

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF REDSTONE PRESBYTERY

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TOGETHER IN SERVICE - MISSION OPPORTUNITIES – 2022

Presbyterian Women work in partnership with various secular and faith-based organizations on issues of faith, mission and social justice. We answer the call to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world.

- To be *Together in Service*, PW groups offer ongoing support to local church or community projects.
- Other groups commit to answering short-term needs in their communities.
- Others choose to support one or more of the affiliate organizations listed below:

Bread for the World www.bread.org

A nationwide Christian movement that seeks justice for the world's hungry people by lobbying our nation's decision makers.

CARE www.care.org

CARE is a leading humanitarian organization dedicated to fighting global poverty, saving lives, and achieving social justice. Their community-based efforts empower women, improve basic education, prevent the spread of disease, increase access to clean water, expand economic opportunity and protect natural resources.

Children's Defense Fund www.childrensdefense.org

A nonprofit organization that advocates for children's rights, including education, health care, economic security and other social justice issues.

Christmas International House www.christmasih.org

Christmas International House is a Christian ministry designed to offer hospitality to international students during the two-week Christmas holidays. Participants witness to the reality that, behind diversity, everyone stands together as one human family.

Church Women United www.churchwomenunited.net

A Christian women's movement that celebrates unity in diversity and works for a world of justice and peace, particularly through World Day of Prayer.

Church World Service <https://cwsglobal.org>

CWS is a cooperative ministry of Protestant, Orthodox and Anglican denominations providing sustainable self-help and development, disaster relief and refugee assistance in more than 80 countries.

Days for Girls International www.daysforgirls.org

Days for Girls believes every girl in the world deserves education, safety and dignity. They work toward this goal by helping girls who would otherwise go without to have access to quality sustainable feminine hygiene and awareness.

ECPAT-USA www.ecpatusa.org

ECPAT-USA works to protect every child's basic human right to grow up free from the threat of sexual exploitation and trafficking through lobbying federal and state legislators and corporate boards; educating first responders and ordinary citizens; and empowering youth to take the lead against human trafficking through education and knowledge.

Ecumenical Women at the United Nations www.ecumenicalwomenun.org

An international coalition of church denominations and ecumenical organizations which have status with the Economic & Social Council (ECOSOC) at the UN. Grounded in our faith and commitment to global justice, Ecumenical Women trains & empowers an expanding network to advocate for gender equality at the UN.

Fellowship of the Least Coin, A Program of the Asian Women's Church Conference

<http://www.flc.net.ph>

Fellowship of the Least Coin is a global, ecumenical prayer movement. Founded on the belief that prayer unites a worldwide family of faith, women from around the world pray for peace and reconciliation and set aside the least coin of their country as a symbol of that prayer.

Habitat for Humanity www.habitat.org

Habitat for Humanity International is dedicated to eliminating substandard housing and homelessness worldwide. Through volunteer labor and donations of money and materials, Habitat builds and rehabilitates houses in partnership with homeowner families.

Heifer International www.heifer.org

Heifer is an international organization that works with communities to end hunger and poverty and to care for the earth.

IMA World Health imaworldhealth.org

IMA World Health provides essential health care services and supplies to vulnerable and marginalized people the world over.

Knitting4Peace www.knitting4peace.org

Knitting4Peace is a grassroots organization whose members knit, crochet and weave as a visible sign of the real work of the organization: knitting together the global community. As participants create, they pray for each other, for the recipients of the items and for hope, healing and peace.

Little Dresses for Africa <https://littledressesforafrica.org>

Little Dresses for Africa is a nonprofit, non-denominational Christian organization originally formed to send messages of hope and worth to girls in Africa, in the form of simple dresses made out of pillowcases. The program has expanded to other continents and now includes boys' shorts, school scholarships, meals, and support at several locations.

ONE Campaign www.one.org/us/

ONE is a campaigning and advocacy organization of more than seven million people around the world taking action to end extreme poverty and preventable disease, particularly in Africa. ONE believes that the fight against poverty isn't about charity, but about justice and equality.

Partners for Just Trade www.partnersforjusttrade.org/producers/bridge-of-hope-peru/

Partners for Just Trade (PJT) is a non-profit, faith-based organization that builds partnerships between producers living in extreme poverty and consumers in North America. They address root causes of poverty through Fair Trade sales, education, solidarity and a commitment to trade justice.

