

*Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, my brethren...*



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### What's in store for the Resale Store?

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What do holiday shoppers, bargain hunters, crafters, ACTS and Cumbee Center clients all have in common? They shop at the ACTS Resale Store! And you should too!



Boxes are pre-packed with basics like dishes, silverware, glasses and cooking pots for families of different sizes. Tote bags, made from old pillow cases by volunteer XXXX hold extras like baking sheets. Linens are rotated regularly and extras are now available for sale.

The store recently began accepting credit and debit cards which makes shopping easier for customers who prefer not to carry cash or checks.



Lots of new things are happening in the store. Manager **Kim Noah** and her staff recently received a donation of a 14 foot counter from the Curiosity Shop. It has improved the flow of customers and clients and increased display space.

Volunteers **Laurie Rosling** and **Marilyn Josey** hang clothing available to clients with vouchers as well as paying customers. Since the Cumbee Center closed its resale shop, the Bargain Box, August 31 Cumbee clients now receive clothing vouchers for the ACTS Resale Store as the two organizations continue to work together to provide for the needs of their clients. Stop in and see what else is new!



Volunteers ?? and ?? sort linens, housewares and underwear that are kept for clients only.



ACTS will be closed

The ACTS Endowment—purpose, goals, donations

### Grants and Gifts

Recent grants to ACTS include:



### In honor and in memory—

*ACTS has received gifts in honor of:*

*You're Invited!*

**ACTS Community Drop In & Thank You  
November 12, 2015  
Time?**

*If you would like to provide hors d'oeuvres or help serve call ACTS at 649-3800.*

### Just a little extra help —

Sometimes it doesn't take much to make a big difference! Many ACTS customers come to us on foot. Most can't afford a car and often have to pay for a ride. A gently used bicycle makes life easier and may allow someone to broaden their job search beyond easy walking distance.



ACTS can sometimes provide a grocery cart for clients who are walking, allowing them to avoid repeat trips for food. Your donation of equipment or funds can help!!

## What happens to the things I give to ACTS?

People often ask what happens to the donated items ACTS can't use. First, donations are sorted. ACTS does not accept open or outdated food packages, firearms ?????? Anything else??

- Most clothing, accessories and household items in good condition go to the Resale Store. Clients approved for these items are given vouchers and can shop any time within the next two weeks for what they need.
- The store is also open to the public. Proceeds help ACTS purchase extra items like children's jeans and underwear and also help with operating expenses.
- Items that don't sell after 3-4 weeks, or aren't in top condition are passed on to a local mission that collects clothing for Indian reservations and migrant workers.
- Sheets and towels, shoes, pantyhose and clothing in poor condition are sent to Sun Coast Recycling. Some things are sent to Third world countries where function is more important than fashion. Things that just can't be used are recycled into items like insulation. ACTS is paid by the pound (a few hundred dollars /month) and these items do not end up in a landfill.
- And those plastic bags your donations come in? ACTS re-uses them in the daily Food Pantry, Senior Food program, or in the store.

*Please be a good steward of God's gifts—Recycle!*

## Shopping can help ACTS!

Attention Kroger shoppers! You can help earn money for ACTS just by signing up on the Kroger website and using your Kroger Shoppers' card when you buy groceries.

To register, visit [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com) and follow directions on your screen. So far this year ACTS has received \$120 from the Kroger Community Rewards Program.

If you shop at Amazon.com, you can also earn money for ACTS. It's easy to sign up—just go to the ACTS website at [www.actsofaiken.org](http://www.actsofaiken.org) and click on the AmazonSmile button. Then shop at Smile.Amazon.com. When you do, 0.5% of your total purchase price will be donated to ACTS.

## ACTS holiday shopping tips!

Whether you like to shop all year or wait until the last minute—ACTS has some holiday gift giving ideas!



First, shop the Resale Store for gifts and decorations at bargain prices! Your budget and ours will thank you!

Next—consider the people on your list who don't want or need more THINGS but appreciate being remembered in a thoughtful way. Consider a gift to the ACTS Heater and Utility Drive or to the Endowment Fund in honor or memory of loved ones. You'll save shopping and wrapping time and they won't be burdened with finding a home for yet another singing Santa.

## Are you planting a fall vegetable garden?

If you have extra produce, consider donating it to ACTS. Our clients love fresh produce as much as you do!



## Time to come clean!

Some of the items most requested by ACTS clients are things we take for granted—soap (hand and body, laundry, or dish soap), feminine hygiene products, baby and adult diapers, shampoo, lotion and other items.



If you collect these items on your travels or could pick up a few extra things when you shop, our clients will be very appreciative.

## ACTS needs your extra 2016 calendars!

If you find you have an extra calendar or three, please bring them to ACTS! Calendars will be marked on the 3rd Saturday of each month and given to Senior Food clients to help them remember the correct day to pick up their food.



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## ACTS Needs Volunteers!!

*ACTS needs volunteers in many areas—which one is right for you?*

- \*Help customers & cashier in the Resale Store
- \*Pick up food and donations
- \*Help with special events
- \*Provide some refreshments for special events
- \*Sort donations
- \*Help prepare the newsletter for mailing
- \*Be a Senior Food Home Delivery substitute driver
- \*Tackle handy man projects

Call 649-3800 for more information

**Save stamps, trees and Rosemary! Get your ACTS newsletter by e-mail! Just send your e-mail address to [info@actsofaiken.org](mailto:info@actsofaiken.org).**

**Would your group like a tour of ACTS? Do you need a speaker? Just call 649-3800!**

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