

THRIFT SHOP

We had a successful year at the Thrift Shop with record-breaking sales.

We have approximately 50 regular volunteers who are involved with various aspects of the thrift shop, from sorting and pricing, advertising, working the sales on Wednesdays, and more. We have volunteers dedicated to working with books, jewelry, watches, electronics, vintage, shoes, and an assortment of items in the men's corner. We greatly appreciate Cesar and Ana Maria Ojeda for all the work they do for the Thrift Shop. They are responsible for distributing the items that we do not put out on the racks and shelves to those in need in Northern New Mexico. We have several new, very dedicated volunteers who have significantly increased our ability to process the ever-increasing donations. We thank Georgia Strickfaden for advertising our sales with the local newspapers.

When items have not sold in a few months, we cull them from the racks and shelves, and they are sent to several appropriate charities. This year our "in kind" donations totaled more than \$2650 given to 27 charities. A new recipient this year was the McCurdy Family Center in Espanola to whom we gave clothes, shoes and books. Others include clothes, and Christmas toys to Dignity Mission, clothes to St. Elizabeth Shelters in Santa Fe and a nursing home in Las Vegas, NM, Truchas Preschool, and a few individuals who were suggested to us by our pastors.

The two-week Christmas break was used to deep clean all the shelves, cull and organize areas, and move items off the floors. Cesar and Ana Maria moved furniture and swept and mopped the entire floor. We are all set for the new year.

The thrift shop was open for a total of 50 Wednesdays this year and one Saturday for our huge All Things Christmas sale filling Graves Hall and another classroom. The Leadership Team concluded that the special Saturday Halloween sale did not bring in enough revenue to offset the time in setup, sales and cleanup, so Halloween items were included in the five sale days before the end of October. The net income for this year including the extra sales was \$85,092.33 (total revenue \$85,359.39 minus expenses of \$267.06). This reflects a 2% increase over last year. The WCSS will be making decisions about the recipients of the Missions budget in the next few weeks.

With kudos to our fabulous volunteers,
The Thrift Shop Leadership Team, Carol Brown, Vicki Buley, Linda Hardie,
Nancy Nunnelley, Norma Puckett, Nina Thayer, and Cheryl Warren