SERRV www.serrv.org

SERRV is a nonprofit, fair trade organization dedicated to lifting disadvantaged artisans, farmers and their families out of poverty. SERRV sells unique, handcrafted product collections from their 55 small-scale artisan/farmer organizations and cooperatives. In addition to fair wages, SERRV's partners receive training to help grow sustainable businesses.

Ten Thousand Villages www.tenthousandvillages.com

Ten Thousand Villages markets handicrafts created in underdeveloped countries, thus providing a vital and fair income to the artisans. In addition to organizing shops and fairs, this organization tells the stories of the women and men whose lives are improved through these sales.

World Day of Prayer USA wdp-usa.org

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide, ecumenical movement of Christian women who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year. Offerings collected during interfaith services benefit women and children around the world.

To learn more about these missions you can visit

[https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/what we do/support-mission/together-service-mission-opportunities/](https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/what-we-do/support-mission/together-service-mission-opportunities/).

To ask a question or to learn more about PW Affiliations, contact [Susan Jackson Dowd](mailto:susan.jackson-dowd@pcusa.org) at susan.jackson-dowd@pcusa.org or 844-797-2872 ext. 5368

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SYNOD OF THE TRINITY 2022 MISSION PROJECT



Welcome Home SIS is a non-profit (501c3) Christ-centered organization located in the **Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery, Byesville, Ohio** that acts as a safety net for women post-incarceration. We provide a safe space and a stable living environment--a sanctuary that initiates, promotes, and continually nurtures the healing process. We strive to empower women to break the cycle of trauma, addiction, and incarceration to become the women God intended.

She is clothed in strength and dignity; She laughs without fear of the future. Proverbs 31:25

SAFEHOUSE EXPANSION

Our transitional housing and reentry program is the **first and only one in the state** to focus on the gender-specific needs of women post-incarceration. **Women are the fastest-growing prison population** and are being incarcerated at twice the rate of men. **More than 80% of incarcerated women are mothers.** Our program allows her to reunite with her children. Family reunification has a direct effect on not only the mother but her children. **Children with incarcerated mothers are 5-6 times more likely to become incarcerated themselves, continuing the cycle of generational trauma.** The housing expansion will allow us to serve **FOUR TIMES MORE women and children** who would otherwise be homeless

*"Last year, we turned away two women because we didn't have the room. Unfortunately, both of these women are back in prison. One, because she was sleeping in a building she thought was vacant- she was there because she had no where else to go. We know, that statistically speaking **without a safe, stable living environment these women will reoffend**; but this also tells we can prevent it. I don't ever want to turn another woman away just because we don't have the room. We can do better than that. We have to do better than that. Is it our fault these women went back to prison? Of course not. Could we have prevented it? Absolutely. I say this because **not a single woman in our program has gone back to prison, not one.**"* Angela Regan, Executive Director.

Please give generously to this worthwhile mission project

Checks must be written to Redstone PW and sent to Sue Blank, PW Treasurer
4068 Bushy Run Road, Jeannette, PA 15644 by Nov.15, 2021

LOCAL MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Redstone Presbyterian Women encourages support of these five local non-profit organizations located within the Redstone Presbytery area:

1. Angel Arms in Latrobe
 2. The Blackburn Center in Greensburg
 3. The Welcome Home Shelter in Greensburg
 4. City Mission in Uniontown
 5. Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of Fayette in Uniontown
- Information about these programs and how you can help, can be found below and on the following pages.
 - Also if you are in need of a speaker for any PW event, these organizations are always willing to come and speak about their programs

ANGEL ARMS

Address: 338 Main Street, Latrobe, PA 15650

Contacts: Dawn Hennessey, Founder/Director and/or Joyce Sterling

Phone: 724-539-7900 (*Mon-Thu: 8:00 am-3:00 pm*)

Website: www.faithforwardpa.org / **E-mail:** faithforwardpa@gmail.com

Angel Arms is an infant recovery home. They provide a short-term safe atmosphere for infants and children suffering from substance abuse. Angel Arms provides support services for families and communities; to educate, recognize and provide managed care for infants and children exposed to drugs while providing services for the birth parents and caregivers. They also are a voice for those who are victims of drug abuse and a support for those who are fighting to heal and be set free. Please support this special program through prayer, financial support, funds for renovation, volunteers, and supplies. Check out their website for more information.

