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COMMUNITY
MINISTRIES**

*Nurturing Families...
Inside and Out*

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2008 Fundraising Dates

Bowlathon - March 30, 2008

Golf Tournament - June 20, 2008

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Our Programs

- Hot Lunch Program
- Kid's Café Supper
- Sunday Celebration
- Reading Program
- Learning Partners
- Summer Safe Haven
- Family Computer Learning Program
- Clothing House
- Personal Hygiene Supply

NOVEMBER 2007

Cameron Community Ministries

Message from the Director

Dear Friends of Cameron:

Although the leaves are unseasonably and stubbornly clinging to the trees, we know that our busy holiday season is just around the corner.

Advent is a time of preparation. In our faith lives, we ready ourselves for the coming of the child who was both divine and human. A child that was born of low means and in the most humble of circumstances.

How different that is from our secular "holiday" preparations, when we exhaust ourselves trying to make the biggest sugar coated extravaganza ever.

While the official start of Advent is still a month away, Advent at Cameron has already begun. We are ordering Turkeys and Hams from Foodlink to serve for our holiday meals. The Kiwanis Club is delivering children's presents and scouts are signing up to wrap them. Families are signing up to donate gifts of clothing for the kids in our youth group. Church groups are buying gifts for our kid's gift shopping day, where our youth select gifts for the important adults in their lives.

Volunteers will come to cook, wrap, serve, donate gifts. Church groups, school classes and scouts will bring food and clothing. We make room on our shelves and in our freezer in preparation. We make room at our tables for our guests, and in doing so, make room in our hearts for the child both human and divine.

Thank you for the many ways that you support us, during the holidays and year round.

In Service,

Kathy Pearce



Schedule of Holiday Events

Holiday plans are in the making, and we are getting ready for Thanksgiving and Christmas meals, parties and activities.

Thanksgiving Meal - Thursday November 22

On Thanksgiving Day we will serve a sit down meal with all the trimmings. Nicole Foster will be overseeing the day's festivities and meal. If you have questions, contact her at 254-2697

Neighborhood Santa Party with Gifts - Friday December 14

Each year we have wrapped toys donated by the Kiwanis club, churches, work groups and individuals.

Kid's Christmas Shop - Thursday December 20

Children in our after school program get the chance to select gifts for two important adults in their lives, and then we wrap them. We would welcome the donation of \$10 to \$15 gifts and especially some for men. (flashlights, cameras, tool kits, sports fleeces)

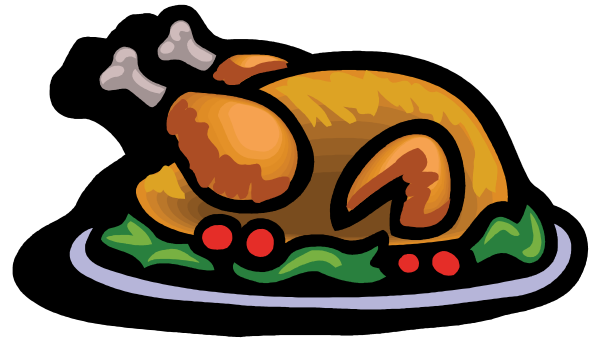
Gifts for our After School Kids

We provide gifts for 40 children in our after school program. We look for clothing and toys for children in first to sixth grade. Sometimes our youth director knows of special family needs.

Christmas Dinner with Gifts - Friday December 21

Each year we provide a Christmas meal for our guests. This year we have decided to make sure that each guest gets a useful gift with their meal.

We look forward to your participation in helping to make Christmas special for our kids, families and guests.



"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of heavenly lights" James 1:17

Volunteer Spotlights— With our Thanks for All the Lives You Touch



Gates Presbyterian Junior High Youth

Every autumn we like to take time to thank our faithful volunteers, and spotlight a few stories that help tell the Cameron Story. Every person who gives their time is appreciated, but it is the network of everyone working together a few hours at a time that makes us such a strong and constant presence in our neighborhood. Take a moment to appreciate the efforts of the committed people listed on the opposite page, and enjoy these small close ups of our day.

