

ANGELS' ATTIC'S
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 2017

Advisory Board Members:

Tamara Boulbee-Store Manager, Jeannette Dow, Jim Hurd, Susan Russel, Diane Test, Wilma Thompson, Bill Ward, Barbara Wilford.

Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 5:00 p.m. in the Carriage House. Four times a year we meet at the store.

Angels' Attic is a boutique-style thrift store whose mission is to provide high quality products at reasonable prices; and to donate proceeds to non-profit groups who provide a multitude of services to many segments of our community. In 2016 we donated funds to: COTS, Interfaith Shelter Network, LifeWorks of Sonoma County, The Ceres Project, Sonoma County Vet Connect, YMCA Women's Emergency Shelter, and Boys and Girls Club of Greater Santa Rosa. We also donate assorted goods monthly to our Fijian congregation for their outreach ministry. All proceeds after expenses are given back to the community. No proceeds are retained by the church or used in the church budget.

As an Outreach Ministry of FUMC our downtown location offers exposure to a segment of the community that we otherwise would not have. We are a friendly, public face for our church in the downtown area. We serve as a listening ear to those in need, show acceptance and warmth to all who enter, help provide for the needs of customers, and show our faith and commitment through our actions. Again, this year we were open during Wednesday Night Market to gain further exposure.

We are experiencing several challenges in the current store operation. Our store expenses have continued to rise and have greatly cut into our proceeds. We are currently trying to implement more cost saving practices to offset increased expenses. We have increased the number of Sale Days and Angels' Attic is now on eBay. Our volunteers are very dedicated workers yet we need to attract more people to help with all the jobs it takes to make the store run smoothly. In addition to the volunteers who clerk in the store, there are many behind-the-scene jobs for which volunteers are needed.

We are blessed to have the support of many in our congregation with their multitude of donations. We believe strongly in our outreach and its importance to our church and to the individuals in our community. We continue to work hard to be of service to our community.

Respectfully submitted,
Angels' Attic Advisory Board Members