

# CROSSFIRE MINISTRIES, INC.

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO



## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CROSSFIRE

People are much more than numbers, however, numbers paint a picture of who we serve and what we do for the community. Here are a few facts that will paint a picture of Crossfire Ministries and how your faithful donations and prayers assist us in helping our community.

In 2010, Crossfire had 28,117 client visits. As of September 10, 2011, we had 34,156 clients visits.

In 2010, Crossfire gave away approximately 400,000 pounds of food. We are on-track to give away approximately 600,000 pounds in 2011.

Our data indicates our greatest numbers of clients served are employed married couples, with children.

Approximately one-third of our clients are children.

Approximately 9% of our clients are on social security.

By the summer's end, Crossfire will have gleaned approximately 80,000 pounds of fresh produce from Miller Farms at the Farmer's Market. We also receive produce from Care and Share throughout the year, as it is available.

We are able to give one can of food to each client once a month due to the limitations on the canned goods we receive. Sometimes we are able to provide meat and dairy on this distribution day. To help compensate for these small amounts, we provide produce, bread and deserts on a weekly basis to our clients.

In 2010, at Christmas, we gave several used presents and a handmade hat to 677 children.

We are anticipating around 1,000 children in 2011.

In 2010, we gave Thanksgiving baskets and handmade pot holders to 500 families. We are anticipating around 1000 families in 2011.

Crossfire is a distribution point for Care and Share of a food box to seniors who are below the poverty level. We distribute approximately 120 senior boxes a month.

We provide birthday cakes to approximately 60 people a month and birthday presents to approximately 25 children a month. These cakes are provided by local grocery stores and the birthday bags are provided by local ladies' church groups.

We provide approximately six baby bags to new mothers each month.

It would be very difficult for an individual to go to a job interview, to go to work or for a child to go to school with dirty clothes or dirty hair. Because of this, Crossfire provides essential toiletry items to our clients once a month. In 2011 so far, we have provided approximately 6,932 toiletry items, which have been donated. These items include shampoo, conditioner, dish soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors, toilet paper, soap, deodorant, diapers, feminine hygiene products, diaper wipes and lotion, as we have them available. We are limited as to what we can provide each family. A family of 1-3 receives one roll of toilet paper a month and a family of four or more receives two rolls. A family may request monthly six diapers, plus diaper wipes. A woman will receive six feminine hygiene products a month.

As you know, Crossfire is 100% volunteer operated; we could not operate without the faithful service of our volunteers. In 2010, we were blessed with approximately 19,977 volunteer hours from the community.

### VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

We still are looking for volunteers for all our teams. We are especially in need of helpers in our clothes and hard good departments, and in our pantry on Saturdays. We also need people who can lift heavy boxes to help unload trucks on all our operating days. Another goal is to have a person answer phones, keep our calendars, and do light office work six days out of the week. We would love to have people we can count on for at least a half or full day consistently every week.

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Outreach to the Needy  
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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 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  
IMPROVE-  
MENT 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.**

# TWO UPCOMING BENEFIT EVENTS



## *Fall Craft, Quilt, Bake Sale & Open House*

October 7 & 8      9:00–4:00

**4836 Garden Trail**

(Off Union and Academy behind the Safeway Store)

- ◆ Quilts
- ◆ Crafts
- ◆ Crafted Gifts
- ◆ Baked Good and more
- ◆ Refreshments

TO HELP THE NEEDY



## *2011 Christmas Benefit Bazaar & Treasure Sale*

*November 4 & 5, 2011*

*9:00-4:00*

*At Crossfire Ministries Inc.*

*2120 E. La Salle St.*

*quilts, gifts, crafts, treasures, collectibles  
baked goods, plush toys, dolls, & much more*



*To benefit the needy of Colorado Springs*

**Admission: A can of food (or donation)**

# THANKSGIVING OUTREACH

## Crossfire Needs:

TURKEYS & TRIMMINGS FOR OUR OUTREACH TO  
THE NEEDY

Please drop your donations off at Crossfire,  
2120 E. La Salle St.  
between 10:00 and 4:00, Nov. 15-19 if possible  
(or call 650-4152 to make other arrangements)



### WAYS TO HELP:

We need help boxing food on November 19  
We need people to help pass out food boxes on  
November 21 and 22

Sign up now by calling: 447-1806 or  
650-4152.

Thanksgiving Holiday Closure: Nov. 24-28

turkeys  
mashed potatoes  
canned gravy  
cranberry sauce  
pies  
rolls, jams & jellies  
butter or margarine  
(300 cubes)  
green beans and corn  
boxed stuffing  
canned sweet potatoes

## Coming Events in December

### *Christmas Store December 6-15 (During our regular hours).*

Parents may come in and select several items for free from our Christmas Store for each child under 18 years old. We desperately need donated gifts, especially for teen boys, in order to have a nice selection for all ages.

