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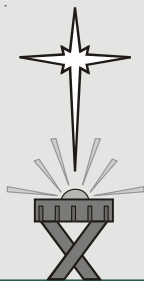
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*"The purpose of
life is to discover
your gift. The
meaning of life is
to give it away."
- David Viscott*



From the President

Dear Friends,

So much has happened I'm not really sure where to start! The hand of the Lord was truly evident as we received our tax-exempt status in record time. Donations made to the foundation are now tax-deductible. On the flip side, a major fundraiser was put on hold because of the horrible devastation brought about by Hurricane Katrina. Many heartfelt prayers were offered for those affected by this tragedy.

The African and Appalachian Outreach Committees have much to report on the outstanding progress of their activities. See the articles below for specific details including ways you can become involved. The Native American Committee is moving slowly but steadily forward. Join us in a Baby Shower for the Head Start facilities on Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota and receive the blessing of giving.

As we begin this Holiday season take time to give thanks for the many blessings the Father has given us. Stop and hug those dear to you. Don't let the hustle and bustle of the commercial holiday cause you to forget the true reason for our celebrations - the most precious gift of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



Peace to all,

Carol Fanelli
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AFRICA MISSION TRIP ON TRACK FOR JANUARY 2006

Our tickets are purchased, we're packing our bags, and we've gotten our vaccinations (ouch)! The trip to Africa is scheduled for January 6-17. We have received the final numbers from Rev. Panicker and in addition to the cost of the trip we will need to raise \$6,000 for medications. In order to raise these funds, a basket bingo event is planned for December 4th sponsored by the local Manheim Township Sunrise Lions Club. It will be held in Willow Street at 2 pm with doors opening at 12 noon. We are still in need of basket sponsors. Sponsors must donate \$100 per basket, and would have their names prominently

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APPALACHIAN PARTNERSHIP FORMED

Recently several members of our Appalachian Outreach Committee made the 20-hour round trip drive to Hindman, Kentucky. We met with Shirley Conley, the Knott County Supervisor of the Leslie, Knott, Letcher, Perry (LKLK) Community Action Council, and two members of her staff. Chartered in 1966, the LKLK Council is a non-profit organization that seeks to actively and substantially involve all segments of the community, in an effort to alleviate the distress of poverty in Kentucky.

Within moments, it became apparent we shared a similar value, sense of purpose and

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YOU'RE INVITED TO A BABY SHOWER!



We recently received word that all of the Head Start facilities on the Pine Ridge reservation, located in South Dakota, were closed last year and they have since reopened, under the purview of the Oglala Lakota College. According to Shawna Pourier, the Head Start Director, they have five recently opened Early Head Start facilities, with a total of 100 babies and toddlers (newborn to 3 years old) enrolled. They have an urgent need for baby supplies. We are joining with others to give them a Friends of Pine Ridge Reservation Baby Shower!

Please take a look at the list below and consider donating any of these items. New and/or very gently used articles are fine, except where noted. Thanks so much for your support of the babies at the Early Head Starts!

Baby hats
Baby hygiene products (baby wash, lotion, shampoo)
Baby manicure items
Baby seats and bouncers
Baby thermometers, medicine droppers and spoons
Baby toys/rattles/teethers
Bibs (newborn through toddler) and disposable bibs
Blankets (all types, sizes and weights, especially receiving blankets)
Board and soft books
Bottles, nipples and brushes
Car seats (new only please)
Clothing/socks/booties/shoes (newborn to size 5)
Combs and brushes
Crib bumper pads
Crib sheets/mattress pads (regular and waterproof)
Crib toys/mobiles
Diaper bags
Diapers - cloth
Diapers - disposable
Educational toys
Formula (any type, any size)/nonperishable baby food/snacks
Hooded towels and washcloths
Infant and toddler tableware
Large burp cloths
Nasal aspirators
Newborn propping (sleeping) devices and head supports
Pacifiers
Pull ups/training pants for toddlers

Safety devices (cabinet locks, plug covers, etc.)
Scratch mittens
Sleepers/gowns (all sizes)
Snack containers
Teething ointment, diaper rash ointment
Toddler toys (washable)
Training cups
Wipes and dispensers/cases

