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April — May 2016 Newsletter

Ten Years of ReStore



2016 marks ReStore's ten-year anniversary. To recognize the anniversary, "we're definitely going to do some celebrations," says Dana Walters, ReStore director. Look for pictures and tributes throughout the year, and a fall event that celebrates ReStore founders.

Since 2006, ReStore has moved from a room at the old Mike's Mini Mall across from the Methodist Church to its own storefront on Main Street. Its services and offerings have grown accordingly. For example, Tuesday Crockpot began as an event just for ReStore workers and volunteers. In 2016, almost 100 community members gather for weekly Crockpot.

Growth has been steady and always community-based. This year will be a chance to look back at ReStore's foundation. "I think it's important to tell how it began," says Dana.

From 2006: The sign for the original ReStore, with the Methodist Church reflected in the window.

Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers make ReStore possible. Whatever your skills or interests, you can help.

To volunteer, please drop by, call, or email ReStore. Volunteering is a fun and easy way to give back to the community.

And, while you're at ReStore, purchase a **raffle ticket** for the Father's Day basket!



WE WANT YOU!

Funeral Planning Seminar, May 16, 6-7pm

A panel of experts at ReStore will discuss all aspects of a family death, including hospice, legal papers, funeral options, and family relationships. Hear from Scott Allison, Claudia Crawford, Mike Hood, and Dana Walters. Bring your questions and thoughts to share.

Picnic in the Park Begins in June

Every summer, ReStore welcomes children for free lunches, games and other activities at Ada's War Memorial Park. Picnic in the Park begins June 1 and continues through August, daily 12-1 pm. Calvin Fisher, who manages the activities, has pizza, swimming, and much more on the schedule.

Crockpot Visitors Bring Health and Music



ONU College of Pharmacy staff and students provide health screening at Crockpots



You may have noticed some special visitors at Crockpot, providing two important things: health services and musical entertainment.

Health: ONU staff and students from the College of Pharmacy provide health screenings at Crockpot the last Tuesday of the month. Screenings address osteoporosis, blood pressure and diabetes. The ONU representatives also advise on prescriptions and possible drug interactions.

The ONU staff and students “do a very good job and they’re very helpful to people,” says Dana. “I’ve heard a lot of people say that they got good feedback.”

Music: ReStore is blessed with a variety of singers, like Tony and Trina Crowe, the Singing Osborns and many others. Their music makes Crockpot an even more enjoyable experience.

ONU and ReStore Work Together to Help Community

Last year, an exchange student at ONU had a bright idea. The ONU cafeteria produces extra food. Could ReStore use it? When Nicolas Santos of Spain reached out to Dana, she embraced the idea.

Now, Sodexo, ONU’s food provider, is working with ReStore to reduce waste and help the community. Every Monday, Sodexo representatives speak with Felicia Smelser, ReStore’s food coordinator. Sodexo tells Felicia what’s available for the coming week, and she tells them what ReStore can use; ONU then delivers the food. “We’re finally able to make use of that food so they don’t throw it away,” says Dana. “It’s awesome.”

Now back in Spain, Nicolas is trying to do the same thing at his home university — and learning from the ONU experience. “Food waste is a worldwide thing,” says Dana. “It’s not just one area that’s throwing food away.” [More about the project.](#)



Sodexo staff from ONU serve up Crockpot

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 this summer on Memorial Day (May 30), July 4, and Labor Day (September 5).

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