*Women's Christmas Tea*  
*Saturday, December 17, 2011*  
*2:00 at 2120 E. La Salle St.*

*Reservations required*  
*Call Leslie at 650-4336*

*Crossfire Christmas Party*  
*Saturday, December 3 2011*  
*5:00 at 2120 E. La Salle St.*

*Reservations required*  
*Call Leslie at 650-4336*

**CROSSFIRE CHRISTMAS CLOSURE: December 20-January 2**

*Psalm 41:1*  
*Blessed is he that*  
*considereth the poor...*

**Thanks for helping Crossfire!**

*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.

*Market Days  
Coming in  
January*

Starting in January, Crossfire will be opening on most Saturdays for business in our upper room on the north side of the building.

You can see everything we have on Craig's list, our book store, quilts, and a rotating display of quality baby equipment, collectibles, and treasures.

Would you be willing to help with our Market Day Store? For volunteers who wish to participate, we would be glad to offer a table for a rotating display of their craft item for sale.



*Upcoming Classes*

**Preservation Classes:**

Sept. 29                      Pressure canning  
Cost: \$5.00 or volunteer service at Crossfire.  
Call Luana 573-8648 for more information and reservations.

**Cooking Matters**

We hope to be able to offer Care and Share's Cooking Matters at our facility at least once a year. Our first class which has filled up begins the last Monday in September.

**Cooking Club**

Cooking Club is well on its way and meets the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Thursday of each month from 1:00 to 3:00. We offer nutrition tips, health information, recipes, and hands on involvement. Special speakers will be sharing on different topics. Added benefits: free food samples, door prizes, gifts.

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

**Selecting clothes for style from a thrift store**

Every Wednesday at 11:00 Jennifer will be available to help ladies mix and match items from the Thrift Store to make great stylish combinations.

*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:**

- 10 tall book shelves or shelf units suitable for books
- Four 2 drawer file cabinets
- Four rolling office chairs
- Working stove
- 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)
- 2 Speaker stands
- Base kitchen cupboard 35 inches wide with a counter top
- High amp blender
- Electric knife
- Set of 100 stainless steel —dinner spoons
- Two large cutting boards
- An outside storage container (\$2000-\$3000 range)

## *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. Also, donation of zip lock bags, especially sandwich size, would be greatly appreciated.

## *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.

## *Recycling for Bucks!*

Please help Crossfire by donating these items to recycle:  
Cell telephones  
Printer ink cartridges  
Scrap metal and aluminum cans

## *A Call for Help!*

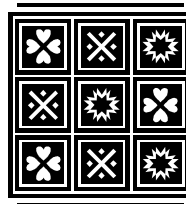


Our volunteers, especially John our founder, needs the help of a fork lift to transport the thousands of pounds of food and donations. We have found a used one with tires suitable for outdoor use and heavy enough to carry the weight up our incline, priced at \$7500. We found an older model (1968), a little lighter, for \$4000.00. We continue to look but would appreciate your prayer for the finances and finding a suitable one that will last us.

We need help and finances to put up a fence around the base of our semi-trailer, as well as around our service area. We want to keep our area looking neat and tidy.

If you are able to help with either of the projects, please call John at 650-4152.

## *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.”

## *Burden Bears*

We collect stuffed bears, attach a saying and piece of an antique quilt to create a precious item for our sales. We need someone to take on our “Burden Bear” project. Call Leslie at 650-4336 if you might be able to help with this at home project.

Crossfire Ministries 2120 E. LaSalle St. Colorado Springs, CO 80909 (719) 447-1806  
web site: [www.crossfireministries.com](http://www.crossfireministries.com) email: [crossfireministries@msn.com](mailto:crossfireministries@msn.com)



**A WORD FROM A CLIENT Elaine K.**

*“Thank you so much for all the wonderful food. Your services and all that you do for us, it’s like you’re supporting the troops...but at home. You are the glue that is holding America together during these trying times. You’ve certainly helped me or we would be on the street holding up cardboard signs.”*

**SOME OF OUR “SPECIAL” PROJECTS**

**WE TRY TO MAKE BIRTHDAYS SPECIAL FOR EACH CLIENT HAVING A BIRTHDAY DURING THE WEEK.**



**WE GIVE A NEWBORN BABY BAG TO EXPECTING MOTHERS.**

**WE TRY TO GIVE A BIRTHDAY BAG TO EACH CHILD WITH A BIRTHDAY, THANKS TO TWO DIFFERENT LOCAL CHURCH GROUPS.**



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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 Improvement 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 Improvement Fund Opportunity**

Building fund one time gift amount \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly pledge \_\_\_\_\_