



MOVING PROJECT UPDATE

Serving the local community...
Impacting the global community

WINTER 2014



Remodeling Underway in Willow Street

The old saying that “many hands make light work” is true, and the proof is visible at the site of Main Street Closet’s future home.

After eight years of vacancy, efforts to renovate the old Darrenkamp’s store in Willow Street began in September, 2013.



Located at 2842 Willow Street Pike, the town’s “Main Street,” the new shop location will offer a huge increase in retail space as well as improved areas for volunteers to process donated items.

While the structural part of the building was generally good, there was general deterioration from lack of maintenance and upkeep.

The building needed a completely new interior, including plumbing, electric, and heating/cooling.

An especially unsound portion of the building was demolished to make room for more parking, old oil tanks were excavated, and board members and volunteers worked to salvage as much scrap as possible to help defray costs.



Inside work is moving along. We’ve been blessed by the hard work and generosity of contractors and vendors who have helped us keep costs down.



Roofing work has begun—now we just need the weather to cooperate so it can be completed!

Mennonite Central Committee
A worldwide ministry of Anabaptist churches – shares God’s love and compassion for all in the name of Christ by responding to basic human needs and working for peace and justice.

Architect’s rendering of completed project:



OPENING DAY: APRIL 12, 2014!!

MSC Needs Your Help

In a few short weeks, Main Street Closet will have a shiny “new” home.

While the finishing touches are being put on the building, we need your help with the following to make our move a success:

1. Funds. We still need to raise \$100,000 for renovations. Please consider “a gift that keeps on giving” for years to come.

2. Items. More space means we need more stuff! Please consider a tax-deductible gift of

your unwanted clothing and housewares. Perhaps your church would organize a donation drive on our behalf?

3. Volunteers. More space and more stuff means we need more staff! Please join us.

For more information, call or email the shop—or talk to one of our board members!

Visit Us...

Current Location:
141 E. Main Street
Strasburg, PA 17579
(Last Day: March 29)

New Location:
2842 Willow Street Pike
Willow Street, PA 17584

On the Web:
www.mainstreetcloset.org

Or Call: 717-687-3955

mainstcloset@verizon.net

Hours: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Monday - Saturday

Talk to Us!



Kathy Johnson
Manager



Mary Ellen Gingerich
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The Strasburg Shop

In case you haven't visited recently (or ever), here are some photos of our current location.

You can see why we need more space! The Main Street Closet is "maxing out" our profitability per square foot of retail space. In an economic climate where costs keep increasing, we can sustain growth and increase giving in our new location.



So How Does It Work?

The beauty of the "ReUzIt" tradition lies in the transformation of donated items and volunteered time into funds for humanitarian missions all over the world.

In 2013, close to \$5 million were contributed by the MCC Thrift Shop Network. In its existence, Main Street Closet has given over \$100,000 to MCC and supported local projects as well.

Volunteers

Sort and inspect clothing
Help with displays
Check electronics
Accept donations
Steam clothing
Be a presence in store
Work with the website

Wash soiled clothing
Tidy retail area
Light maintenance
Help with eBay
Bag items for cashier
Clean donations
Help with silent auction items

Cashier
Stock racks
Sort books
Tag & price
Cleaning
Recycling

Donations

continue to be accepted in Strasburg!

We gladly accept:

Clothing—no stains or holes
Housewares
Books
Small appliances

We cannot accept:

Baby furniture or car seats
Large appliances
Paint or toxic chemicals
TVs or old computers

We also need used shopping bags, display furniture, etc.

We'll See You in Willow Street!



Above all, please pray for us. "Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain." Psalm 127:1