Mark 10:16 *“And he took them in his arms and began blessing them, laying hands on them.”*
Dawn Hennessey is the founder and director of Angel Arms. Her story is compelling, and she is willing to share it with groups.

BLACKBURN CENTER AGAINST DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Address: 1011 Old Salem Road, Ste 202, Greensburg, PA 15601

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 398, Greensburg, PA 15601

Contact: Joelyn Aukerman / Phone: 724-837-9540 (ext.-144)

Toll free - 24 hour hotline #: 1-888-832-2272 or 724-836-1122

Website: www.blackburncenter.org

Since 1976, Blackburn Center has been providing services to victims of domestic and sexual violence in Westmoreland County and presenting education programs across this community. Our mission is to actively advocate for the rights of all people to live free from violence and oppression in their homes and communities and provide supportive services to survivors of all forms of domestic violence and sexual assault. All of Blackburn Center's client services are **free** and **confidential** and can be **anonymous**.

New items needed throughout the Year for Blackburn Center's clients/shelter residents include the following:

Kitchen

Coffee creamer

Dish sets (plates & bowls,
Service of 4)

Drinking glasses/cups

Food items: any canned food, other non-perishables, etc. *Food items we especially need include: all kinds of soups, condiments (mayonnaise, mustard and catsup), jelly, salad dressing, mayonnaise, ketchup, canned tuna, canned chicken and other meats, canned or bottled juices.

Silverware-service of 4

Kitchen utensils

Glass baking dishes

Plastic pitchers

Paper towel holders

Pots & Pans

Skillets

Small appliances: **electric**

Can openers, coffee makers,

Toasters, mixers, etc.

Zip-lock bags (2 gallon sizes,
2.5 gallon, quart size)

Bathroom

Children's Toothpaste

Hairbrushes

**Hair care products for women
of color**

Paper products: toilet paper

Shower Curtains & Liners

Toddler/Training Toothpaste

Bedroom

Air Mattresses (any size)

Bed-in-a-bag sets (twin & full)

Comforters (twin & full)

Baby monitor

Underwear: Women's sizes 9-12

Not needed at this time:

Travel-size toiletries &

Adult toothpaste.

Miscellaneous

Adult coloring books

Flashlights

Duffel Bags

Extension cords

Gasoline cards (Get Go & Sheetz)

Gift cards (Giant Eagle, Shop n'
Save, Walmart & Target)

Long distance calling cards

Square Sterilite Laundry baskets

Mops

Mr. Clean Magic Erasers

Sweat suits sizes S, M, 1X, 2X, 3X

Tool kits

TracFones & Cards

This list changes from time to time, so go to the website for an up-to-date list of needs.

Please put the items that are in **bold** at the top of your shopping list.

We ask that all donated items be **new**.

CASH donations are always appreciated.

Deliver your donations on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9AM to 3PM.

To arrange for a donation drop-off at a different time, please call the office at 724-837-9540.

If you have used items to donate, the agency can provide a list of thrift shops in the area that make items available to Blackburn Center residents at no cost to them.

Welcome Home Shelter (Connect, Inc.)

Address: 218 South Maple Ave., Greensburg, PA 15601

Contact: Tracy Scott / Phone: 724-838-9133

Website: www.sphsconnect.org

Connect, Inc. Reclamation Center

Is Now Open!

See next page for details

The mission of the Welcome Home Shelter is to combat the homelessness in Westmoreland County and surrounding counties. They provide temporary housing and support services to homeless families, single parent families and single women, offering a 30-60 day stay at the shelter. During that time, case managers attempt to address the reasons which caused the homeless situation and work with the client to find safe and affordable housing. Classes in budgeting, housing, home maintenance, nutrition and parenting are offered at the shelter. Each year Welcome Home assists an average of 250 women, children and men who find themselves homeless in Westmoreland County or 7000 shelter nights

Welcome Home appreciates your financial gifts which supports our guests in your community. We appreciate your generous donations of new or gently used clothing and small household items. Please call ahead if you have any questions assisting Welcome Home in meeting the needs of our guests.

