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# HOUSE OF MERCY

*making God's love visible to those in need*

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2016

*85¢ of each \$1 goes to Programs*

***Time is running out to participate!***

## “Christmas with Mercy” for local poor is Dec. 10

Thank you for providing a \$20 gift to House of Mercy - Donate Now!

“Christmas with Mercy”, a special gifting program for the children of qualified clients of House of Mercy Food Pantry will be occurring on December 10, just three weeks away. Individuals and community organizations provide gifts as a special Christmas donation for the children who receive food and clothing aid from the House of Mercy (HOM).

Ann Cimini, Executive Director of HOM, states “To date, **we’ve received just a handful of gifts, well behind where we were this time last year.** I ask simply for everyone to imagine what your Christmases might have been like without gifts.” HOM requests all gifts be priced in the \$20-25 range, so that the giving is equitable.

Staff and volunteers of HOM are planning the gifting program for more than 350 low-income children who are eligible to receive free gifts this year by virtue of their parents taking four consecutive classes. Relying upon the kindness of the community, House of Mercy is nevertheless anticipating a shortfall of gifts in 2016.

Felice Hilton, Assistant Director of HOM says, “We love to welcome groups and individuals to help with the annual event. People may visit our website then follow



*Children qualify for Christmas gifts based on their parent's participation in the numerous free classes at HOM, which are available also to the greater Manassas community free of charge. The classes have included Personal Money Management, ESL, Cooking and Nutrition and faith formation.*

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[christmas](#) to sign up online for their volunteer job and time. Volunteer slots start on Wednesday December 7 and end with the event on Saturday December 10 when our client parents come to the gift distribution,” continued Hilton.

Gifts are accepted at the HOM Donation Center during regular donation hours. The Donation Center is located at 8162 Flannery Court, Manassas. Gifts must be received at HOM by Thursday December 8. Because client children might be receiving only one gift, HOM requests the gifts to be valued in the \$20-\$25 range.

**Thank you for supporting House of Mercy  
- Year End Campaign in full swing...  
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### Quadruple Amputee Has Positive Attitude

A young mother of two children who joined us in October has a delightful outlook on life, despite having both feet and hands amputated. A bout of influenza during a pregnancy sent her to the hospital a few years ago, teetering on death. When she awoke, doctors explained she had sepsis, her baby had died, and in order to save her, the doctors had to take her outermost limbs.

She credits our Lord for saving her life, and for the two older children He provided her. “If God is with me, then who can be against me”? she quoted. With the help of her two kids, she’s able to live an almost normal life. We are so blessed to have this example of Godly virtue with us, and so happy to help her any way we can.

## How your donations help

Unique families served:

July	August	Sept
119	144	180

Total people served:

July	August	Sept
500	540	700

Aid given counts - July

Clothing (by piece count)	833 pieces
Food	1773 bags
GiftCards	16
School/Education/Books	84
Shoes	162

Aid given counts - August

Clothing (by piece count)	1225 pieces
Food	2110 bags
GiftCards	13
School/Education/Books	0
Shoes	216

Aid given counts - Sept

Clothing (by piece count)	1573 pieces
Food	3152 bags
GiftCards	5
School/Education/Books	0
Shoes	1

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**Urgent need for Volunteers; Lots of Opportunities and Times**      Please consider donating some time at House of Mercy. Our most urgent need is to assist in

Families and youth looking for volunteer hours are welcome to volunteer in the Food Pantry to pack Beans and/or Rice on Wednesdays from 4:00 - 6:30 pm.

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