

Angels' Attic
Report to the Church Council
Sept. 2019

Angels' Attic, the church's outreach thrift shop, in downtown Santa Rosa, closed its physical doors, effective July 31, 2019 amid tears from volunteers and shoppers alike. The closing was deemed prudent as the number of available volunteers had dwindled to the point that we could not staff the shop adequately and that, along with increased competition from more and more non-profit and for-profit thrift shops cut into our outreach "profit." Angels' Attic had been in place @ 411 E Street since August of 2004 . . . serving the community for 15 years. We are proud of the monies we have been able to raise and give back to the community as well as the impact that we, individually and collectively, were able to have in the lives of customers and regular visitors- being the face of FUMC in downtown Santa Rosa - witnessing for Christ in a safe non-threatening way.

We were fortunate to have the help of Sam Cox in obtaining a recipient for our remaining stock and store equipment - that being Goodwill Industries of Sonoma County. They were able to take possession of the boxed and other items we'd put together and haul the loads to their warehouse. Thanks, Sam.

We did have a number of items which had not been able to be placed on the shop floors for sale prior to closing and those high-quality items are being listed for sale either on eBay or craigslist (or directly to anyone who is interested in what's available.) The receipts from these items will continue to be provided, as in the past, to groups that serve the needs of our local community. Additionally, from storage, we are continuing our weekly clothing donations to those attending Spirit Cafe as well as our ongoing donations to our Fijian families' outreach and other local entities.

We don't yet have a final tally of the amount available in 2019 to be donated locally but will provide that toward the end of the year. It would appear that by year's end our donations from inception will total an average of over \$10,000 per year.

We are very thankful for all those who've worked at the Attic over the years and especially those that hung in there with us more recently (some of whom had been volunteering at Angels' Attic since it opened) as well as those who worked multiple days each month to help cover the shifts and keep the shop open. We also appreciate those who came in and helped box up items, those who've served on the Advisory Board and those who've stepped in to count/tally monies and keep track of our finances.

An additional big thank you goes out to the church - especially Pastor Lori, Elizabeth Walton and her mom, Janis Brewster and anyone else who contributed in providing a lovely volunteer recognition luncheon for us in August.

Respectfully presented,
Tamara Boulton,
Volunteer Manager