ADULT NEEDS

Bus Passes
Gift Cards (Walmart, Shop n Save, Giant Eagle, Rite-Aid, etc.)
Phone Cards
Calendars (appointment books, tablets, pens)
Socks, Gloves, caps (male and female)

LINENS

Bath towels and washcloths
Blankets (single and double)
Twin and double sheets
Comforters (single and double)
Pillows

MISCELLANEOUS

Batteries (AAA, AA, D, C)
Storage containers
Combination locks
Hand Warmers

CHILDREN'S ITEMS

Diapers (all sizes)
Infant and toddler clothing (male and female)
Socks (all sizes including preteen and teen male and female)
Bottles-Bibs
Infant and toddler food
Shampoo-Body Wash

SEASONAL

School Supplies (back packs, notebooks, sharpeners, markers, etc.)

FOOD

Nonperishable items:
Canned Goods
Sugar, coffee, flour, rice, tea
Dry food goods (potatoes, mixes)
Spices, condiments
Juice (canned or frozen)
Healthy children's drinks
Bottled Water

KITCHEN ITEMS

Dish towels and wash cloths-sponges
Aluminum foil-plastic wrap
Food storage containers
Zip Lock bags (assorted sizes)
Paper plates-cups-utensils-napkins
Plastic storage bowls
Pots and pans

TOILETRIES

Deodorant (male and female)
Body Wash-Soap
Makeup
Razors-Shaving Cream
Toothpaste-toothbrushes-floss (adult and children)
Feminine Hygiene products
Shampoo & Conditioner

MEDICINE CABINET SUPPLIES

Medicine (cough and cold)
Antacids
Ice Packs



Reclamation Center -- NOW OPEN!

4000 Hempfield Plaza Blvd., Suite 926, Greensburg, PA 15601

Contact: Tracy Scott / Phone: 724:838-9133

How are we different?

- 100% of the items donated will be available for the homeless to give them what they need for FREE when they move to permanent housing.
- 100% of any proceeds will go back into closing gaps faced by many in our communities. Homeless Prevention Initiatives - Rapid Re-Housing Resources Basic Needs Assistance - Supportive Housing

All donations are tax deductible, please ask for a receipt and we will ensure that you receive one. If you are donating non-cash items, it is helpful if you provide an itemized list of the items you are donating. If you are unable to provide the list, the staff will only be able to give your receipt verifying that you donated a bag of clothing, etc.

For a limited time, please call **Tracy Scott: 724-838-9133** to coordinate a scheduled drop off of your donations

Items We Can Accept:

- **Clothing of any type**
- **Books, Records, CD's** (No magazines or Encyclopedias)
- **Furniture** (Must be in good condition. No water damage, severe cosmetic damage to wooden items, no rips, stains, tears, or structural damage. We are unable to take disassembled pressed wood items.)
- **Collectibles**
- **Jewelry**
- **Antiques**
- **Shoes & Accessories** (Handbags, Ties, Belts, Scarves, etc.)
- **Household items** (Dishes, House-Ware, Knick-Knacks Must be clean and undamaged.)
- **Linens** (Sheets, Towels, Blankets, etc.)
- **Small Electrical Items** (TV's, Radios, Clocks, Lamps etc. They must be in good working order. Televisions cannot be older than 5 years.)
- **Computers, Laptops, and other electronic items.** All personal information should be wiped as well as all passwords removed. CRT monitors **will not** be accepted because of the toxic material content.
- **Large Household Appliances.** Such as Stoves, Refrigerators, Washers, Dryers, Air-Conditioners, etc. They must be in proper working order, clean, rust free & have a power cord. We cannot accept any gas appliances.
- **Mattresses and Box Springs.** Reclamation does sanitize these items; however, we cannot accept mattresses if there have any tears, holes, structural damage or stains.
- **Upholstered Items.** We cannot accept items that are torn, soiled, stained, excessively worn, pet damaged or structurally unstable. Reclamation does not repair or professionally clean items and can only offer for sale in the stores clean and useable items.
- **Exercise Equipment.** Bicycles, Treadmills, Sporting Goods, etc. if in good repair. We cannot accept Nordic Track Ski machines. These must be evaluated on an individual basis. Please call for clarification of policy.
- **Garden or Farm Equipment, Tools, Display Props & Cleaning Supplies** (Cleaning Supplies will not be sold. They will be used for cleaning purposes in the store or emergency homeless shelter.)

