

ReNews

ReNew Consignment & Thrift and ReNew Ministries

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Investing needed resources in the lives of our neighbors.

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A CORD OF MANY STRANDS

If there is a theme to the Spring edition of ReNews it has to be partnerships. Ministry partnerships (see **NARCAN KITS PROJECT** on the reverse) and also business partnerships.

Meet Ricky and Annette Bell: One time operators of “Timeless Treasures” in downtown Lincoln, now consigners and friends of ReNew.

Bobbi Reddix, our store manager, used to visit the Bells’ antique store frequently. “I was just getting into the thrift business then,” Bobbi says. “The Bells were people I could talk to when I needed advice. They knew a lot about the value of things. When they closed their store, I missed being able to visit them.”

One afternoon last summer, Bobbi ran into the Bells again.



Ricky and Annette Bell

Remembering their kind and helpful spirit, she asked if they were interested in taking on a role at ReNew Consignment & Thrift.

“It’s worked out great,” Bobbi says. “The Bells bring a whole new facet to the store. They consign quality furniture and unique collectibles. Mr. Bell is always volunteering to help with maintenance chores, and Mrs. Bell is awesome at designing window displays. She’s doing all our windows now.”

The Bells benefit from working with ReNew as well. “We make some money and ReNew makes some money,” Ricky says. “And we don’t have to worry about overhead costs, or manning a store.”

Find your own “timeless treasures,” here at ReNew!

BOBBI'S VIEW

I love living in Logan County! I also recognize the importance of social services here. The need is greater than any one group can provide on its own. That's why we are proud to partner with area service agencies and other ministries in this area.

Recently, ReNew has worked with St. John United Church of Christ (NARCAN Kit Project) and Community Action (Supplying household goods to persons in need). Groups like these address poverty in our community in ways we cannot. At the same time, we offer valuable services they do not.

We regard our ministry clients as partners as well, not charity cases! We partner with struggling individuals and families to help them find stability for themselves, and a peaceful place in God's kingdom.

You, dear shoppers and donors, are partners with us as well. Without your participation in this ministry, we would not have the resources to invest in the lives of our neighbors!

God bless, and come back soon!

Bobbi



NARCAN KITS PROJECT

Sixty percent of money earned on items consigned on behalf of the NARCAN Project until the end of May will go to the **NARCAN Kits Project** to help buy emergency kits for Logan County first responders to use in case of a suspected drug overdose.

To participate in this fundraiser organized by **St. John United Church of Christ**, donate items to the store and indicate your items are for the NARCAN project.



"Ministry Moments" highlights the work of ReNew Ministries in working with area residents. Names are changed to protect privacy.

Jason recently decided to pull his life together. He started by surrendering himself to the authorities to serve time in jail for an old conviction he had run from.

Jason now has an apartment, and a job. He is unable to drive due to a DUI on his record. He came to ReNew Ministries hoping for help in getting a bicycle to ride to work.

ReNew had no bicycles in stock, but the ministry was able to find him one through Inner City Mission. Jason is now taking part in a ReNew Ministries bible study, and continues to work at putting his past behind him.

One thing ReNew Ministries does for the community is supervise persons mandated to complete community service hours. Clark came to us for

this reason. We were able to help him meet some other needs as well. His hours completed, Clark continues to volunteer and do contractual work for our store.

Since coming to ReNew, Clark has turned his life over to the Lord. He has been baptized, and he and his wife attend church. He tells us he appreciates the help he's received and he can feel God working in his life.

Kelsey was referred to ReNew by her church. She and her children needed to move, but she was struggling to find money for a deposit.

Kelsey signed up for the *Stability for Life* program. She spoke with a Stability Coach, provided the requisite paperwork and documents, and received help with the deposit and other needs in return for taking part in classes at ReNew.

We use your donations and purchases to assist area residents with tough situations and to guide them toward an understanding of how they can lift themselves out of poverty.

Please visit the ministry page at ReNewThrift.org for a comprehensive overview of our ministry.



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