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Miracles Never Cease

It is truly amazing to see so many miracles continue to pour in upon Crossfire! We give God all the glory and honor. We are growing by leaps and bounds in all ways. Instead of 75 families a day, we now average 125 families. Our donations of clothes and hard goods have dramatically increased. We can hardly keep up with the sorting, processing and storing of the multitude of donations so generously given. Our volunteer staff is growing daily, but we still need help in many ways to help us keep up with this huge growth and increased demands.

Through this growth we not only need more food and toiletry supplies to meet our client needs, but we are seeing an increase in our general expenses. Our trash bill has almost doubled. We need more office supplies and building supplies. We may need to soon expand our storage capability to house all the incoming donations until they can be processed and to store items for our various projects. A shed similar to the one we now have has a projected cost of \$6000.00.

Like Moses had to follow Aarons advice in the Bible to divide responsibilities, Crossfire is starting to build teams headed by team leaders. We currently have nine team leaders in various departments and are adding people to the various teams daily. See our team leader page. If you are good at making contacts with people and businesses in the community, promoting product drives and donations, perhaps you might consider serving on our Philanthropic Team. If you love cooking, perhaps you might like to join the cooking team to help with classes and our cooking club starting in September. Do you like gardening? Would you like to help us build composts for our future Victory Garden? Would you be willing to help us staff our Saturday Market Days one Saturday a month? Each Saturday from 9:00 to 12:00 we want to open our upstairs for the selling of books, collectibles, quilts, and All Things Kids stuff to benefit the ministry and to help defray our costs. We are in desperate need of one person each day we are open to simply be in charge of receiving and dispensing donations that come in to their proper areas. We would love to have someone step forward to help us with marketing, public Relations and publicity. Our office, clothing and hard goods departments are crying out for more helpers. We would love a work group to help us finish painting our building. So, if you would like to volunteer, we definitely have a place for you.

Many people responded to the outcry for food for our pantry in our last newsletter. We must add here that we did not mean in any way to negate what Care and Share has and is doing for our organization and other organizations in the community. They are trying to distribute what they have fairly between the different organizations. Times are tough for everyone and food donations are down, for them, as well as for everyone else. We will be joining with Care and Share this fall for their Harvest of Love Food Drive. It was amazing how many people donated food or money for food, as a result of our cry for help. Thanks for your generosity. If you would like to join in this effort on a regular basis, you might want to see information on our 1500 Club.

Crossfire is sponsoring a gigantic Craft, Quilt, Treasure, Bake and Yard Sale on August 5 and 6 from 9:00 to 5:00. We will rent booths to other crafters and yard salers and will be using our outside property, as well as our building. We need adult and youth helpers to help staff this event, as well as bakers to bake for Bake Sale. Call Luana at 866-310-2548 if you want a vendor application or are willing to help. Be sure to mark your calendars so you may come and enjoy good food and find many fine items and bargains.

We hope that you will join us for our summer picnic in the mountains on August 13 at 4:00. It is a fun time of relaxation, good food, fellowship, and enjoying the beautiful outdoors. You might even get to see a black bear like we did one year and learn more about Crossfire.

Thanks for the part you have played, are continuing to play, and will play in the future to assist us in this transition from a small to a large ministry. We just praise God that He enables us to help the needy in our community.

CROSSFIRE MINISTRIES INC.

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MINISTRY HOURS:
Tues., Wed. Thur. 10:00-4:00
Sat. 9:00-1:00

CHECK FOR PERIODIC CLOSURES

Would You consider a bequest to Crossfire Ministries?

A bequest enables you to ensure Crossfire will continue to be able to help those less fortunate in the future in our community. You can ensure that the Crossfire Ministries is included in your will by using any of the following statements:

"I bequeath the sum of \$ (insert amount) to Crossfire Ministries Inc., a not-for-profit organization, established to support the needy in our community (or insert a specific project or program)."

"I bequeath the (insert percentage) % of my estate to the Crossfire Ministries, a not-for-profit organization, established to support the needy in our community (or insert a specific project or program)."

"I bequeath the residue of my estate to Crossfire Ministries, a not-for-profit organization, established to the needy in our community (or insert a specific project or program)."

