

# Tidings

3 Way Thrift Store Newsletter



THRIFT STORE, INC

## Volunteers

Esther Schoneveld has been volunteering at 3 Way Thrift Store since the beginning. Not only is she an original volunteer, she is also one of our oldest volunteers at 93. Esther came to California from Iowa at the age of 18 and comes from a family of 15 children. She has 4 children, 10 grandchildren, 37 great grandchildren, and 12 great great grandchildren. There is even a set of triplets among the great great grandchildren.

Every week Esther looks forward to going to the store. She used to come 2 days a week but now she comes once a week. Esther has retired from driving but not volunteering. Every Tuesday she calls her ride, and when asked if she wants to go to the store, the answer is "you betcha".



When Esther started volunteering, she tagged clothes and today that is still her favorite task. As you can see in the picture, Esther is a very productive worker. She has moved mountains of clothes. There are times when we don't have clothes to tag and she does other tasks.

We, the Board of Directors, the Employees, the Volunteers, Salem, Ontario Christian School, and Inland Christian Home THANK YOU ESTHER! We appreciate the many hours and devotion to your volunteer work. May God continue to bless you.

## Newest Board Members



**Jo Overgaauw**

- Retired
- Attends The Bridge



**Marilee Parker**

- Employed as a RN
- Attends Ontario United Reformed Church

## General Manager's Notes

*By John Reyenga*

I am constantly amazed by the ways in which God works through people like us to build His kingdom. Recently, we secured rental property north of our Chino store for storage and donation drop-off. With donation drop-off moving to this property, it has eliminated the congestion at our Chino store entrance gate, and made donation drop off easier. 3 Way Thrift has been abundantly blessed with your donations. The life blood of our cash distributions to Ontario Christian Schools, Inland Christian Home, and Salem Christian Homes is your merchandise donations.

Many people ask what donations we accept and how much do we process weekly.

- Clothes - average between 7,500 to 10,000 clothes and linens hung weekly.
- Household items books, crafts – average between 9,000 to 12,000 items cleaned and tagged weekly.
- Shoes – average between 900 – 1,200 cleaned and tagged weekly.
- Jewelry – average between 500 – 750 pieces cleaned and tagged weekly.
- Electronic – average between 700 – 950 pieces cleaned and tagged weekly.
- Miscellaneous - scrap TV's, computers, monitors, printers, table copy machines, microwaves, furniture, magazines, old records, picture frames, gym equipment and other items.

We do not accept:

Stoves, refrigerators, washer, dryers, dishwasher, upright pianos, firearms, paint, hazardous chemicals, mattresses, child car seats, cribs, doors, encyclopedias, food, garden chemicals, water beds, water heaters, vehicles, campers, boats, large floor model copy machines, unsalable and heavy furniture.

Our Donation Center in Chino is open from 9 am to 6 pm, Monday through Saturday. Clothes and small household items can also be put in the donation boxes at Ontario Christian Schools and Inland Christian Home any time day or night.

I'm enormously grateful for those volunteers who sacrificed over the years to reach the financial needs of our recipients and compassion needs of the local community. I'm also thankful for each of you, who continue to sacrifice to carry this vision into the future.



Our processing employees continue to work hard and deliver product to our stores on a timely basis. Our retail staffs also are hard at work stocking and taking care of customer requests. The employees at our donations center are continually challenged as ministers of first impression. Thanks to the entire staff for their hard work!!

## Chino Retail Store Manager's Notes

By Koryna Escobar



It's such a pleasure working for the great organization called 3 Way Thrift. Each day at 3 Way Thrift it's a challenge making sure the store is clean, organized, freshly stocked with merchandise and providing a friendly shopping atmosphere for our customers at competitive prices. As retail manager, I enjoy listening to customer stories when they find merchandise that they have been looking for and find at 3 Way Thrift priced competitively.

It's nice to have employees and volunteers that are hard working. I am constantly amazed at the number of volunteers that have sacrificed their time over the years to help make 3 Way Thrift successful.

I recently enjoyed walking in the Salem Run, Walk & Roll event. My son Miguel earned a first place award for his age group. 3 Way Thrift truck driver Sergio Benavides was kind enough to assist Miguel in the run. Miguel was so proud of his success and is looking forward for next year's run.

Thank you John and Joyce, for giving me the opportunity to help with the growth of 3 Way Thrift and also to grow as a person. I look forward for the coming years to see growth at 3 Way Thrift store. God bless this organization that help families to have a better life.

## Salem Appreciation Breakfast

Once again on May 22, 2012 Salem Christian Homes hosted a breakfast for about 100 volunteers and employees of 3 Way Thrift. Janet Zimmerman prepared the delicious breakfast. The theme of the breakfast was THANKS in serving. Pastor Loren from The Bridge gave a short meditation referencing in a world of weariness there is

happiness in serving and being like Jesus. Carroll Van Kampen expressed what it is to be a Salem resident and thankful for the support she receives from fellow residents and friends of Salem.



## From the President's Pen

By Rick Jasper

One of the special joys that comes from serving on the 3Way board is being able to see from a new perspective how God works in building His kingdom here on earth. When I last wrote for this newsletter, I shared some about how the three organizations served by 3Way have been able to use some of the funds we provide. In meeting with the directors of these organizations, it also became apparent that God has been working faithfully and consistently for more than 3 generations to grow and expand His kingdom specifically here in the Inland Empire.

Because of a vision for educating children in the ways of the Lord and because of the passion and devotion of some gifted and blessed individuals, Ontario Christian Schools opened their doors some 65 years ago. It has been faithfully teaching children to walk in the ways of the Lord ever since.

Fifteen years later, some of those same individuals, along with others added in, decided to step out in faith again. Their desire then was to provide a home/school designed to educate and nurture those with physical and mental handicaps. God once again blessed their efforts, and last year Salem celebrated its 50th anniversary.

Another 15 years passed before a new vision took root in this valley. Once again, some of the very same individuals who started OC and Salem, along with others added to their numbers, decided that there also ought to be a place designed to provide Christian care for those in their "golden years." Yet again, God blessed their dedication and desires and Inland Christian Home was established. For the past 35 years it has been used to provide Christ-centered care for senior citizens and their families.

Two years ago, 3Way Thrift celebrated its 15th anniversary. We rejoice in the knowledge that God is still working to bless this valley and these three institutions through the dedicated and generous support of His people. We are also excited as we look toward our future. We are currently looking at possible expansion and we are exploring options for future growth with a goal of growing 3Way Thrift to greater potential in providing an increased amount of revenue for the three institutions we support. We are aware that any expansion requires a step of faith, but we also realize that faith is and should be based on the realities of what God has done in the past. It's abundantly clear that He has been faithful in the past and, therefore, we are excited to see what He has prepared for our future.



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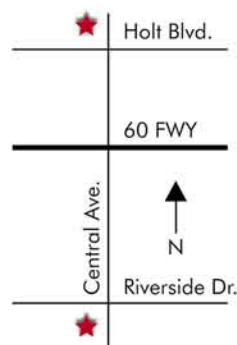
Hours:  
Monday - Friday  
9:00 am - 8:45 pm  
Saturday  
9:00 am - 8 pm

#### Chino Location:

13390 Central Ave.  
Chino, CA 91710  
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Hours:  
Monday - Friday  
9:00 am - 8:45 pm  
Saturday  
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Mon.-Sat. 9:00 am - 6:00 pm



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