



A Word From Horsecreek Valley

November 2011

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE CHILDREN

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Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Center will be taking applications for Christmas assistance with toys for the kids between Monday, October 10 and Friday October 14 and again on Monday October 17 and Monday October 24. All gifts will be distributed on Wednesday, December 21, 2011.

Eligibility Requirements include:

- ⇒ Live in or go to school in **Aiken County School Area #3** (Horsecreek Valley)
- ⇒ Have a **Total Household Income** below the emergency Food Assistance level
- ⇒ **Not** be signed up with any other Christmas Assistance Program offered in the Valley (including Salvation Army, Empty Stocking, Secret Santa, or others.)

THIS PROGRAM IS FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE 17 YEARS OLD AND YOUNGER ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE CHILDREN (cont)

If you qualify, call Our lady of the Valley Catholic Center for an appointment.

- ⇒ Signup times will be Monday, Oct. 10, Tuesday, Oct. 11, Wednesday, Oct. 12, Thursday, Oct. 13, Friday, Oct. 14, Monday, Oct. 17 and Monday, Oct. 24.
- ⇒ Appointments will be made between 10:00 am and 12:30 pm.
- ⇒ Call for an appointment 803-593-2623

When you come for your appointment, you must bring the following documents (no exceptions):

- ⇒ Proof of income or NO income for everyone in the household 18 years or older
- ⇒ Current photo ID of yourself and a document with your current living address
- ⇒ Social Security Cards for yourself and every child that you are signing up

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We need volunteers to assist with our Christmas Gifts to the children. The volunteers will be accepting gifts, putting them on various tables, giving gifts out to families. We also will need monetary help. Anything you can help with will be extremely helpful.

THE BENEFIT BANK IS NOW GOING OUT TO THE PEOPLE!

We have received a grant to be able to go to various sites and help people who are unable to come to Our Lady of the Valley Church.

We have been going out for the last two weeks now and have been able to help those who cannot drive or have no transportation.

The Sites are:

- ⇒ Village Senior Apartments, Warrenton, SC— 1st Wednesday of the month
- ⇒ Villages at Horsecreek, Gloversville, SC— 2nd Wednesday of the month
- ⇒ Clearwater Village, Clearwater, SC— 3rd Wednesday of the month
- ⇒ Kalmia Apartments, Graniteville, SC— 4th Wednesday of the month

Remember that Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Center, Gloversville, SC is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week.

St. Vincent De Paul Society is also working with Our Lady of the Valley and doing home visits. If you would like to get in touch with St. Vincent De Paul you may call 642-3211.

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If you would like to receive our Newsletter electronically, you may contact us at ourladyofthevalleycatholiccenter@yahoo.com. Or call us: 803-593-2623.

VOLUNTEERS ARE AN ONGOING NEED

If you would like to serve as a volunteer with any of the programs at Our Lady of the Valley Center, please contact Sr. Mary Jean at (803) 593-2634 or by e-mail at ourladyofthevalleycenter@yahoo.com.

Our volunteer program is in the process of formation. We are truly grateful for the support that you are for others. Our needs include: Receptionists; Data input workers; Tutors; English as a Second Language teachers; Painters...on and on...

Give us a call, please, with your interest.

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St. Vincent de Paul

Warm-Hearted and Practical Love for the Poor

Vincent was a discerner. He detected God's loving presence when he met and served neglected people. They were his special ones, his windows onto God's activity in the world, his holy ground. They brought him the Lord Jesus. In a hundred different ways, Vincent taught that Jesus was alive in the poor. Underneath the frightening surfaces of poverty, he insisted, the disciple encountered the suffering Lord. Vincent pictured ranks of poor people gathered around Jesus on the last day, helping him to make the final judgment: "She took care of us, Lord. Let her in. "He was our friend, Jesus. Welcome him too."

In the Kingdom, the poor are the ones who count the most. In this life, even though put to the side, it is they who bear the closest likeness to Christ. Therefore, they are to be served with genuine love and practical intelligence--in Vincent's expression, with affect and effect. The quality of one's discipleship depended on it. **More in our next newsletter.**

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