

# Mountain Cleanup Time



## Helping the neighbors

Factory Outdoor helps us thwart the winter cold

Please Support Our **Winter Overnight Program**



Helping hands from Glenwood Springs Elementary School



Honoring our fallen heroes



We challenge everyone to leave Sugar Rush Bakery empty handed. It opened recently in the Roaring Fork Marketplace and one of the first things owner/ baker Emily Massure did was contact FMS to offer us some of her goodies. "Everyone deserves something delicious even if they can't afford it." Emily came to Glenwood Springs five years ago after she met her husband. Since then she has been doing custom baking at home until they opened the Bakery. There's a comfortable area to indulge a spontaneous "sugar rush" and Emily is already planning to expand into specialty breads and Christmas treats. Welcome and thank you Emily!

**Notes and News from  
Near and Far...**

From Betty at a rehab facility in Denver: a telephone call saying she received our monthly note, "Today I woke up sad cause it's my birthday and then I got your card!" (FMS always stays in touch if we can). In her follow up letter she says it all: "Today I look forward to my life with excitement".



Long time member Warren who lost a leg several years ago decided to leave Glenwood and stabilize his life in another town. Hitch hiking west, he was picked up by a rancher who offered him a job and a place to live. Talk about never quit before the miracle! FMS gifted him with a new pair of boots before he began his journey.

Another long time member Silver, (famous for his signature chestnut appetizers at Christmas) finally has a "new" car to replace his ancient truck thanks to the generosity of a friend. He wryly notes, "It's definitely more user friendly."

JD has returned from four years in the military overseas and is again camped "up in the hills" in the domain of bears and wolves. FMS remembers his last camp five years ago when the resident young wolf condescended to JD's presence. Today that same wolf (plus his mate and cubs) seem to remember. A truce thrives-and no bear dares enter the territory.



Also from the four-footed realm: Someone recently tried to kidnap our bunny Angel precipitating a successful and well-manned bunny hunt throughout Glenwood. The culprit was nabbed and escorted back to FMS, severely reprimanded-and banished.



**SING OUT!**

Crossroads Church in Aspen presented a rousing fundraiser for FMS last month. Gospel group "Abel's Offering" had most of the crowd on their feet cheering and singing along, and an international audience from as far away as China watched and donated on line. Thank you to pastor Steve Woodrow and especially Amanda and Gary Littell

(who also manage God's Garage) for an hour of pure shared joy!

## Mustard Seeds

Glenwood Springs Noon Rotary Club gave us two cases (that's eight!!) air mattresses with built in air pumps for our Winter Overnight Program which just began for this year. Luxury!! And definitely not in the FMS budget.

Factory Outdoor donated new long johns, socks, gloves and hats. Very warmly received!

Before the WOP began in mid-November, four Sisters from the Church of Latter Day Saints helped us get ready by organizing our WOP closets which tend to get chaotic by year's end.

God's Garage, directed by Amanda and Glen Littell of Crossroads Church in Aspen help keep FMS members warm with winter gear which is gone almost as soon as it appears.

Safeway, Vitamin Cottage, Whole Foods and Russo's Pizza continue their weekly donations of food and staples to help keep our pantries and freezers stocked.

Thanks too for all the staples which Lorie and Bob of Inner Mountain Distributing donate.

Murr Ranch recently donated 12 lbs of top quality ground beef which became the best burritos we ever tasted thanks to Marilyn Landrum one of our volunteer cooks. Then there are cookies from Vivian Stark. Space precludes further accolades for these very talented ladies and families.

FMS was closed for a week to give staff a break before the Winter Overnight Program began. During that time, Dwight, our WOP manager quietly let it be known that he would open our doors for a few doors hours so our FMSers could access showers and make a phone call. Thank you Dwight for caring.

Closure also meant "bunny sitting" for Angel. Karen Lee of Salvation Army accepted the challenge and some of our guys hauled Angel's entire household over to Karen's office for a week.

We always remember as well, our many FMS participants who have donated labor and time to this Valley. From our local churches, the library, the Farmers Market and our big cleanup projects their help is immeasurable.

And finally (for now) thank you all for your generous donations of clothing. One grateful recipient has cheered: "We're the Best Dressed people in the country!"



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**The WOP began November 18th and anyone who has ever moved a personal household might identify with the logistics. Church of Christ in Glenwood has provided us space, but we are seriously underfunded. Cold winter nights are cruel. For \$5.00 a night you can support an individual with a safe & warm place to sleep.**