This summer, a group of junior high students from **Gates Presbyterian Church** spent the day with us as part of their city summer work project. Some worked in the kitchen, some worked in the pantry, and some braved the heat to work outside keeping our landscaping looking tidy. It helps our place look welcoming, and serves as an example in an area where homes can fall into neglect. It encourages others to take pride as well.

Cris Langer is a volunteer in our summer and after school program. She is a creative and patient soul who easily befriends some of our most challenging children. Cris loves to help our children be creative, she engages them and talks to them about their lives and what they enjoy, working hard to get to know them. Our kids know that she cares about them, and are excited to work with her.



Cris and Sidney walk a balance course



Fred Dean, and Elaine and Jim Volke

Jim Volke has been a long time Volunteer in our Hot Lunch program. He has also been a good steward in bringing new volunteers along to share the experience.

Last year, he began bringing along his neighbor **Elaine Page**, to prepare and serve lunch. This fall we celebrated this lovely and enthusiastic co-volunteer became his wife!

He also brought along his nephew **Fred Dean** to work with us this summer. Fred was a great help in the kitchen and enjoyed serving lunch and learning about the programs at Cameron. He was so motivated by the experience, that he organized a New York State Baptist Youth collection to benefit Cameron and our programs.

Thank you to all our valuable Volunteers

The work that volunteers do is so much more than just cutting pie, serving kids a hot dinner, reading a book, painting a wall, sorting clothes, mailing a newsletter or serving on a committee. They are part of the amazing business of touching lives. We are grateful for their efforts, and in ways they may never know, so are the people and families we serve. Please forgive us if your name was not in our records. Know that we appreciate your efforts, and consider yourself thanked!

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Amanda Robinson
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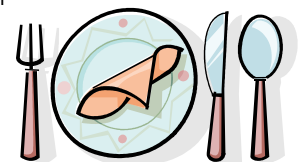
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Sunday Celebration

Christ Church -Pittsford
Christ Clarion Church
Dewey Avenue Presbyterian
First Baptist Church - Brockport
First Presbyterian Church - Victor
Greece Baptist Church
Henrietta UCC
Holy Cross Church - Charlotte
Laurelton Presbyterian Church
Open Door Mission
Parma Baptist Church
Penfield Baptist Church
Penfield Presbyterian Church
Rochester Christian Reformed Church
Spiritus Christi Church
St. Francis House
St. Thomas Episcopal Church
United Church of Pittsford
Webster Baptist Church

Volunteer Groups

Brighton Interact Club
Bethany Presbyterian Church
Castle Baptist Church
Center for Youth
Will Eckel and Family
Fairport Interact Club
Gates Presbyterian Church Youth
Genesee Valley UCC Youth
Girl Scout Troop #13 East Rochester
Girl Scout Toop #611
Gorbel Industries
Greece Baptist Church
Kiwanis Club of Spencerport
Kodak Day of Caring Group
Lifetime Assistance English Rd
Lifetime Assistance Elmgrove
Marsh, Inc.
Mendon Presbyterian Church
Mother of Sorrows Youth Group
Ogden Presbyterian Church Youth
Order of the Eastern Star
Paychex
Presbytery of Genesee Valley Youth
Red Wings Baseball Office Staff
Rhythmic Revolution
Rochester Cares
St. Catherine's Mendon
St. Elizabeth Anne Seton Church
St. John's Lutheran Church
St. Joseph's of Penfield
SUNY Brockport RA's
UR Pediatric Links Residents
USA Karate
Wegmans



Our Shiny New Kitchen

We are very grateful to the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsford. They have been generous and faithful supporters for many years. Volunteer teams have come for over a decade the first and second Saturdays of the month to prepare lunch and minister to our neighbors. They get to know our guests and lunch workers, providing their love and support in addition to nutritious meals.

