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## January — February 2016 Newsletter

**ReStore Record! Meals Served Reaches New Total:** ReStore served 7700 meals in 2015, through Picnic in the Park, Crockpot Tuesday and noon meals. This number is up from 4595 meals in 2014.

### A Firm Foundation: ReStore's New Floor



*A closeup of the new floor*

ReStore begins 2016 with a makeover: new paint and, most importantly, a new floor. The old floor — unattractive and unsafe — was replaced with new multicolor linoleum, textured for additional stability. “It looks nice and it feels good when you walk on it,” said Dana Walters, ReStore director. “We don’t have to trip over the loose tiles.”

The floor is turning heads and drawing traffic. “We have a lot of people that just come in to see the floor,” said Linda Dearth, store manager. “They say ‘Wow — it looks like a totally different store.’”



*The ONU football team helped move furniture ahead of renovation*

Like everything at ReStore, the floor was a community effort. Community members donated the needed funds. Volunteers helped empty the building to allow access to the floor, and move contents back in once the renovation was complete.

ReStore still welcomes donations for the project, to finish the trim and add matting in the back room. Please consider sending a check to ReStore earmarked for the floor campaign, or donating at Quest Federal Credit Union.

**Thank you** to those who helped prepare ReStore for renovation: Joe Campoli and the ONU football and basketball teams, Linda Dearth, Disc Electronic and Jim Lyle, Everhart Trucking, Calvin Fisher, Holly Green, Dave Humphries, Max Lines, Jim Neuenswander, Rayola Risner, Cindy Rorabaugh, Felicia Smelser, Jack Williams, Dexter Woods, Brandon Turner and Amy Houston.

### Upcoming Event: Open Gate, March 31, 11 am – 1 pm

During [Open Gate](#), ReStore will host different social service organizations to provide information on the resources they offer, from insurance assistance to job training and emergency funds. **Stop by to find out about services available to you.**



# Holidays at ReStore: Looking Back at 2015

ReStore had record participation in our Thanksgiving and Christmas events, with good cheer and fellowship for all.



*ReStore overflows with cheer. Ada Icon photo*

## Thanksgiving: A Community Comes Together

The room was full at ReStore's annual Thanksgiving dinner. Waves of visitors — 252 people in total — gathered for delicious pies, turkey, sweet potatoes and more.

For Dana Walters, the best part was "seeing how the community meshed together. It was a cross-section of everybody. Everyone donates and helps."

"Thanksgiving seems to bring in everyone," said Robert Kanzig, ReStore assistant director. "We have the Crockpot crowd, the lunch crowd, the shopping crowd. On Thanksgiving Day, they all show up. It's one night that you get the whole ReStore family together."

**Thank you** to all the Thanksgiving volunteers and those who provided the food: Carol Absher, Bethel Church of Christ, Chris Butler, David Humphreys, Calvin Fisher, Pastor Ray Hadley and Ada Family Center volunteers, Roy Justus, Sandra Litton, ONU Staff, ONU Women, Rayola Risner, Sugar Grove, Dana Walters, Pastor Mary Jo Weakel

## Christmas: Kids' Dreams Fulfilled

At ReStore, children get special treatment for Christmas. ReStore's Kid's Day offers children the chance to meet Santa and choose gifts for family members.

This year, Santa and his elves were kept busy: 88 kids met Santa and even more chose gifts. Families were "lined up clear down the street when we opened for the event," recalled Dana Walters.

All year, ReStore staff collect presents for the children to choose from, holding back treasures from donations.

Plans for next year including involving teen church groups, to help wrap presents and help children with their shopping.

And: **If you had your picture taken with Santa:** Please pick up your picture at the ReStore front desk!



*Santa and two elves await the visitors*

**Stop by!** ReStore's hours are: Mon 11-4 PM | Tues 11-6 PM (community dinner 4-6 PM) | Wed – Fri 11-4 PM

ReStore will be **closed** on days that the Ada schools are closed for reasons other than fog advisories. Stay home and stay safe.

*Store manager Linda Dearth and volunteer Maya Fischhoff enjoy ReStore*

