

Lutheran Disaster Response Connection
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Re: Progress report for Greensburg

A blessing of a grocery store inside of Kwik Shop has happened. They even have fresh produce, meat and dairy products! It's great not to have to drive to Pratt for groceries. It is always busy and there is an excitement of progress in the air. A Building is going up and houses are few and far between but there are now some houses complete.

Greensburg Progress:

Relevant information from SCKTRO Meeting on 9/25/07 –

- Financial Seminar September 28th at 7:00pm and September 29th at 10:00am at Browns Auction House
- Cheri Baer still needs digital pictures of volunteer groups working. Please contact Cheri at: bcbauer@kcisp.net
- A Media Day is scheduled for Thursday, September 27th sponsored by Fort Hayes State University. There will be statewide newspaper coverage. Everyone is to meet at the Davis Park tent at 11:00am for the tour.
- The Haviland United Methodist Church clothing store will only be open until Saturday, October 13.
- Warren Theater in Wichita has asked to put an ad on before movies encouraging volunteers to come to Greensburg
- KCMA Care and Share Store will be returning to Greensburg. It will be one block South of their previous location, and will hopefully be up and running by the end of the year.

Volunteers

- October is closed for additional volunteers. From this time forward, we will no longer be scheduling volunteers for Sundays.

The Salvation Army is still in need of volunteers to help off load trucks each week. Please contact Matt Deighton at: (620) 388-1860 or Billie Taylor at: (620) 388-4685

Building

- Dillons bought land in Wichita and Larned that had existing homes on them. James and Matt went to Wichita on Monday for a walk through. There are 4 homes and a garage that are being sold for \$37,000.00. The units were offered to SCKTRO to help rebuild Greensburg. The garage can potentially be converted into a house due to the size and open floor plan.

Donations

- The Broadview Hotel in Wichita will be donating furniture to the Salvation Army for distribution. There

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are blonde desks, 3 large couches, pictures, and entertainment centers. These items will be delivered to the Salvation Army in approximately 2 weeks.

- The Disney Store has donated 10 boxes of merchandise to the Salvation Army.

Relevant information from Greensburg *City Council Meeting*-

- Meeting was not held this last two weeks.

Lutheran Disaster Response Progress:

- THE VOLUNTEER CAMP HAS ARRIVED!! LDR has 2 dorm units for use (40 beds).
- The camp is not operational at this time. No electricity hooked up.
- This camp will be a multi-faith camp and it will be on a first come, first serve basis. I will be taking reservations for the beds immediately. The volunteer groups are asked to be scheduled for week long visits.
- Material donations for the dorm units are unknown at this time but monetary is always accepted...



Comments by Julie Hillshafer (620) 388-3760:

- October needs for volunteers are all filled. It is a blessing. Please consider volunteering for November and December at this time and make arrangements with me as soon as possible.
- I now need at least ONE MONTH'S NOTICE for any groups or families coming to Greensburg. This is important so we can coordinate good use of your precious time here.
- Peace Lutheran Church is placed and has just a few finishing touches remaining. We will have our first service on October 7th at 11am. Please come and join us for this wonderful occasion.

Have a blessed and peaceful week!

"You chart the path ahead of me and tell me where to stop and rest. Every moment you know where I am."
Psalm 139:3