Please make sure that we are aware of your bequest to Crossfire.

Building Fund

We are trying to raise the finances to cover the loan for our new building electric, refrigeration, plumbing, flooring, etc. needs. Please specify Building Fund if you wish to contribute to this fund. We have paid back a total of \$27, 666.64 of the total of \$100,000 owed, leaving an amount of \$72.333.36 left to pay.

Please don't Forget our General Fund

We are so thankful for all the donations and financial support coming into our General Fund. The finances needed to help us with our operating expenses, purchase of food, toiletries and supplies is always our most critical need. We are also grateful for all the people who have brought in donations including food and toiletry items. These donations are vital in helping the people we serve and keeping the mission operating.



Enterprise Zone

We rejoice that Crossfire Ministries was granted special status as an El Paso County Enterprise Zone, again for the year 2011.

In helping us with our General Fund and food expenses, we can also help you. For every donation of \$250.00 or more, you can obtain a tax credit of 25% of your donation directly off your Colorado tax liability. However, donations to our Building Fund do not apply. If you wish to participate in the Enterprise Zone, you may donate to our General Fund by:

1. Making checks payable to *El Paso County Enterprise Zone*.
2. In the memo space on your check write in *Crossfire Ministries*.
3. Send the check to:

Crossfire Ministries
2120 E. LaSalle

**BUILDING
FUND GOAL
\$100,000**

\$72,333.36 to go

**Won't you
help us
finish paying
off our
building
debt?**

**\$27,666.64 has
been paid**

Crossfire Partners with United Way

If you wish your donation to go through the Pikes Peak United Way, you need only specify Crossfire Ministries as a recipient.

**Artisan, Craft & Quilt Show
And
Yard Sale & Treasure Bazaar**

Yard Sale



Friday, August 5th

9:00 am ~ 5:00 pm

Saturday, August 6th

9:00 am ~ 5:00 pm



Crafts Galore!

BBQ FOOD

**CROSSFIRE MINISTRIES
2120 E. LASALLE
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO. 80909**

For vendor information please call Luana at 866-310-2548

The New Media

WEBSITE:

WWW.CROSSFIREMINISTRIES.COM

IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO, TAKE A LOOK AT OUR NEW WEBSITE.

FACEBOOK:

We are also on Facebook but have only 49 fans. Will you be a fan of Crossfire? Look at Crossfire's Facebook to find out some of our particular needs and updated information about the ministry.



**CROSSFIRE ANNUAL
SUMMER PICNIC
August 13, 2011**

South Cheyenne Canyon

3:00 p.m.

**Come and enjoy fellowship,
hiking, and the
mountain splendor!**

4:00 p.m.

Picnic begins!

Who:

Supporters, volunteers & prospective supporters and volunteers of Crossfire Ministries & their families

Please Bring:

Side dishes, salads or desserts
Families—please bring two items—
Singles bring one item.

Be Prepared:

Be prepared—don't forget to bring a coat, warm clothes, umbrellas, sunscreen, insect repellent, lawn chairs, etc.

For directions, information and reservations call Leslie at 650-4336

Upcoming Classes

Preservation Classes:

July 28 Jelly/Preserve
August 25 Canning
Sept. 29 Pressure canning

Cost: Freewill offering or volunteer service at Crossfire.

Call Luana 573-8648 for more information and reservations.

Cooking Matters

We are taking applications for a six week, hands-on, two hour class to be held on Mondays from 1:00 to 3:00, starting Sept. 26. This class is sponsored by Care and Share and is for people on low income who cook meals at home and want to learn more about cooking nutritionally on a low budget. All equipment and supplies will be furnished. Cost is free but reservations are required and an attendance commitment is necessary for a graduation certificate and receipt of the class cookbook.

Cooking Club

We are organizing a cooking club to be held on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Thursday of each month from 1:00 to 3:00. We will be offering nutrition tips, health information, recipes, and hands on involvement. Special speakers will be sharing on different topics. Crossfire Cooking Club will begin in September on the 2nd, 9th, and 16th.

All classes will meet at 2120 E. La Salle in the upper room. Call Pax at 322-5511 for more information.

The 1500 Club

Every month if we received non-perishable food donations of 1500 pounds, we could give two cans of food per person per month instead of one.