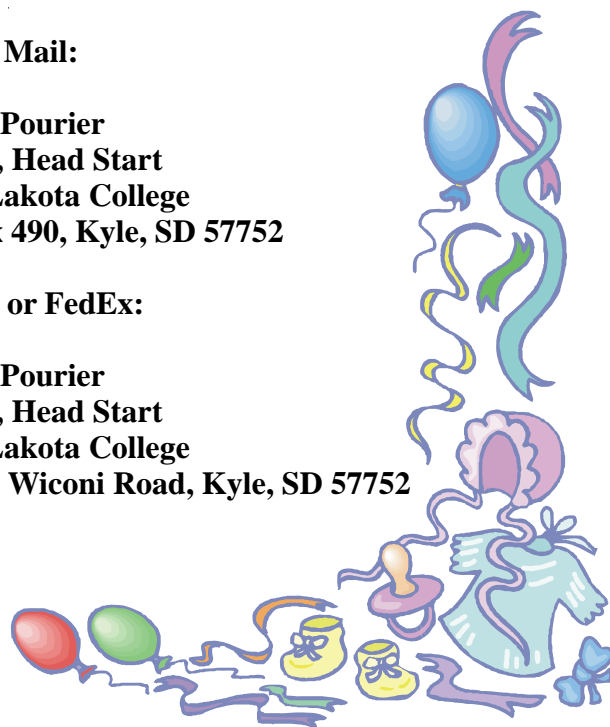
Please ship your baby items to:

Via U.S. Mail:

**Shawna Pourier
Director, Head Start
Oglala Lakota College
P.O. Box 490, Kyle, SD 57752**

Via UPS or FedEx:

**Shawna Pourier
Director, Head Start
Oglala Lakota College
490 Piya Wiconi Road, Kyle, SD 57752**



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displayed on the baskets as well as on literature handed out at the event. Tickets for the event are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Please tell friends, family and co-workers about this event.

The plans for the two-week Africa trip are fleshed out. Three medical camps are scheduled. One will be held at the main clinic and two will be mobile camps, driving further out into surrounding villages to reach those in need. The staff at the clinic is spreading the word and thousands of villagers are expected to visit the medical camps. These people are facing numerous ailments from minor infections to diseases such as malaria and AIDS.

Participants on this trip include individuals with nursing and EMT experience, a dentist and a dental hygienist. We will be taking plenty of photos and keeping a log of daily events. Please continue to pray for this group and pass on the importance of raising the funds needed to help this worthy cause.

For more information on the basket bingo event, please call Tom at (717) 291-7244.

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the philosophy of giving people a hand-up, not a handout. During our 2 1/2 hour meeting we had the chance to view several video presentations detailing the impact LKLP has made in their community. Some of their efforts include a summer meal program for children providing a healthy nutritious lunch, spouse abuse programs and senior care programs. This included adding an indoor bathroom to the home of a 70-year-old resident who lived with no indoor plumbing and running water for over 40 years! For more information visit their website: www.lklp.org.



Pictured left to right Carol Fanelli and Heather McAndrews (WAGC) present donated blankets to Karen Slone and Shirley Conley (LKLP) at a recent meeting in Knott County, KY.

The committee is pleased to recommend a partnership with this organization to provide the needed material and financial support to the people of Knott County and surrounding areas. WAGC will collect and transport items while LKLP will screen applicants and distribute donations. Now that we have formed this alliance, we can begin working on our vision, which is sharing God's blessings with those less fortunate. We need volunteers with trucks to pick up donations and someone to organize and maintain a database of those volunteers. Please contact WAGC if you are interested in joining us in this worthy cause.

We offer a special note of thanks to The Red Thread (www.the-red-thread.org) for their donation of hand-knitted blankets, which we presented to Shirley at our meeting. It was very rewarding to see the staff's smiles as they made plans to distribute them as holiday gifts. We truly consider it a blessing to give, rather than receive.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

African Program - Sponsor a basket or attend the Basket Bingo fundraiser. Donate money for medicine or items needed for the trip:

Medical Items:

Cotton Wool and Bandages
Toothpaste and toothbrushes
Antiseptic lotions
Vitamins and multivitamins
Calcium tablets
Antiseptic creams for wounds
Glucometer, lancets, and test strips
Face and hand lotions
Milk formula for babies
Medical gloves, all sizes
Triangular bandages
Ace Wraps

Items for the children:

Baby clothes, size 1-3
Small toys
Sandals for kids

Appalachian Program – We are currently collecting any size *gently used* shoes, boots or coats. Make sure items are clean and free from rips or tears. Children's books and school supplies are also needed.

Native American Program – Send in your Baby Shower donations directly to Pine Ridge. These items are urgently needed now. We are also still collecting used medical equipment and supplies.

Prayers

1) Pray for the success of the fundraiser for the African program and for the safety of the medical team while on the trip.

2) Pray for the location of a storage facility and volunteers to pick-up items. Ask God to bring forward a driver and tractor trailer for Spring delivery to Appalachia.

3) Pray for guidance in moving forward with the Native American program. Ask for wisdom in understanding a culture that is different from ours and the facilitation of trust between those involved.

Thanks! We depend on your help to fulfill our mission!



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Our Mission

To provide needed medical care, educate people in usable life skills and transfer unused resources to areas of essential need both in and out of the United States.

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