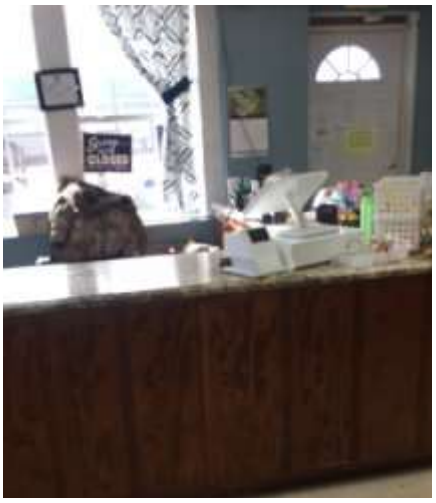
## Henderson Settlement Opportunity Store (Thrift Store)

Our thrift store is an important part of our total ministry at Henderson Settlement. Items such as new and gently used clothing, furniture, household supplies, linens, toys, appliances and just about anything else you can think of are available to the folks who visit us. These items are donated from individuals, churches, groups, etc. for the purpose of resale or giveaway. We resale many items at a reduced cost but we also give away a lot of items to people in an emergency situation. Many times these folks have lost everything and we are able, through the generosity of people like you, to help them begin to get back on their feet. Our thrift store operates year around six days a week. It is probably our most regularly used ministry at the Settlement. We are often asked what do you need most? Obviously clothing for all ages and sizes are important and we get a good response to that. Things we get less of but have a high need for are things like household kitchen items, furniture of all types, good condition linens, towels and dish clothes in very good condition, small appliances as well as large appliances, home décor items, whole sets of dishes, and new toys.

**It's also important to know that we are limited on some things we can accept.** Mattresses for example are not something we can take. Items that have been recalled or are old enough to no longer be considered safe are things that we unfortunately have to discard. Things such as car seats, high chairs, baby beds are good examples of that. Items that need repair or cleaning are also things that we don't have the ability to repair or clean so it isn't helpful to bring those. Some items we just aren't able to move into the community such as TV's that aren't flat screen. Old printers or computers or office equipment that need repair or have issues are also things that we can't distribute. It's not that we don't appreciate it but those items are not things the community will purchase or take free. A good rule of thumb to use when bringing items is if it's not good enough for you or your family to use in some capacity then it probably isn't something that we should consider offering to the community. The need is here but we as Christians should not expect those in need to accept "scraps from our table" in a manner of speaking. Thankfully you give an incredible amount of wonderful things that truly make a difference in our service area.



In the past year we have improved our sales area including new paint, installed drop ceiling in men's section, new checkout counter, new curtains, and a new cash register and inventory system. We try hard to have as nice a shopping area as we can and we are thankful to work camp groups, volunteers, and individuals that help us provide this service to the community.