Our mailing list consists of over 1600 people. If everyone on our mailing list donated an average of just one can of food per month, we would be able to double our current allotment.

Won't you join our 1500 Club and donate one can or more of food a month or provide a monthly donation to help us buy food? Just attach a note to your donation saying 1500 Club.

WAYS TO HELP CROSSFIRE MINISTRIES

A Few Needs for our Building

We praise God for the shower of blessings that have poured in for our new building. The majority of our list has been supplied. These are a few of the items that are still needed:

2 Folding Table Caddies @\$139.95 each or \$279.90
2 Chair Dolly @\$89.95 each or \$179.90
Ceiling mount projection screen
Sound system equipment
(or someone to repair an older system we currently have)
Speakers stand
Small kitchen cupboard 35 inches wide with a counter
Large capacity food processor and blender

Sewing for the Comforters!

Helping the Yarn Spinners!

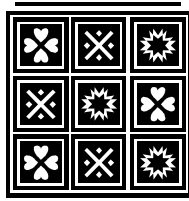
The Comforters meet the 2nd Friday of each month to sew quilts and comforters for Crossfire. The Yarn Spinners meet the 4th Friday or at specially called times to make afghans, hats, mittens, and other projects for the mission.

These groups meet at 2120 E. LaSalle St.

For more information call Mary Ann at 640-9535 or Marlene at 630-0496

WE NEED DONATIONS OF YARN!

Any partial skeins you might have left after your projects would be greatly appreciated.



Adopt a Quilt or Afghan

Crossfire Comforters and Yarn Spinners are offering a program to better help the needy. For only \$35.00 (or whatever amount you desire), you can "buy" a quilt or afghan to help the poor and needy of Colorado Springs keep warm. If you want to sponsor a quilt or afghan for the needy, please designate at the bottom of your check "warm blanket for the needy."

Caring with Cars!

Crossfire is now accepting car donations any condition, running or not!



If you have a car that you might be willing to donate for benefit, please call John at 447-1806 or 650-4152.

A Call for Help!



The generosity of people donating goods has blessed us greatly. However, they are coming in so fast and plentifully, that we are already bursting at the seams. Our areas set aside to store things for our Christmas Give-Away, Thanksgiving, for our Benefit Sales, for our Quilt and Yarn Ministries are already filled. Huge amounts of donations are coming in of clothes and housewares. We are in need of another storage shed to store the incoming donations until we can process and disperse them. We want to be able to keep the area tidy and in good order. A storage shed similar to the one we have would cost around \$6000.00. Please be in prayer that God will supply what we need to be able to continue expanding and growing.

Recycling for Bucks!

Please help Crossfire by donating these items to recycle:

Cell telephones
Printer ink cartridges
Scrap metal and aluminum cans

We still need canning jars and zip lock bags.

We need all sizes of canning jars and rings. We are not only gearing up to teach classes on preserving foods, but we have ladies that are willing to help us can some of our fruits and vegetables while they are still in their prime. Donation of also of zip lock bags, especially sandwich size, would be greatly appreciated.

Mexico Church Prayer Requests

Crossfire helps La Paloma Ministries with their church outreaches in Juarez Mexico. In their recent monthly newsletter they have included these three prayer requests:

*Continued protection for churches and believers in Juarez

*Time to get the bathroom project going

*For financial pledges to come in to make the payments on the property



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Inside Crossfire Ministries

Crossfire Board

We welcome Mr. Bob Bartlett to the Crossfire Board of Directors. Mr. Bartlett comes to us from the business community and he and his wife have been long time supporters of the ministry. Also on our Board are Bob Wachtler, President and Trustee, Chip Shaw, Vice President and Trustee, Debbie O'Toole, Secretary, Leslie Miller, Treasurer, Michelle Dickerson, Trustee, Daurene Crider, and David Miller.

Non-voting members include John Miller, Executive Director and Peggy Shaw, Accounting

Spotlight

Crossfire has been so blessed by many. In this newsletter we want to spotlight Austin Bluffs Evangelical Free Church and Academy Christian Church who have partnered with Crossfire to staff three of our Saturdays. Not only have they agreed to send volunteers but they have supported us in food and toiletry drives. Our gratitude and thanks go to these churches.

