



# GRATITUDE

Falling leaves and brisk air usher in the season of thankfulness. Soon, our kitchens will be full of familiar aromas, our tables will overflow, and presents will sparkle under our trees. We will take time to reflect on all the things we are thankful for. Shelby Emergency wants to thank all our supporters who have given of their time, resources and heart to help our clients this past year.

Your giving has allowed us to meet the needs of those families who were having a difficult time due to loss of work or illness.

Together, we have made a difference in the lives of many.



Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow.

-Melody Beattie

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## Thank You...

### PROJECT SCHOOL SUPPLIES A HUGE SUCCESS

Thanks to you, Project School Supplies was a huge success this year. With your gifts we were able to provide school supplies to 213 children. Your generosity allowed us to serve an additional 100 children this year whose family was experiencing a crisis. No child was turned away due to lack of supplies, and all children received the tools they needed to have a successful school year geared at learning.

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#### Pantry needs for October

- ◇ **Stuffing Mix**
- ◇ **Canned Yams**
- ◇ **Powdered Gravy Mix**
- ◇ **Rice**
- ◇ **Canned Fruit**

# SPONSOR A CHILD for Project Christmas

Since 1996, SEA has coordinated efforts with individuals and groups to help provide Christmas for children whose families are experiencing crisis. Beginning the first week in October, we will be taking applications from families needing help with Christmas for their children. Each family will have previously completed a budgeting session to determine if they qualify. Those who do will be matched with a family, church group, individual or organization who wishes to sponsor them for Christmas. SEA will provide sponsors with a wish list from the child. Sponsors will shop for the items, return them to us or may request to deliver the gifts themselves. We anticipate approximately 250 children this year. If you are interested in sponsoring a child, please call Kathy Pigott @665-1942 or email at [kathyp@birch.net](mailto:kathyp@birch.net).



**Project Christmas...making wishes come true on Christmas morning**

## Looking for a Few Good Men...

A lady calls wanting to donate a couch and needs to have it picked up at her home. A company calls about donating office furniture and needs to have it picked up by the end of the week. In each case, SEA was unable to accept the donation because we were unable to find anyone to help pick up the items. We're looking for some able-bodied young men to be "on call" to assist us when we have these situations arise. If you or your organization would like to help, please contact SEA at 665-1942.



## JOB SEARCH

SEA now has a "Jobs" Bulletin Board to help our clients who are looking for employment. We post a variety of job positions located in Shelby County and surrounding areas. If you or your company has a job opening, let us know and we will be glad to post the ad. The information can be sent to us via fax at 665-7855 or email us at [shelbyea@birch.net](mailto:shelbyea@birch.net). The individuals we serve have a wide range of skills, and many have technical school or college educations.

In addition, our Education Department offers client resume' services, which include composing or updating resumes. Interviewing techniques and how to dress for an interview are discussed. Clothing for employment interviews are available from our "Twice As Nice" thrift store .

*It is the Education Department's goal to educate our clients and help prepare them to become self sufficient.*

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Next time you are browsing the net, check out the above site. Rev. Bryan Smith of the Anglican Church of the Holy Comforter, located in Montevallo has put SEA on their website. **THANK YOU** to Rev. Smith, not only for this, but for his continued aid in helping us with our computer questions. His broad knowledge has been a help to SEA. In addition, a **BIG THANK YOU** to the Anglican Church Of The Holy Comforter for their continued support throughout the year in **"helping people move from crisis to self-sufficiency."**



*"at times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. each of us has come to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us."*

ALBERT SCHWEITZER

## NOW HEAR THIS...

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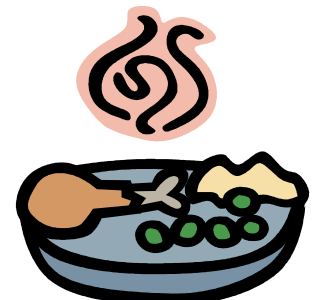
SEA recently welcomed its first Mass Communication Intern. Laura Mason, a senior at the University of Montevallo, was interested in having a hands on experience learning the public relations needs of a social service agency. Laura brought a fresh vision to SEA. She did a terrific job creating brochures and writing radio commercial scripts for Twice As Nice, the agency thrift store. Laura was a delight to work with, and we know that she has a bright future ahead.



## A Special Thank You to Calera First United Methodist

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A special "Thank you" to Calera First United Methodist Church for providing hot meals to 17 of our Calera families. The meals, which included baked chicken, vegetable casseroles, pound cake, rolls and tea were delivered to client's homes on the first Saturday in September. Chris Brannon, SEA Board President assisted in coordinating the project. Seventy five church members prepared and delivered the home cooked meals. Members ranging in age from 9 to 75 years contributed to the success of this mission. Brannon said of the event, "You could see the appreciation on their faces". Thank you CFUMC!



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sufficiency”*



## LAST.... NOT LEAST

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With the support of the following groups, Shelby Emergency Assistance was able to help provide 213 children with their school supplies this year. We appreciate your gifts and the investment you have made in the lives of these children.

CROSSCREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

MONTEVALLO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ALABASTER

MONTEVALLO CIVITAN CLUB

CHURCH OF THE MILL -ALABASTER

JAN LOVELADY with Montevallo Elementary School

*Thank You*



**A Very Special Recognition to  
Avery Lawley**

**Avery sold lemonade and donated  
the proceeds to SEA**

THANKS! AVERY

Avery is the 6 year  
old Granddaughter of  
Jimmy & Linda Lawley

