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Impact Thrift Stores Donates over \$374,000

Impact Thrift Stores donated an impressive total of over \$374,000 to local charities since 2003. Impact currently supports 13 local charities with financial donations, and several other charities out of its vast inventory to help needy clients. Impact is a 501 (C) 3 non-profit organization that was started in 2001 with private funds by a group of Christian businessmen to be run as a ministry to help others. Impact opened its first store December 5, 2001 in the old Santerians Department store in Hatboro and has since opened 2 additional locations, one in Lansdale and another in East Norriton.

The checks to the charities are just the tip of the ice burg when it comes to all that Impact does to help in the community. Impact has created over 75 employment opportunities between the three store locations. Impact also serves the local community by welcoming teens and young adults who have community service hours to perform, penal and academic. Impact's latest community outreach is its new educational programs started in January 2007. The program is headed by Frank Hartwell who has 36 years of experience as a teacher and counselor in the Lower Merion School district. This program offers the

opportunity for high school and college students to fulfill academic requirements, strengthen college applications or job résumés, develop higher level thinking skills, reinforce ties to the community and increase exposure to new careers.

Impact stores are large, clean and well organized with new inventory arriving daily. Many of Impact's customers come in everyday to check out the rapidly changing inventory. Inventory is like that of a small department store with everything from clothes, furniture and house wares to jewelry, electronics, toys and books. Piano and car donations are not uncommon. Impact employees excel at friendly helpful customer service; they even call Impact's other locations to help customers locate what they are looking for. You really never know what you will find, making it a fun place to shop.

100% of Impact's store merchandise is donated either by individuals or businesses. Good Quality donations are key to Impact's sales and in turn our charitable giving. The \$374,000 donated thus far was raised one donation at a time. Whether you are donating a box of books, a bag of clothing or a room full of gently-used furniture, you can see how vital your donations are. Every donation is of value to us, no matter how large or small. Donations can be dropped off at any of our 3 locations. Impact also has free pick up of larger items 6 days a week,

Impact is truly unique in that they went into business to raise money for others. Their goal is to help fund local charities so the people who run the local charities can concentrate more on what they do best...help others. Hats off to Impact. You have my support. You can schedule for pick up of donations by calling the Hatboro store at 215-957-6131. You can also learn more about Impact on the web at www.impactthrift.org.

Everything they sell is donated by individuals and businesses, some for the tax deduction they can get for donating to Impact and others because they know the net proceeds are going to help families and individuals in their community. Impact recycles things helping to cut down on usable items ending up in the landfills. Part of the ministry is to then sell the donated items for a fraction of their original value making them extremely affordable to the most frugal shoppers. Impact also serves as a location for juveniles who have to perform community service. It's hard work moving furniture and donations all day but the juveniles find that hard work and helping others can be fun and rewarding especially in the positive and customer friendly atmosphere at Impact. Impact has also created over 60 employment opportunities between their 3 stores located in Hatboro, Lansdale and East Norriton. Impact's employees are top notch when it comes to friendly, helpful customer service even calling their other locations to help customers find what they are looking for. Impact has been able to increase the money they donate to the charities every year as their sales increase