

Care & Share Thrift Shoppes wrapped up 2019 on a record breaking high. We are the first and only independent, thrift, non-profit organization to donate over 1 Million Dollars in a calendar year to charity. This was an amazing achievement only made possible from the support of a large, dedicated volunteer base, over 50 paid staff who support our volunteers, donors committed to recycling unwanted items and shoppers searching for treasures.



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When we were ordered to shut down in March 2020 due to the pandemic, we thought it would be for a short time. During closure we expanded our social media outreach with Facebook LIVE videos and a YouTube page. Please search these out. Within a month, we were able to reopen our online shopping presence. By late May we reopened for abbreviated donation times, and on June 8 we reopened two of our five retail shoppes. At the writing of this document only four of our Shoppes are open. Furniture remains closed.



Conrad and Jo Martin, volunteering with Blooming Glen Mennonite Church

One of the greatest gifts to C&S is volunteer time. This is a volunteer supported organization. Currently, only 35% of our volunteer base has returned. Volunteers who have not returned tell us they are waiting for a COVID vaccine.

Another gift to C&S is the strong donation support we receive from our community. We are assuming that everyone cleaned out every corner of their home, business, vacation home, and vehicle during the quarantine! We are in a continuous search for weather-tight trailers to quarantine donations. If you have one to donate, we would be ever so grateful.



Youth Volunteers from Deep Run Mennonite Church

How our friends in the Mosaic Conference can help us:

1. Pray for our Care & Share community. For many, we are a “church”. May we continue to shine God’s love to all who enter.
2. Organize a volunteer event with us. Volunteers who serve together – build community! Watch our YouTube channel to understand our “socially distant” volunteer opportunities, then call us to schedule. We recently sent out a letter to each church asking for volunteers. Expect a call from Suzanne Kratz, Volunteer Manager, very soon! Thanks to these Mosaic Conference churches for stepping up: Blooming Glen Mennonite Church, Deep Run Mennonite Church and West Swamp Mennonite Church. We also welcome individuals and corporate groups.
3. Make a donation to Mennonite Central Committee (mcc.org). Nationally, the 50+ MCC Thrift Stores are struggling to donate to MCC. Programming within MCC has been cut due to these losses. Kindly take a moment and make a donation to show your support of this 100-year-old charity that makes a difference, in the name of Christ.