

ANSWERING YOUR QUESTIONS

ABOUT THE

RELOCATION AND ENDOWMENT OF PROJECT HELP

THE COMMUNITY FOOD AND CLOTHING BANK

Mail to: PO Box 423
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Current Ministry Location:
600 North Williams Street, Angola
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NEW Ministry Location:
711 E Harcourt Rd, Angola

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◆ **Why Is Project Help building a new facility?**

Our present building is just too small to adequately hold, sort, and utilize the huge volume of donations given by Steuben County to the approximately 2,100 low-income families served by Project Help in 2007. With a new, large facility, we will be able to expand into other areas of ministry. Working together with existing social service agencies, Project Help is a ministry that will expand to the space available as it endeavors to meet community needs.

◆ **Why Is Project Help considering an endowment?**

Several reasons:

We have been encouraged to do this by certain donors and foundations. There are people and organizations who want to give to this and during our relocation campaign is the best time to establish an endowment. An endowment secures the viability and sustainability of Project Help for years to come. It will be used for building upkeep, utilities, and staff salaries. All other funds Project Help receives through United Way, garage sales, donations, churches, and other normal avenues throughout the year can be used to expand direct services to the under-resourced of Steuben County.

◆ **What would become of the present Project Help location?**

The present building is jointly owned by Project Help and Turning Point, Steuben County's homeless shelter. We hope to deed the entire building over to Turning Point Shelter and they would be able to expand their ministry as well.

◆ **Where is the new facility to be built?**

1.1 acres on the north west corner of Harcourt and Williams Streets have been generously donated to Project Help for the construction of their new building. There is a map at the back of this booklet. The address of the new ministry location is 711 E Harcourt Road.

◆ **Who designed the building?**

Sheri Frank, the present Director of Project Help, is the primary designer of the interior layout. She knows best what Project Help's ministry needs are.

◆ **Who is the Architect?**

WKM & Associates of Auburn. They have done many buildings in our area and work for contractors in our area. They were recommended to us by the late Jonas Steury.

◆ **Who is the General Contractor?**

Aaron and Leroy Steury are the General Contractors for this project. They are working with suppliers to get us the very best possible deals and local merchants are pledging and being encouraged to donate materials and supplies to this community building project. Qualified volunteer labor will be used as much as possible.

◆ **Tell us about the new facility.**

- ◆ We pray to be able to build a facility of up to 9,555 square feet, all on one level.
- ◆ It will look like an oversized house rather than a commercial building - aesthetically pleasing with a color scheme similar to most new homes in that area of Angola.
- ◆ It will have zone heating so only the areas of the building being used are heated or cooled
- ◆ Very energy efficient
- ◆ Large, covered receiving and drop off area.
- ◆ There is an architectural drawing at the back of this booklet.
- ◆ Community learning and meeting room for others to use.
- ◆ Small retail store
- ◆ Much larger food pantry
- ◆ Space to do larger events like Back to School and holiday food give aways.

There is a more complete description elsewhere in this booklet.

◆ **Why is the building so nice looking?**

The building was not designed until we received the generous land donation in this area. The building is designed to fit into this area of town; to look similar to other buildings and houses nearby. Also, the new building is more than a food and clothing give-away store. It will have a retail store, community room, and space for further expansion of the ministry. It will be used by others in the community in addition to the families and individuals Project Help now serves.

◆ **The building appears to be expensive. Is it?**

Not really. Through generous suppliers and some volunteer labor, the building is being built for about \$40 per square foot. With parking lot and furnishings the total building project is approximately \$500,000.

◆ **Did you consider other buildings - such as empty factories?**

Yes. We shopped for empty factories for quite some time. One or more of these factors led us to the decision to build a new facility. The empty factory buildings:

- all needed to be remodeled to meet our needs
- the cost of buying and remodeling was equal to or greater than building new
- empty factories are hard to heat and cool
- every contractor and most of the realtors we talked to encouraged us to build new unless the factory building was donated to us
- no one offered to donate an empty factory building

◆ **What is the timeline to make this move?**

Groundbreaking was May 13, 2008, and we hope to be in the new facility in the fall of 2008.

◆ **How will the project be funded?**

Many individuals, businesses, and foundations have contributed thus far to this project.

◆ **How much do you plan to raise?**

Our goal is \$1,200,000 total - \$700,000 for the building and land and \$500,000 for the endowment fund. We received the donation of the land, approximately \$175,000; and, as of May 13, 2008, we have \$294,000 in hand.

◆ **Why did you start before you had all the money for the building in hand?**

We have enough to put the building under roof and to do the majority of the interior work. We felt an obligation to our initial donors to get started as soon as possible. In addition, getting started is a way to create more excitement about the project and thus more generous giving.

◆ **Are you going to borrow for the completion of the building?**

No.

◆ **What if you raise more than the goal?**

The money will be used either to enlarge the endowment or for ministry needs.

◆ **What new ministries would you be able to do if you had a larger facility?**

We would do a used furniture area and a retail clothing area. Many of the clothes donated to us now go to Christian Aid Ministries in Shipshewana and then around the world because we have very little storage space. We plan an expanded food ministry through Angel Food Ministries. And, many of the ministries that are now done off-site - Project Daymaker, Back to School with Supplies, Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets etc. - could take place at the new facility.

◆ **Will you still do the normal fundraisers for projects like you now do?**

Yes, and all those funds can be used for improving and expanding our mission.

◆ **Are you going to do a retail store like Salvation Army?**

No and yes. We are still primarily a free food and clothing ministry to the under-resourced of Steuben County. However, because the new facility will have more space for a retail area and allow for better display of the clothing, we will allow people to purchase clothing if they can afford to and allow Project Help clients to use a voucher system. This additional income will help fund Project Help direct aid and food ministries and secure the viability of the ministry for years to come.

◆ **Where do I make my donation?**

Make your checks payable to Project Help, mark “Building Fund” on your check. Checks may be mailed to Project Help, PO Box 423, Angola, IN 46703. Or, call Sheri Frank at 665-9697, or Norm Fuller at 665-8402, and they will pick up your donation. Project Help is a 501(c)(3) non profit organization and your gifts are tax deductible.

◆ **What else can I do now?**

Pray for this project. Pray for the large volunteer group that will be needed. Pray for the funding for this project that God would raise up generous donors to underwrite the cost.

Thank God for those who have already said they want to help

Also, feel free to ask us questions. We welcome your questions (see below).

◆ **If I would like to help with this process, or have questions not answered here, who do I talk to?**

Please contact the Chairman of the Board of Project Help, Norm Fuller

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