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Imagining Possibilities....

Springtime is a time of new possibilities. Can you feel it? There is always a hopeful anticipation that comes over us when the trees begin to bud and daffodils start to sprout from the newly thawed ground. I think spring is God's way of letting us know that there is still hope in this old world, and that there is still great potential for growth, renewal, expansion, and change. So what possibilities exist for SCCO?

Is it possible that SCCO/Hero's Attic could have adequate restore space in the coming year? Could we fully staff the Hero's Attic furniture store so that we could expand our open store hours? Will we have the funding to fix the roof? Or maybe God will surprise us with a whole new building, all on one level, large enough to house our furniture and appliances, our restore items, and even provide a workshop space to repair and repurpose furniture items for better resale.

Is it possible that the SCCO/Home Repair outreach to the elderly, disabled and income challenged could be fully funded to the point of no longer needing to do fundraisers? Are there potential corporate sponsors who would take us under their financial wing?

Is it possible that SCCO could incorporate more Service Project volunteers and truly be the bridge between those who need help, and those who are willing to lend a hand on a more regular basis?

We do not yet know the answers to these questions. But this we know: **All things are possible with God! Matthew 19:26** We share our hopes and our vision with you so that you can be in prayer with us about these possibilities. We are excited about the things that God will bring our way in 2019.

Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1

There are a few items that are always in need at Hero's Attic because of a high turn-over rate.

We can always use:

- ~ **Beds of all sizes**, including mattress and box springs that are clean and stain free.
- ~ **Used appliances** in good working order, especially washers and electric dryers,



electric stoves, microwaves and refrigerators, air conditioners fans, and newer flat-screen TVs.



There are some other items that we've been praying for as well:

~ **More space** for our Re-Store items such as doors, windows, sinks, toilets, tile, carpet, and paint to be displayed for resale.

~ **Funding for a new roof.** We have been patching the old roof, and putting off the inevitable...for a while now.



Welcome, Cindy Scheffler

We'd like to give a very warm welcome to Cindy Scheffler. Cindy has been serving customers at SCCO/Hero's Attic since November 2018 under the WCCA Senior Community Service Employment Program (formerly known as the Senior Aide program). **Welcome, Cindy! We're glad you're here.**



From The Director

You've read on the front page about all of the possibilities that are out there and the questions we ask ourselves on a regular basis here at SCCO. All of us have hopes and dreams of a better future, whether that is in our personal or professional lives, those of our loved ones, and yes, even our country! We were created to strive for something better and it's no surprise that we get discouraged when those expectations are not met. The frustrating part is that sometimes those end results are totally out of our control and are determined by other people's actions. That's one of the reasons why Scripture encourages us not to place our trust or confidence in men, but in God. When we look to Him as our source, He will never disappoint or let us down. It may not take the form we expect or anticipate, but He always has our best interest at heart.

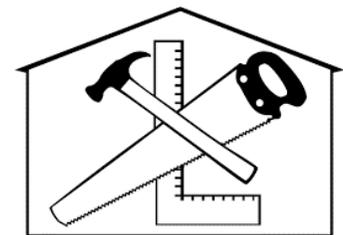
With that in mind, we also have to recognize that God uses people to work through. We are all potential conduits of God's grace and love, it's just a matter of whether or not we will have "ears to hear" and then act upon it. Many times things take much longer than they need to, simply because people aren't listening or acting upon what they've been hearing. That's what we DO have control over - our ability to act and carry through with something that's within our power to perform.

IF you believe in our mission and vision here at SCCO, please consider supporting us in a financial way. Regardless of the dollar amount, we are appreciative of your partnership with us in this endeavor, and for your willingness to be part of the answer to **our** prayers!!

Blessings to each of you, Ron.

The following is a sample of a typical month's worth of activity for our SCCO/Home Repair ministry:

- ◆ adjusted 2 door knobs that were coming apart for single woman
- ◆ repaired broken deck spindle and cut out a dead bush for elderly woman
- ◆ dug post holes and installed hand railing, sand hand railing, dug a trench for underground wiring, and straightened out a light post for single woman with kids
- ◆ helped bag up leaves and unload leaves with single man on disability
- ◆ helped jobless man work on his pickup in order to go job hunting
- ◆ patched exterior siding in a gable end of mobile home for a disabled woman
- ◆ cleaned out gutters on 2 mobile homes for single women
- ◆ attempted to repair overhead garage door for single woman, but it had broken spring
- ◆ trouble shooting a bad outlet and light switch in a garage for a single woman
- ◆ unclogged a kitchen sink drain at sewer line for an elderly man
- ◆ adjusted kitchen cabinet shelving and removed faucet debris for an elderly woman
- ◆ installed a new garage door spring and adjusted to close properly for a single woman
- ◆ helped hang Christmas lights around living room windows for an elderly woman
- ◆ replaced a bathroom faucet and drain tube for an elderly, disabled woman
- ◆ helped put up plastic on windows to winterize for a single man on disability
- ◆ helped clean out a garage and move contents to a new location for an elderly man
- ◆ replaced seals and springs in bathroom faucet for 3 single girls



Items to Loan Out

Did you know that Hero's Attic has items to loan out? We often get used medical equipment such as braces, walkers, crutches, and shower chairs. We do not sell these things, but rather loan them out for as long as the client may need them. Spread the word. We have a whole room full of helpful devices to share with those in need.