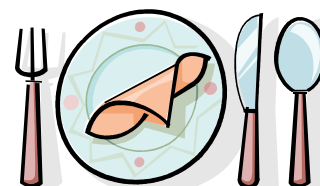
This year, they made a large grant so we could make kitchen improvements. We installed more stainless steel shelving and panels to protect walls, making it easier to keep our kitchen clean. We also were able to paint the kitchen and dining room. It looks fantastic – just in time for the holidays! Stop by and see our beautiful and welcoming lunch room. Thank you, First Presbyterian Church of Pittsford for your love and faith.



2008 Sunday Celebration Volunteers Needed

We still need churches who can volunteer to provide a Sunday Dinner on these dates:

Easter	Father's Day
Memorial Day Sunday	June 29, 2008
Most of the second half of the year	



Save the Dates in 2008 Mark your calendars now for these two popular Cameron Fundraisers.

Cameron Bowl-a-Thon - Sunday March 30th



Clover Lanes, Pittsford

Golf Tournament - Friday June 20th



Eagle Vale Golf Course, Penfield

School Supply Collection is a Great Success

Our annual school supply drive was an overwhelming success. Churches, prayer groups, vacation Bible schools, businesses and caring individuals were all incredibly generous. We were able to provide supplies and a new backpack to each of the kids in our after school program.

This year, Cameron staff along with Rev. Steve Hartmann and Ann Klos from Penfield Baptist Church had the joy of delivering supplies to School #30. They went to each classroom with a box of supplies that teachers can use to replenish children's supplies as needed throughout the school year. Each classroom said enthusiastic "thank yous" as we dropped off the boxes. The written thank you notes sent later were endearing!



Thank you all so much for all the supplies. We really appreciate all you did for us. And we just want to thank u for your kindness and love and support.

Sincerely, Daniel

Thank you so much for saving Mrs. Fazio's money. Because I thought she was going to spend all of her money on all 23 kids in this classroom. So now we can do all the work that we are supposed to do. Thank you Cameron Minsitries.

Sincerely, X'zaya

Thank you for all the materials. They really helped me because I make mastaks. I used the eraser becuse I needed the eraser very much.

Sincerely, Michael

A Christmas Gift that will help “Rochester Eat”

Rochester Eats is a new book by **Karen Deyle**, who is both Restaurant Critic for the *Democrat & Chronicle*, and our Office Manager and Newsletter Publisher here at Cameron Ministries.

The book is a scrapbook of memories, including photos, menus, recipes and personal stories about Rochester’s favorite restaurants of the past 75 years. It includes memorable places like Eddies Chop House, The Manhattan, the Depot, Sibley’s Tower, McCurdy’s Garden Room, Gruttadauria Bakery, Bosdyk’s, The Changing Scene, and Family Favorites like Vic & Irvs, Nick Tahou’s, Uncle John’s Pancake House, and Jay’s Diner.

It includes memories from Cameron Volunteers Jim Volke, Bruce and Nancy Nancy Secker, and Pam Roberts Levitt. It also spotlights Maggs Ice Cream, a local parlor with a Cameron Connection. It was owned by the family of Kathy Pearce’s husband, Paul Wetenhall.

This would make a great Christmas present for long time Rochester residents, or family who have moved away. Books are 19.95 and 25% of the cost of each book purchased through Cameron Ministries, the purchase price will be donated to benefit our programs. Order by phone at **254-2697**, or by e-mail with Karen at ccmadmin@rochester.rr.com.

Escobar is Baptized, (and Certified)

This time last year, we told you that Escobar, our versatile Kitchen and Maintenance Manager became a US Citizen. This fall, he took another step in his new life, as he was Baptized at Lake Avenue Baptist Church, where he also is on staff as Maintenance Person. In the true Baptist tradition it was baptism by full immersion. When asked later if the water was too chilly, Escobar commented, “No! It was too HOT!” This would have been a legitimate complaint, if it weren’t for the fact that Escobar himself is in charge of filling the baptistry!

In addition, Escobar has another secular achievement to celebrate. He has also received his L-I Food Worker Certification, a requirement of Monroe County. He is now the supervising level staff in charge of Hot Lunch and Kid’s Café program. We wish Escobar blessings and congratulations!



