professional vagrants; 440 physically wrecked their lives by debauched lifestyle; 130 were sent to the pen for an average of thirteen years each, 7 of them for murder. There were over 100 who became alcoholics; 60 became habitual thieves; 190 public prostitutes. Of the 20 who learned a trade, 10 of them learned the trade in a state prison. It cost the state about \$1,500,000 and they made no contribution whatever to society.

In about the same era the family of Jonathan Edwards came on the scene. He was a man of God, who married a woman of like character. The study yielded the following concerning Jonathan Edward's descendants: Three hundred became clergymen, missionaries, and theological professors; over 100 became college professors; over 100 became attorneys; 30 of them judges; 60 of them became physicians; over 60 became authors of good classics; 14 became presidents of universities. There were numerous giants in American industry that emerged from this family. Three became United States Congressmen and one became the Vice President of the United States."

Never forget the impact your life decisions will make...in yourself, your marriage, and on your children. In ways you will never know in this life, you are building a legacy that will last for generations!

I was sent this e-mail from a friend and now friend I am sending it to you! As you receive these wonderful back packs filled with supplies, a \$10 gift card to Payless and possibly a hair cut for your child, I hope that you will see this is the body of Jesus Christ sowing into your legacy & your children's legacy. We believe so much that your child will be one of the children described in the Edwards family, that many churches & Christian agencies have pulled together this year to try and help you pour into your family. Some of those churches and agencies are: Tabernacle of Praise Church; Fellowship Alliance Chapel, Medford; 1st Baptist Church of Vincentown; Marlton Methodist Church; St. Vincent DePaul Society, Medford and the Christian Caring Center. The number of individuals that contributed to each of these ministries is far too large to name. All of these people and contributing churches and agencies believe that your child WILL SUCCEED IN THE NAME OF JESUS! Be encouraged as a parent, because we are praying for you in your role and your children.

Have a Blessed School Year this Year and don't forget to PRAY!

I hope you all know that you are included in the number of individuals that supported the Christian Caring Center. You all are truly sowing seeds of righteousness into the lives of hundreds of children. Again, as always I just want to really thank you for being supportive with your prayers, donations and time that you have given to the Christian Caring Center.

Abiding in Him,
Madelyn C. Mears-Sheldon

EMERGENCY FOOD PROGRAM

The Lord through the Christian Caring Center helped 417 Families or 1,096 individuals with 10,875 meals and \$4,055 Clothing vouchers and 3 surrendered their lives to Jesus in the month of August, 2008.

COMMUNITY LUNCH/RURAL HOMELESS PROGRAM

The Lord through the Christian Caring Center served 1,441 hot cooked lunch and continental breakfast in the month of August, 2008. We also go out to the woods on Wednesday and Friday to deliver lunch and outreach to the homeless, alcoholic, addicted men, women and sometimes teens. We also take out other professionals from mental health organizations like Drenk, Family Service and other outreach people from organizations like Crossroads, Inc. (youth run away shelter). On the second Wednesday of every month we have Good Shepherd mobile Clinic come down to the Christian Caring Center parking lot. All medical and dental services are absolutely free along with the prayers of the missionary Drs. Charles and Grace Cho and their volunteers. We all try and outreach to these homeless individuals to get them the help they need to come out of this hopeless circumstance. There is always hope with JESUS!

JACK STELLE MEN'S EMERGENCY SHELTER PROGRAM (JESMS)

Our men, Bill, Ricky, Karl, Mike and John all are working at the Christian Caring Center and attending Bible study, church, some go to the 449 Club for AA and NA meetings also. Karl is working at landscaping full time-PTL! Bill is working for Experience Works (A 55+ year old job training Agency) at the Christian Caring Center. John has just gone into another Veterans short Program. John and Mike are looking for employment and apartments, as is Karl. Ricky has moved into an apartment of his own under the DRENK Path program-PTL!! This is a real miracle for Ricky. Please continue to pray for them as God is restoring them and their mentors Rick Sheldon and Pastor Andreas Gautier.

BACK TO SCHOOL BASKETS:

I am so blessed to be able to report to you that we were able to distribute 557 back packs (500 back packs and \$10 gift certificates to Payless Shoe Store and 57 back packs only)-PTL!! We are beginning to prepare for Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets. We would like to invite you to serve on our planning committee. We would really like this year to be an extra special blessing and we need more people to help coordinate church donations, help type lists of families, shop for food and gifts, pick up donations and purchased foods, help set up and distribute. On Thanksgiving Day we have a covered dish type distribution to homeless families and individuals in seven area motels, the inmates and correction officers at the Juvenile Detention Center, and three area fire and EMTS on call at the fire stations. **We need you** to help in cooking, packaging meals and delivering the meals on that day at 12 noon- 2pm. If you would like to help us or your church needs more information, **please contact us at the above**

address or call between 10am-3pm, Monday-Saturday at 609-893-0700.

SALVATION ARMY SERVICE UNIT

The Lord through the Salvation Army helped 23 households with 55 nights of lodging totaling \$3,019. The Christian Caring Center serves as a volunteer service unit for the Salvation Army. All funds donated go directly to the clients needs. We have also received grants from Social Service from the Homeless (state grant) and FEMA (federal grant) to place people in emergency shelter Motels until we can case manage them into longer term situation when homeless, our FEMA grant also included funding for homeless prevention to help with back rent and mortgages and also a grant of \$5,000 to help with Heating costs this winter. All the numbers above are funded through these 3 programs.

NJ SHARES PROGRAM

The Lord through the Christian Caring Center helped 6 Households with \$2,979 for utility help. The Center serves as a host sight for this State program. We interview the clients, in put the data through the computer, scan then mail their back up information; then NJ Shares processes the application. This program is designed for emergency situations for working people- they must make a certain amount.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There was a special mailing with the July's newsletter about our need for volunteers. The numbers of individuals coming for help are at a record high.

WE STILL REALLY NEED YOU!

Some of the positions available are as follows:

1. Cashier and clothes sorting in the Thrift Store on Fridays and Saturdays
2. Interviewing the clients for emergency food bags on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays
3. Receiving and carrying donations upstairs to the Thrift Store (average 30-40lbs bags) Monday thru Saturday
4. Receiving and carrying food donations to pack food bags Monday thru Saturday
5. General cleaning of the Center
6. Receptionist to answer phone in the morning 10am-12:30pm Monday – Saturday
7. Data entry for inventory and light typing
8. Planning committees for Holiday Baskets and New Building to house the Thrift Store and County Wide Homeless Shelter.

If you are interested, we would love to train you and work with you as you serve the Lord.

Give us a call at 609-893-0700 or e-mail at: christiancaringcenter@yahoo.com.