Items We Cannot Accept:

- **Large household appliances that have mechanical difficulties, missing power cord or are rusty or dirty.**
No gas appliances whatsoever.
- **Large console model televisions and stereos.**
- **Televisions older than 5 years.** The date can be found on the back of the television.
- **Built in appliances** (Ovens, Stoves, Dishwashers, microwaves, etc.)
- **Automobile parts:** Such as tires, wheels, batteries, seats, body parts and engines. (We do not sell these items in our stores and disposal is expensive and restricted in all areas.)
- **Paint or chemicals of any kind.** (We are not allowed to sell these items in our stores, nor are we allowed to dispose of them in the landfill.)
- **Kerosene and Gas heaters.** (We are not licensed to handle or sell items of this kind and disposal is restricted.)
- **Frequently recalled items.** Such as Toys, Infant Furniture, Car Seats, small items that can be swallowed, etc.
- **Pianos & Organs.**

This list is to be used as a guideline. There are many items we can use in the store that are not on the list. There may be other items in which we may be able to connect directly with a needy family or will otherwise need to turn down due to size, condition or suitability.

All donations that Reclamation can sell in its store are greatly appreciated. However, when we receive items that cannot be used, we must pay to dispose or recycle them. That raises our expenses and reduces the resources that we have available to fund the programs and services we provide to the community. Please dispose of the items listed below through an alternative responsible resource, such as your local recycling center.

CITY MISSION (LIVING STONES INC.)

GPS Address: 155N. Gallatin Ave. Uniontown, PA 15401(P.O. Box 943)

Phone: 724-439-0201 (M-F 9:00-5:00)

Website: www.citymissionfayette.org

Contact: Kelly Snyder / Cell Phone: 724-970-9111 / Email: ksnyder@citymissionfayette.org

City Mission Living Stones, Inc. is a nonprofit organization whose sole purpose is to provide for the needs of the homeless population. Each year they serve over 500 men, women and children through shelter programs. Services are specifically designed to facilitate the transition from homelessness to independence and economic security. They operate four facilities; a men's shelter, a women's shelter, the Gallatin Living Center which has units for families and Home Again for youth. For more details go to their website www.citymissionfayette.org This website has a wealth of information about their programs and future projects. Monetary donations are needed for several capital projects. Some of the buildings need renovations and they plan to increase the number of housing units.

They sponsor a Food Drive each spring during March and April with all donations going specifically to buy food.

Their needs change so you should call before doing a donation drive.

Please call first if you need to drop off these suggested donations:

PERSONAL: Men and women. Comb, brush, toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, crème rinse, shaving needs, disposable razors, deodorant. Sanitary products for women,

FIRST AID: Peroxide, rubbing alcohol, latex and non-latex gloves and band aids.

LAYETTE: Disposable diapers, baby wipes and all baby supplies.

HOUSEHOLD: Paper towels, napkins, toilet paper, cleaning and laundry products.

BOOKS: Large Print Bibles (King James) Children's books

SPECIAL: CASH: Needed for food supplements. **Gift Cards for Grocery Stores**

Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of Fayette

(Trinity United Presbyterian Church)

79 West Fayette St., Uniontown, PA 15401

Phone: 724-438-0709 / Fax: 724-437-2700 (M-Th 9:00-2:00)

Contacts: Carol Ashton cashton@ivcgf.org / Liz Dunham ldunham@ivcgf.org

Sue Lockette, Coordinator of Volunteer Services

Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers was organized in 1991 when Trinity United Presbyterian Church of Uniontown developed a senior ministries program, initially funded through a grant from the Presbytery, the program grew and incorporated other congregations in the area, creating an interfaith network of trained volunteers to provide supportive services and outreach to meet the needs of the elderly.

Their mission is maintaining older adults in their own home with dignity and independence through the support of people of faith. Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers provides free services to the elderly in the county like medical transportation, grocery shopping, helping with correspondences, balancing checkbooks, taking pets to the veterinarian, telephone reassurances, minor home repairs if they own their own homes and more.

COVID-19 restrictions caused a significant financial blow to the organization as they had to cancel annual fundraisers like their dance, golf scramble and style show. The program needs volunteers and financial contributions. Volunteers can do as much or as little as they want, adding that medical transportation is the biggest volunteer need, and most of the transportation is local.

The organization is also looking for monetary donations. A \$5 donation can translate to three hours of service for elderly in the area