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We are grateful for support from these churches, foundations and businesses:

- **Quad A for Kids** – Fall After School Program
- **Foodlink** Operations Support
- **Wegmans** – Kid's Cafe
- **Rochester Museum and Science Center** Science Program Support
- **Target** - Reading Program Support
- **Glover Crask** Food and Lunch Program support
- **Verizon Wireless** After School Program and Summer Safe Haven
- **Greater Rochester Health Foundation** Nutrition and Hunger Programs

Cameron Volunteers Apply for *Teach for America*

Teach for America, an organization that aims to eliminate educational inequity in schools, has been placing high achieving college graduates in low income communities to teach since 1989. Volunteers commit to a two year teaching placement, in a high needs classroom in either rural or urban settings, in one of over 20 different cities including Philadelphia, Memphis and Los Angeles.

Teach for America is a highly selective program seeking new graduates with leadership qualities, academic achievement, and motivational skills. Selected participants attend a rigorous 5 week preparatory program during the summer to ready them for the classroom experience.

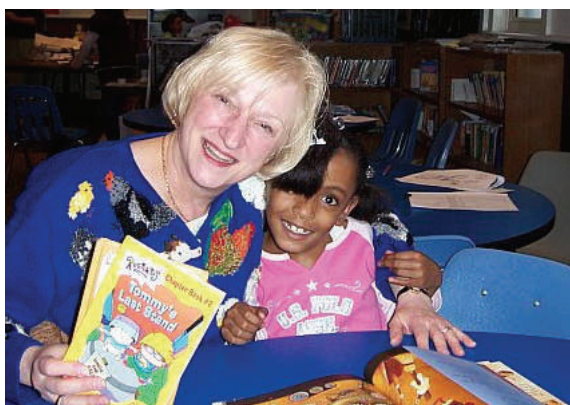
This year, four students who have been involved with Cameron Community Ministries' "Learning Partners" program will be applying. One of them is Trilby Hillenbrand, a current employee of the after school program and a volunteer since 2005.

We are proud to be associated with young people who are committed to making an impact on the lives of students in need across the country. We are also proud to be a place from which inspiration is drawn. Trilby says, "Cameron gave me first hand experience to see the achievement gap as well as the potential the kids have."



Trilby Hillenbrand, our *Teach for America* applicant

We wish these young women luck and hope for the best. *Teach for America* would be lucky to have them!



Young Book Lovers Need Volunteer Partners

By Laura Despard Cameron Reading Coordinator

One of my favorite parts of parenting was the special times spent reading stories to my children. They are grown now, but I still get to do that with the Cameron children. In our after school program, we try to read one-on-one each week with our younger children, and have each child read independently or in a group for at least 45 minutes each week. Several of the older children have started small group book clubs and have great ideas for sharing their books with each other. They clamor for it to be their turn to come up to the quiet rooms to read.

With more than 40 children in our program, and over half of them early readers this year, we have a need for more people to work one-on-one with them. We all know how important it is to instill the love for and skills of literacy as young as possible. If you want to come share your love of reading with the Cameron kids for one afternoon a week from 3:30 to 5pm, call Laura Despard, reading program coordinator at 254-2697 or e-mail at ccmkids@rochester.rr.com

White Cross Room: What We Do and How You Can Help

By Wendy Cohen, Clothing House Volunteer

Most Cameron supporters know that one of our services to our Cameron Community is our Clothing House program. Many of you have generously donated new or gently used clothing and other items to this program. But how many of you know that an important part of the Clothing House is the White Cross Room? Each week, 25-30 families shop at our Clothing House. When available, we supply one set of socks and underwear for each family member. Often giving out as many as 75 pairs of new socks and underwear each week. When we have linens, a shopper can also shop for gently used sheets, blankets, pillows and towels.



White Cross volunteer Eleanor Siegfried

Despite some donations of socks and underwear and cash donations for this purpose, our inventory has reached crisis levels. Imagine not even having clean, dry socks or clean underwear! So we're calling upon all of you who this newsletter reaches to help us out so we can continue to distribute these important items. While our need is immediate, please consider regular donations throughout the year so our White Cross Room continues to meet the demand. Here's how you can help:

Hold an "Undie Sunday" Asking members of your congregation to bring in packages of new socks and underwear.

