



THEOSOPHICAL ORDER OF SERVICE

“A union of those who love for the service of all who suffer”

Besant Branch Service Projects: 2009 – 2010

What is the TOS?

The Theosophical Order of Service (TOS) was founded by Annie Besant in 1908, who as international president of the Theosophical Society (TS) was an ardent social activist. The TOS provides a framework in which people can engage in practical, creative, and humanitarian activities promoting the *First Object*: To form a nucleus of a universal brotherhood of humanity without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste, or color. The TOS provides a framework to perform these actions in a theosophical spirit, whether or not the participants are members of the TS.

The TOS works locally and internationally in such areas as:

- education
- social welfare & justice
- healing
- peace
- the environment
- emergency relief
- animal concerns

It has been a long standing tradition to help those who have survived a reverse in circumstances and have become homeless.

There are two service projects this year that have been designed to help meet this need:

1. To help people help themselves in providing shelter, Habitat for Humanity needs used (useable) tools. Used construction tool donations will be accepted in March & April, 2010. Large tool pick-up can be arranged.

2. Due to the economic down turn there are hundreds of animals being abandoned or voluntarily surrendered. Animal rescue and no-kill shelters desperately need assistance to meet this growing need.

There is a box in the Bookstore for **ongoing collection** of aid for animal rescue and no-kill shelters. All pet items will be delivered monthly to the Parma Animal Shelter, the Cleveland APL, and the Northeast Ohio SPCA. Monetary donations will be sent to Puppy Mill Rescue. Some pet food may be given to food pantries. All of these organizations are nonprofit. Here's a list of most needed items:

ANIMAL SUPPLIES

6 foot leashes	Collars in all sizes
Small litter pans	Litter scoops
Non dust litter	Pet food dishes
Pet toys	Pet nail trimmers
Pet carriers/crates	Grooming brushes, combs
Canned cat food	Dry cat/dog food
Small animal food	Timothy Hay (for rabbits)
Dog treats	Baby scales
Thermometers	Heating pads
New/used blankets, towels, sheets, tablecloths	
Feline/canine nursing bottles & formula (at pet stores)	

CLEANING SUPPLIES

Paper towels	Large paper bags
Garbage bags	Newspapers
Laundry baskets	Cleaning buckets
Baking soda	Laundry soap
Fabric softener	Bleach
Dish soap	Cleaning rags, sponges
Dishwashing liquid/powder	Liquid Hand soap/sanitizer
Pinesol	Vinegar

OFFICE SUPPLIES/MISC.

White copy paper	Photo-printer paper
Blue/black ink pens	Post-it notes
Manilla file folders	Index cards
Scissors	Paper clips
Stapler/staples	Rubber bands
#10 white envelopes	Scotch tape
AA and AAA batteries	Kleenex
Bathroom tissue	Band aids
Postage Stamps (1 st class)	Small space heater

APL INVESTIGATIONS DEPT.

Blank CD's & CD cases	Digital cameras
Digital video cameras	DVD player
Desktop/Laptop computers (Windows XP OS)	
17" and above computer monitors	