

FESTIVAL OF SHARING

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April Brief 2018

Greetings!

2018 is going to be an amazing year for Festival of Sharing and we can't wait for you to join in the festivities! We have added four new Sharefest locations, a separate event for the quilt auction, and a few new members to our Coordinating Committee. All these changes will expand our reach and ability to connect with smaller communities and agencies, provide opportunities for youth to meet others in their region, and provide resources for our brothers and sisters in need.

Please continue to make packs, kits, and quilts, gather shoes, garden seeds, Best Choice labels, and eyeglasses, or collect offerings for Festival as you have done in years past. Check the booklet or website for the Sharefest location nearest you to drop off your gifts or share your talents! Without your support, Festival could not have made it this far in 37 years.

The booklet went out in February. Below are the pages that saw major updates. If you haven't received your booklet yet, check it out on our website or contact our office and we will mail you one!

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Thanks,
Sidney

2018 Events

April 7th
Sharefest Leader
Training

September 15th
Kansas City Sharefest

September 22nd
Tipton Sharefest

September 29th
Macon Sharefest

October 6th
Dexter Sharefest

October 12th
Cameron Sharefest

October 12th-13th
Ferguson Sharefest

October 20th
Springfield Sharefest

October 27th
Quilt Auction

For more details,
please see pages 12-
13 in the booklet or
visit our website at
www.festivalofsharing.org.

Volunteer Spotlight

Festival of Sharing is blessed to have a variety of volunteers with different talents and passions. A group of FACS students from Morgan County R-II middle school in Versailles have been hard at work sewing over 30 school bags for CWS school kits. These students know they may never meet the recipients of these bags, but it makes them feel wonderful they are still able to do something for others. Some students even hope to attend the Tipton Sharefest later this year!



Opportunities to Serve

Each year, people graciously offer their gifts, talents, and passion to Festival of Sharing. Do you have a gift or talent you wish to share with others? Festival can always utilize extra hands or creative minds to brainstorm and organize events. Email festival@socket.net or call 573-474-3332 if you are feeling led to help.



Stay tuned for more information about getting your youth involved at a Sharefest!

Festival of Sharing has posed a challenge to the Methodist districts with collections at Annual Conference this year. Districts and youth delegates have been assigned an item that belongs in a Missouri Personal Hygiene Pack. The idea is each district brings as many of their one item as they can, and everything will be utilized for a youth packing project at one of the Sharefest locations. Our goal is enough supplies to pack 250 hygiene packs for our brothers and sisters in need! Check out the full write-up on page 16 in the April Methodist magazine (<https://www.moumethodist.org/magazine>).

We encourage other denominations to follow suit! Pick a kit and challenge districts/regions to bring one type of item and see how many kits you can gather supplies for! Let Sidney know what kit you have chosen or if you have questions.

Southeast- Disposable razors (2 needed per kit)

Southwest- Bath-size bars of soap (in package)

Mark Twain- Bottles of shampoo (11-14 oz.)

Mid-State- Deodorant

Gateway (Central)- Combs or hair brushes

Ozarks- Single toothbrushes (in original package)

Northwest- Bottles of skin lotion (11-14 oz.)

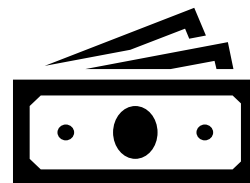
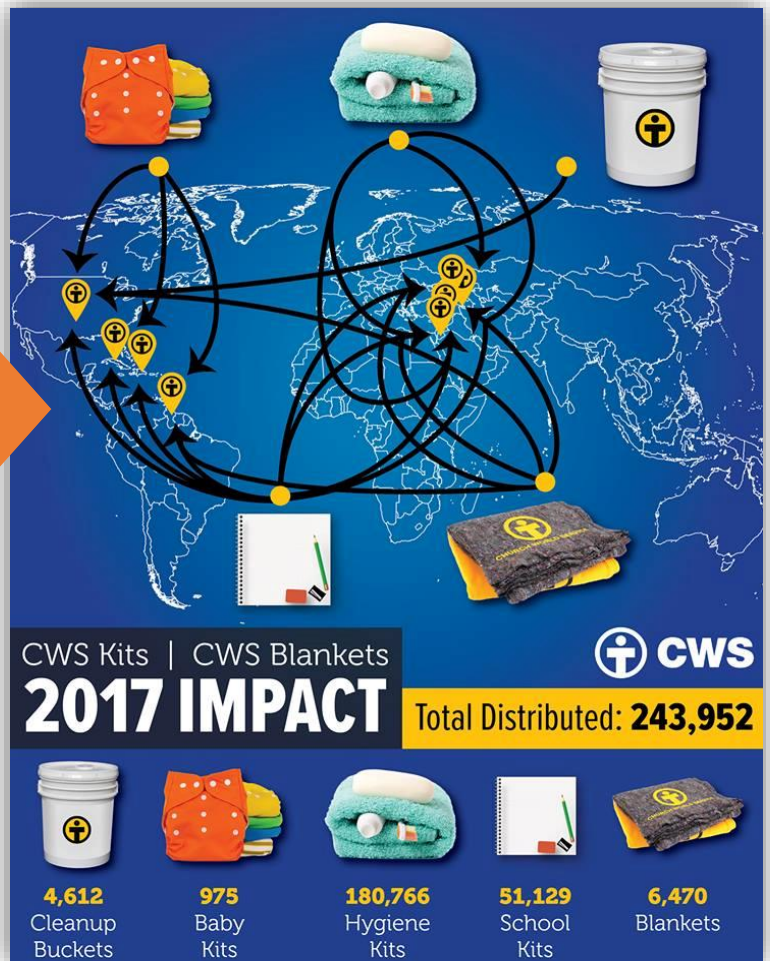
Heartland- Washcloths

Gateway (Regional)- Hand towels

Youth Delegates- Fluoride toothpaste (6 oz. or more)

Sharing Around the World!

Check out this graphic Church World Service shared with us! For a detailed shipping report, please visit <http://cwskits.org>.



THE 2017 REPORT OF GIVING IS AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING AT WWW.FESTIVALOFSHARING.ORG UNDER THE "ABOUT-FINANCIAL REPORTS" TAB.

On January 21, a shipping container filled with 285,120 meals left for Haiti. These meals were delivered to Cross International, a partner of Rise Against Hunger that nourishes lives through food assistances and other services. 37,368 of those meals were packed by our youth in Sedalia. For more information, visit <https://www.riseagainsthunger.org/world-aid/>



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<http://www.bestchoicebrand.com/save-a-label/save-a-label-registration/>.



“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.” —1 Peter 4: 10-11 (NRSV)