Get youth groups involved. Spread the word beyond your immediate congregations by having the youth group members do service by collecting from friends, neighbors and schoolmates.

Have other ideas? Please let us know so we can share your ideas/successes in future newsletters.

Our immediate needs:

- Men's and Women's socks
- Women's underpants sizes 6-10
- Men's underwear sizes 30-38

Additional needs:

- Children's socks,
- sheets, blankets, pillows and towels
- layette supplies and disposable diapers

Thank you in advance bringing dignity to the families who use the White Cross Room at Cameron!

He answered them, "He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise.

Luke 3:11

Cold Weather Means a Need for Warm Coats

Cold mornings are coming. You know the routine; you rush out, brush the snow off your car while it is warming up, and even with the heater on full blast, you shiver for the first five minutes on the way to work, or your appointment.

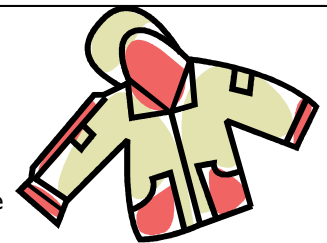
Now imagine that you have an appointment, have to dress three kids, shepherd them to the bus stop, and wait outside for 15 minutes for a bus that is delayed due to snowy roads.

Or imagine that you have to spend most of your day outdoors, because the shelter only allows people in at dinnertime, and you must leave after breakfast in the morning. The streets channel the wind and it cuts right through thin, inexpensive coats.

Maybe your children need new coats this year. You grumble at the expense, but are happy because it means they are growing and healthy. John Scalzi, a writer and social blogger wrote an essay called "Being Poor." It lists a hundred things that tug at you when you can't ever make ends meet. One of them is "Being poor is hoping your kids don't have a growth spurt." Imagine. Feeling anxious and upset that your kids are thriving.

Cameron is stocking up on coats and boots, hats and mittens for the coming season. We want to clothe the families with a handful of growing children. We want our lunch guests to have solid warm coats so that when they return to the street after lunch, they can stay warm until dinner. We want to keep our After School kids warm as they walk here from school #30.

So maybe your kids *have* had a growth spurt. Why not celebrate by giving their old coat to help keep a needy child warm. Maybe your own coat is several seasons old. To a grandmother with grandkids to clothe, her own needs come last after her "babies" and fashion is the least of them. Maybe your group could collect hats and mittens. A stash of them is always needed for the forgetful children who get themselves ready for school, and rush off without. Your donations can help us bring dignity and warmth to our families during the winter season.



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The Clothing House Accepts Donations on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm
Please note that we cannot accept any items in need of repair. We are a small space and don't have room for electrical appliances or furniture. We also cannot accept baby furniture, cribs or car seats due to safety and recall hazards. We appreciate your understanding.

Youth Programs

Seasonal Craft Projects

Reading Program

Gently used books: beginning reader to 4th grade.
Issues of Highlights or other children's magazines

Kitchen Supplies and Food

Mayonnaise and Salad Dressing
**Coffee Creamer
Canned Fruit and Vegetables
6" foam dessert plates (sturdy)

Office Postage Stamps

Household Items

Blankets, sheets, pillows comforters
Bath towels
Pots and Pans & silverware

Clothing House (Current Season, Please)

Clothing in all sizes especially XXL sizes
Winter Coats and Boots
Men's Gloves

**Children's Clothes Girls 5-8 and Boys 14-16

Nightgowns and Pajamas
New Women's Underpants (sizes 5-9)
New Men's underwear sizes 30-38
Men's and Boy's shoes

Baby Items

Diapers sizes 2-6 and pull-ups
Blankets, sleepers, onesies
Baby shampoo, diaper cream, lotion and powder

Personal Hygiene Items

DEODORANT (unisex not florals or sports)
** Maxi pads
** Tampons
Shaving Cream

**** Items of critical need**

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