



"Reflecting Christ by serving those who serve others"

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NEWSLETTER

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We thank God for the gifts from the individuals, families, schools, churches and businesses that faithfully support us. These gifts are vital to helping us continue to "serve those who serve others."

Gifts of ...

Time: Did you know that City on a Hill operates almost entirely by **volunteers?** Currently we have over 233 volunteers who help maintain our campus each month. Regular cleaning and repairs are provided as well as help with special indoor and outside projects that keep our building and grounds neat, clean and in good working order for our partners, guests and clients.



Some comments from our volunteers:

"We have so enjoyed serving at your ministry these past weeks!" - Calvary Students

"City on a Hill is a good place to serve God and help people. It is not only a work for God, it is a fun place to be with my friends." - Zeeland Christian Student



"I love serving God here at City on a Hill. I feel appreciated and helpful." - Building Volunteer

"I look forward to Monday mornings. My husband and I clean the common area bathrooms together. There is something special about seeing your spouse serving in a selfless way like this. It's also time spent in good conversation and I have his undivided attention." - Cleaning Volunteer

"It's fun to collect paper from everyone and bring it to our Paper Gator" - CBI Student

"Serving here has helped me learn that I enjoy serving others." - Community Service Volunteer

Money: Until we have 80-90% of our space leased, we have a financial shortfall each month and need **financial gifts to help cover the operating costs.** We have been meeting those needs through the financial gifts of families, friends, churches, businesses, corporations and foundations that share our vision and join us in meeting needs both locally and around the world. Even during these difficult economic times, we continue to serve, as people remain faithful in their giving.



In-kind Services: There are special needs at City on a Hill that require professional, skilled services. We have been blessed by several area businesses and professionals who donate their skills and services to us at a reduced rate or no charge. **Examples:** Plumbers, Electricians, Heating/Cooling, Snowplowing, Computer technology, Lawn care, etc. We are so thankful for these area professionals and their support!

Specific Items: We also have specific needs that the community continues to meet. Some of the items we have been blessed with: folding tables, furniture for our hospitality room, office furniture, vacuums, cleaning and housekeeping supplies, rakes and other gardening tools, shop tools, paper supplies, toilette paper, and paper towels. **Current items needed are: Diesel fuel for our generator; Copy paper; Bathroom cleaning supplies; Fluorescent light bulbs; Snow melter, Snow shovels; Paint for re-doing corridors; Windex for windows; Paper towels (rolls); Postage Stamps.** Gift certificates from area businesses for any of these items are also appreciated. Feel free to check our website (www.coahm.org) for other gift ideas.



from the director ...

So, after three years, what is City on a Hill (COAH) all about? Why should community churches, businesses and individuals support us?



As a ministry, the primary purpose of COAH is to reflect Christ by enhancing the ability of other ministries and non-profit organizations to serve God's people in need. We do that by helping our ministry partners stretch the precious gifts they receive from their supporters. Some examples:

Low cost space: Some of our ministries were able to cut their lease expenses in half by moving to COAH. For one ministry that amounted to a \$12,000 per year savings. Can you imagine how awesome it is to be able to use this money to meet people's needs?

Shared common areas: Large conference rooms can cost \$200+ per day to rent while smaller conference rooms (20 ft x 20ft or 400 sq. ft) could cost a ministry up to \$4,000 a year elsewhere. Our Ministries Partners can reserve and use our large and small conference rooms at **no charge**. Again, more money is being directed to services for those in need.

How can this happen? COAH is able to exist only through the support of many volunteers and the generous giving of God's people. Your gift of time or money to COAH is actually a gift that benefits over 30 other ministries and non-profit organizations.

As we enter this season of giving, please prayerfully consider a gift to City on a Hill so that we can continue to reflect Christ as we "serve those who serve others."

Gary Ellens - Director

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November 16-23, 2009
COAH will once again be a drop-off location for Operation Christmas Child.

DROP OFF HOURS:

- Mon: 9:00am - 5:00pm
- Tues: 12:00pm - 4:00pm
- Wed: 12:00pm - 1:00pm
- Thurs: 4:00pm - 7:00pm
- Fri: 12:00noon - 4:00pm
- Sat: 11:00am - 1:00pm
- Sun: 1:00pm - 4:00pm
- Mon: 9:00am - 12:00noon

Phone: (800) 498-8576
www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk



Holiday Benefit Dinner
December 3, 2009
Held at City on a Hill

Sponsored by Hope College Students
- Center for Faithful Leadership -



Call City on a Hill
to reserve your spot.
748-6061

CAFÉ 58 and CLINIC NOTICE:

Both the Café and Clinic
will be closed the weeks of
December 20 and 27.



Praise Celebration
January 24, 2010 @6pm
Zeeland High - DeWitt Auditorium

Evening includes:

- Music and prayer;
- Ministry Testimonies;
- Meditation by Doug Swink
(Ministry Partner - Winning at Home)

A free will offering will be received and matched by generous donors.