



Sharing Tangible Hope

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The Believe in West Virginia (BiWV) Storehouse opened on May 16, 2005.

What is the Storehouse?

The BiWV Storehouse is a gifts-in-kind warehouse founded by Believe in West Virginia that supplies surplus consumer goods to nonprofit organizations.

What is the Storehouse's mission?

"Believe in West Virginia Storehouse seeks to become a catalyst to reach the needs of our community by providing supplies and training to individuals in the local church body enabling effective outreach."

What are the goals of the Storehouse?

- To distribute surplus consumer goods to charitable organizations enabling them to impact lives in their communities
- To assist organizations in the development and improvement of outreach programs
- Foster cooperation between diverse groups who are reaching their communities

How do products flow through the Storehouse?

1. The Storehouse contacts manufacturers and retailers to arrange for the donation of excess products for distribution.
2. Once the products are received at the Storehouse, volunteers will arrange, sort, repair (if necessary), and inventory the items.
3. Storehouse partners, churches and other non-profit organizations, are notified of the new items that have been received and invited to come and pick them up.
4. At an arranged time partners will pick up the items and share them with those they serve.

Where is the Storehouse?

The Storehouse is located in donated space at Dondale Furniture, in Cross Lanes, West Virginia. The address is 125 Lakeview Drive. When you pull onto the Dondale parking lot, go to the left of the building, and go all the way to the back. When you reach the rear of the building you will see a tractor trailer parked at the end of the building. To the right of the tractor is a small door, which is the entrance to the Storehouse.

When can I visit the Storehouse?

All visits to the Storehouse are by appointment. To arrange an appointment, contact the BiWV Executive Director, John deBlecourt. His email is john@believeinwv.org or he can be reached by phone at (304) 552-7601. We try and schedule visits for Tuesday or Thursday afternoons, between 1 and 5 PM, but we will work with your schedule.

Who is eligible to receive items from the Storehouse?

Churches and 501 (c) (3) non-profit organizations are able to receive items from the Storehouse. The Storehouse allows qualifying organizations to come and make a first visit and pick up items without any obligation, other than to complete the demographic portion of the Storehouse Application.



How can I partner with the Storehouse?

Once organizations have received items from the Storehouse, and realize the value of the Storehouse, they are asked to consider partnering with the Storehouse. In order for the Storehouse to become financially viable, organizations are asked to partner with the Storehouse. Partnership includes contributing an annual membership fee, which is based on the organizations annual budget, and volunteering time.

What are the advantages of partnership?

Organizations that are able to financially partner with the Storehouse will receive first notification of new products after they are received. They will be given a period to obtain the new items before the list is sent to other organizations. As the number of partners grows, it may become necessary to limit access to Storehouse products to partners only.

How often can we visit the Storehouse?

Normally, organizations can plan to visit the Storehouse once a month. Exceptions can be made by contacting the Executive Director.

What types of products does the Storehouse receive?

The Storehouse receives new products from major manufacturers and retailers. The kinds of products change regularly, based on what is donated. Here are the kinds of items that have been donated so far: building materials, gift items and greeting cards, food (including candy), drinks, personal care items, cleaning products, and school supplies. We continue to seek new donors and a broader variety of items.

How can my company donate to the Storehouse?

The Storehouse is a public charity and therefore donors may deduct the fair market value (FMV) of a gift to the Storehouse. The gift of certain products may qualify for a credit under Section 170 (e) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. This section allows firms to claim a deduction of up to twice the donor's basis in the property, in certain circumstances. The Executive Director can supply general information on this type of gift, but prospective donors should contact their tax advisor for specific advice.

How do volunteers help at the Storehouse?

The Storehouse relies on the help of volunteers to complete all the tasks required to meet the needs of our partners. Individuals and groups are encouraged to consider spending time working at the Storehouse. Help is needed in the following areas: Administrative help – Database entry – Inventory control – Correspondence; Warehouse help – Loading and unloading of vehicles – Arranging product on racks – Preparing product for distribution; and Product processing - Sorting – Repairing – Repackaging of donated goods.

Besides giving away products does the Storehouse do anything else?

The Storehouse has three other goals that go beyond the distribution of gift-in-kind products. The first is for The Storehouse to help churches, and non-profit groups, better meet the needs in their communities, through the sharing of innovative outreach ideas and methods. The second is to encourage cooperation between churches so they can more effectively meet the needs of their communities, and carry out their mission. Finally, we hope to broaden the understanding of our volunteers, and partners, to the extent of the need in West Virginia.