

ReNew

Consignment & Thrift

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Lincoln IL

Open Tues-Fri:
10 am - 5 pm
Sat: 10 am - 2 pm

December/January 2016

Investing needed resources in the lives of our neighbors.



Merry Christmas...



Extended Christmas
Shopping Hours!

Open Fridays until 6:30 pm
Open Saturdays until 4:00 pm
Closed Christmas Eve & Day
Closed New Years Eve & Day

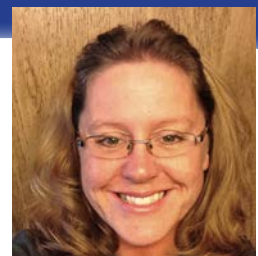
Gift Certificates
Available!

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BLESSED BEGINNINGS

Two months into operations we are happy to report business at ReNew Consignment and Thrift has exceeded expectations. We've come a long way from the empty building we started with.

"Offering consignment and donated items side-by-side was an experiment," says Store Manager Bobbi Reddix. "The idea was to keep prices rock-bottom low while not compromising on quality. It's working out great.

"We've made a few tweaks here and there. For instance, we've had to increase our hours through Christmas to accommodate customers. We are staying open an extra hour on Fridays and two hours on

Saturdays. Whether we go back to the original hours after the holidays depends on traffic."

Bobbi has also instituted a popular new clothing return policy. "As long as you leave the tags on an item, you can return it for a full refund. This frees customers to buy clothing for the family without the concern of wasted money if something doesn't fit. Take it home, have the kids try it on, and if it's not going to work out, bring it back."

Thank you for helping make this store successful. We hope you will be with us as we enter the new year focused on the second part of this great experiment: our awesome ministry center.



ONLINE VIEW

ReNewThrift.org now has an "online view" page where customers can check out featured items between visits to the store. If you see something online you've just got to have, you can call in and make the purchase over the phone. We'll set it back for you to pick up later.



Wall Hanging

Metal Wall Hanging.
Dimensions are 28" x
18" Live, Laugh, Love

STEPPING INTO MINISTRY

Just as our store mixes consignment and thrift items to create a great shopping experience, the ReNew ministry center mixes physical resources and relational resources to help alleviate poverty.

"Giveaway programs don't address the causes of poverty," explains Donna Lomelino, our ministry director. "Giving is wonderful and needed, but it seldom leads to a long-term fix. For that, you have to get to know a person, and learn where the real need is.

"For example, we're providing a lady with gas money to get to work. This wasn't a handout; it came after discussing her situation and seeing she has trouble setting boundaries with other people. We are now taking her through a Bible study that addresses that problem. The gas money is a small investment while she works to improve her circumstances.

"On the other hand, one gentleman came in asking for rent money. He couldn't produce a lease or any evidence of the debt. I offered to talk further, but he left and hasn't been back. He was looking for money, not a real solution."

The ReNew Ministry Center officially opens in January. Please join us in prayer that when the sign is mounted above that door, the resources God has blessed us with will make a lasting difference in people's lives.



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