



Largest Tributary on the West Side

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PRESS RELEASE

Re: CCWG Partners With Shepherd's Heart Food Bank

The Cottonwood Creek Watershed Group (CCWG) would like to formally announce their partnership with Shepherd's Heart Food Bank.

Shepherd's Heart, a part of the Cottonwood First Baptist Church, is all about meeting needs; providing food, support and valuable information to those of the Cottonwood area. With the opening of its doors in 2007, Shepherd's Heart began assisting many of the Cottonwood families who lack the transportation to reach the much larger assistance programs, such as A.C.C.A located in Anderson. Beyond nutritional support, Shepherd's Heart opened a clothing distribution this last October; and beginning 2010 they will be offering educational courses in Financial Planning, Budgeting, Nutrition and a Beyond Survival class. The ultimate goal of Shepherd's Heart is to find long term solutions rather than just giving a hand out, with no accountability.

"It is our hope that by partnering with Shepherd's Heart Food Bank, CCWG will be able to help service our local community. We have a lot of hidden poverty in the immediate area and our organization feels the need to help those who need a hand in this tough economy." says Brynn Nolan, Executive Director.

CCWG has two AmeriCorps VISTAs (Volunteers In Service To America), who will be assisting Shepherd's Heart in gathering large scale in kind donations, recruiting volunteers, and volunteering themselves. CCWG also plans on servicing Shepherd's Heart by providing fresh produce from the upcoming Community Garden, scheduled to break ground this winter in Cottonwood.

It is the hope of both CCWG and Shepherd's Heart that partnering will enable volunteers to organize another day of operation. Currently Shepherd's Heart is open on Tuesdays from 9:00am until noon.

Community involvement is essential to the success of the Shepherd's Heart. Those wishing to volunteer their time or make donations should call Shepherd's Heart at (530) 347-3691.

For more information, contact CCWG at (530) 347-6637, or visit their new office location at 3645 Main Street across from Sandy's Specialties in Cottonwood between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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