We want to thank the Carefree Curves and the Constitution Curves Fitness Centers for Women for their generous donation of food and supplies, as well as financial gifts during the Curves National Food Drive. A special thanks to the Carefree Curves for adopting Crossfire as a continuing outreach.

We want to mention some of the churches, organizations, and schools that have donated goods, time, food, toiletries, or finances.

Wells Fargo
Starbucks
Sunnyside Christian Church
Pikes Peak Academy
Classical Academy
Loveland Christian Academy
Great Harvest Bread
Safeway at Rockrimmon
Chipolte
The Olive Garden
Hellem Auto Repair
Donations instead of birthday gifts for Thelma Miller
Community Round Table

Our Donors

Thank you for the financial gifts received in January through June 2011. You may note "anonymous" in your check memo line or give us guidance at 650-4336. Thanks.

Dewey Albertson
The Allen family
David and Mary Ann Allison
Douglas and Kendra Anderson
Margaret Armstrong
Terri Bache-Wing
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bartlett
Mr. and Mrs. Troy Bebee
Kathryn Benjamin
Barbara Clifton
Terry Cody
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Nancy Home
Robin Hoskin
Marguerite Hull
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Psalm 41:1

***Blessed is he
that considereth
the poor...***

Lt. Col & Mrs. Jeffery
Johnson
Jennifer Kay
Warren Kettlety
Jessie Lewis
Mr. and Mrs. David Mabry
Bonnie Marten
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Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wachtler
Elaine Waldeck
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Walker
Laurnene Wark
Carla Weaver
Anthony Zullo
Patricia Zullo

Thanks for helping Crossfire!

Crossfire is Team Building *Will you join a team?*



CCC Crossfire Cleaning Crew

We are looking for people to join our cleaning crew. It would be a blessing from God if we could have a crew of at least two to four people each day. This crew pictured here helps a half day on Tuesdays. We would like to establish a crew for half or full days on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The Miller's grandkids can't do it all!

Crossfire Pantry Team

We need to add two to four people each day to serve our food and clothing pantry clients. Volunteers may work half or full day shifts on one, or more days Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.



Crossfire Hard Goods Team

We are looking for people to join our hard goods team. This team helps clean, sort, price and display goods that come in on donation. We would like to add two to four people to this crew on Thursdays. Once trained other days may be possible.

Crossfire Clothing Team

We desperately need to add two to four people each day to our clothing team. Volunteers may work half or full day shifts on one, or more days Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.



Crossfire Office Staff

We are looking for people to join our office staff. Our greatest days of need are on Tuesday and Wednesdays all day, and Thursday and Saturday mornings. We need help tracking our books for the internet bookstore, updating our mailing list, writing thank you notes, typing, collating, laminating, putting together packets and other related office jobs and chores. Half and full day shifts are available.

Other team members needed in the following areas:

Philanthropic Team, First, and Fifth Saturday Pantry Team, Cooking Team, Warehouse Team, Donation Receiving Team, Linen Team, Victory Gardening Team, Toiletry Team, Saturday Market Day Team, Marketing, Public Relations and Publicity Team.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: for our God is a consuming fire. Hebrews 12:28-29

Our Two Funds
Building Fund **General Fund**
Please help! Any amount will be a blessing, no gift is too small nor too large. All gifts are tax deductible and will be recorded in your end of the year statement. Make checks payable to Crossfire Ministries Inc. and specify which fund. Stocks can be transferred through T. Rowe Price. Call John Miller at 447-1806 or 650-4152 for additional information.

Please Help Us Help Others!

Crossfire Ministries is a non-profit, tax exempt corporation devoted to helping the needy and spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Crossfire is financially and spiritually accountable to a board of directors made up of members of the community in good standing. We stand in faith that God will provide our needs and will also provide enough for us to help others. Crossfire appreciates your consideration in making a contribution to our work as we help those less fortunate.

AS THE LORD MIGHT LEAD YOU

Please fill out, detach, and return with your check.

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

General Fund Giving Opportunity

General Fund one time gift amount _____ Monthly pledge _____

Building Fund Opportunity

Building fund one time gift amount _____ Monthly pledge _____