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Providing a Hand Up, not a Hand Out.

Westerville Area Resource Ministry



“You gave me a mustard seed.”

To all WARM staff & volunteers,
When I came to WARM 1½ years ago, my family and I were in quite a crisis. Shut-off notices, unpaid rent and no food in the house had exhausted what little faith I might have had. Since then I have been

blessed more abundantly than one person could ever fathom, and WARM has been an integral part of that blessing. Food can be quantified, but the other deeply spiritual encouragement and direction I received can only be measured by the amount with which my heart overflows with gratitude. You are so much more than a food pantry and so much more than the many other resources you offer.

You are hope. You are comfort.

You are motivation.

You are encouragement. You are faith.

You are sincere smiles and many prayers offered to go along with the practical solutions to the problems of these hard times.

Many times I came for my twice-monthly appointments feeling discouraged, defeated, even desperate, only to leave with renewed faith. And as we know, faith can move mountains. *“I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘move from here to there’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.”*

(Matthew 17:20, 21)

Before coming to WARM, worry was keeping all peace from my spirit. Now peace keeps all worry out. I want to thank each and every volunteer and staff member for being a part of vastly improving my life physically, emotionally and spiritually. You gave me a mustard seed.

Blessings to all of you and many thanks,
Mary Bostian

The Heart of our Mission

Westerville Area Resource Ministry began in the early 1970's when volunteers from St. Paul's Catholic Church created an emergency food pantry, originally known as Paul's Pantry. In the 1980's, ministers from other area churches began the collaborative effort to help meet the nutritional needs of those at risk in the community rather than have each church work individually. Westerville Area Ministerial Association, WAMA, adopted this project, and WARM was born.

“Fear not, for Behold, I bring you glad tidings of great Joy, which shall be to all people” (Luke 2:10 KJV) ...the Westerville Faith community has known how those timely words brought Hope to a hurting world. Westerville Area Ministerial Association, WAMA, has been an integral part of WARM – Westerville Area Resource Ministry. This diverse group of faith leaders partnering with WARM, model that greeting from long ago, which included everyone. **Pastor Mark Gauen, First Presbyterian Church and President of WAMA**, states, “WAMA meets regularly to share our journeys of faith and service. What makes it neat is the wide spectrum of representation. WARM does that as well – they embrace everyone”. **Pastor Rick Negley, Berlin Church; Associate Pastor, Northside Christian Fellowship and secretary of WAMA** commented, “Just as we have received the Good news of Great Joy, it is encouraging for us to hear the testimonies of how WARM has been working in the lives of the people in our community. We are happy to be a part of the work of spreading that joy”.

Through the years, our WAMA partners have sacrificially given food and resources that have empowered WARM to consistently point to the Promise of Good News! *Thank you Westerville Area Ministerial Association for your unwavering commitment of offering Hope, Comfort and Joy to all people. As partners, it is ‘neat’ to share the journey with you.*

**Giving hope is just a
keystroke away...**

www.warmwesterville.org

**Pay Pal makes it easier
than ever to help this season.**

**Consider making your
donation before the end of
the 2010 tax year.**

*“We want to create hope for
the person...we must give hope,
always hope”.* **Mother Teresa**

*But the needy will not always
be forgotten, nor the hope of
the afflicted ever perish.*

Psalm 9:18

*“To eat bread without hope is
still slowly to starve to death.”*

Pearl S. Buck

The *WARM* Spot

Give more than Holiday Cheer when you shop these merchants

Everyone likes to see their money go further. Make every penny count when holiday shopping this year. Support local merchants who bring the true meaning of Christmas to WARM.

From bikes to bouquets...here are some nifty giving ideas:



Iron Pony Motorsports gives holiday shoppers a free Iron Pony T-shirt with every WARM donation of 10 pounds or \$10. In addition, customers who give

cash at the time of checkout are recognized by having their names displayed at the front of the store. **Chris Jones, President of Iron Pony Motorsports** became acquainted with WARM through the Westerville Chamber of Commerce business person of the year award program. "Chris was on the committee that selected Scott Marier as the winner. Chris was so impressed by Scott's presentation and the WARM cause, that he invited Scott and Cheryl Wooten to come in and meet with us to discuss how Iron Pony could help WARM," explains **Iron Pony Marketing Director Frank Lark.**" This holiday promotion marks our first attempt to bring the work of WARM to the attention of our 200,000 customers." **Iron Pony Motorsports is at 5436 Westerville Road. Store Hours are: M-F 10am-8pm; SAT 9am-6pm; SUN 10am-5pm. www.ironpony.com**



Ole Barn Flowers will once again offer a floral gift card program in support of WARM. For the onetime price of \$20, you can buy a card that entitles you to 12 seasonal bouquets, one each month in 2011. It's a sweet gift idea for Westerville area teachers,

co-workers, nursing home patients. You can even buy a card for yourself to keep and then every month next year, pick a lucky person to surprise. Ole Barn owners **Sue and Bruce Roy** say, "Ten dollars of every card purchased goes directly to WARM.

Additionally, **Matt Jaynes**, the local representative for the company that produces the plastic cards was so moved by the WARM mission, he decided to donate 10% of his portion of the proceeds too!" Talk about a win-win-win! **Ole Barn is located at 320 South State Street. Store hours are M-F 9am-5pm; Sat 9am-Noon.** Among other minor restrictions, promotional bouquets are not for delivery and must be picked up each month at the shop. www.westervilleflowers.com



Pictured from left to right: Bruce and Sue Roy, Cheryl Wooten, Mayor Cocuzzi

Westerville Mayor encourages community giving

You may think of WARM as a food pantry. You are not wrong. But in truth, WARM is much more. WARM services extend much deeper to address more than just the outward signs of hunger. Trained staff at WARM work with clients to identify barriers to self-sustenance. They search for opportunities to create long-term solutions. Where there is joblessness – resume writing, tuition assistance applications, training, and coaching are accomplished. Where there is illness or disability – government assistance and health care resources are identified. Where financial stability is lacking – budgeting and fiscal responsibility is taught.

The canned goods you donate help take hunger off the table for a family in peril. The money you pledge online at www.warmwesterville.org, through church and civic fundraisers or through direct mail-in donations increase the WARM bulk buying power and provide funding for special return-to-work programs. You may think your contributions are just what a family needs to get back on its feet. Again, you are not wrong. But again, it's just part of the picture.

Your giving fills the hopeful heart of a Westerville family at the brink of disaster, a family who may possess hope alone and nothing else, a family in your own neighborhood. Take a minute to read the front page feature story written by WARM client Mary Bostian. You will get a sense of what a lifeline WARM is to someone holding on to the last thing they have, hope.

You are holding the other end of that lifeline this holiday season. Please, keep hope alive here in Westerville. Support WARM.

Merry Christmas,

Kathy Cocuzzi