

## 2018 Conference Related Ministry Update

The **Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Material Resource Center (MRC) of Harleysville** serves as a liaison between the MCC Material Resources Center of Ephrata and peace churches of Eastern Pennsylvania. We support this global ministry by communicating both the need and opportunities to give material resources to those suffering from poverty, oppression, natural disasters, and war. Through this outreach, we share God's love, hope, and joy in the name of Jesus Christ.

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Update for 2018: Many willing volunteers came throughout the year, giving their time to help us work to support MCC. Many donors gave of their resources to help in the work. We thank God for all the help and support from many churches, individuals and businesses.

Two hundred volunteers contributed 24,421 hours to the MRC. Projects included checking and packing MCC kits, cutting and sewing patches for comforters, cutting and sewing kit bags, quilting by hand and machine, knotting comforters, cutting and packing discarded tee shirts for sale as rags, sorting and baling excess items from Care and Share Thrift Shoppes, baling cardboard for recycling, weaving rugs from strips cut from jeans and corduroy pants, separating plastics and paper for recycling, making unique gift items for the Darning Egg gift shop and assisting with office work.

In 2017 the following items were collected and sent to MCC for distribution to people in need around the world:

1,307 comforters and blankets	2,560 relief kits 4,790 school kits	160 hygiene kits 104 sewing kits
505 grocery bags	589 infant care kits	16,481 cans meat
\$20,120 for MyCoinsCount (from area churches and donors' matching gifts)		

The approximate value of items sent to MCC in 2017 is \$203,913; monetary donations of \$95,244 were also sent to MCC and several local non-profits.

Individuals and groups are invited to join in the work of sharing God's love by volunteering time and sharing material resources. Goals and projects for the next year include raising funds through the Annual Oyster & Ham Dinner (October 27, 2018), Spring Fund Raising Bus Trip, hosting Meat Canning (April 1-3, 2019), recycling and ongoing collection of material resources for Mennonite Central Committee.

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Warehouse Manager, Tom Oelschlager, helps children pack MCC relief kits. These kits continue to be one of the most needed items that MCC ships. Last year we were able to supply 2,560 relief kits for MCC distribution. MCC distributed a total of 24,530 relief kits to 10 different countries from April 1, 2017- March 31, 2018.

