

On Saturday, May 15, 2010 Dwayne R. Spence Funeral Home sponsored a Community Shred Day at our Pickerington location from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Free document shredding was offered to anyone (with a 5 box limit requested but not enforced) but donations of non-perishable food items were accepted for the Pickerington Food Pantry or clothing and household items for St. Vincent DePaul Society or the Volunteers of America.

Planning for this event began in February, and ads were published in several of the local weekly newspapers (ThisWeek in Pickerington, Pickerington Times-Sun, the Southeast Messenger and The Town Crier) two or three weeks prior alerting the public to this event. Community Action Recycling in Lancaster (a non-profit organization) was engaged to provide the shredding, and the local organizations benefiting from the donations were notified so they would be able to send representatives to our event.

A press release (see below) describing the event was sent out to the local television and radio stations, and local churches for inclusion in their weekly bulletins.

The event was held on our parking lot and cars pulling in were able to drop off donations before proceeding to the front where the recycling truck was located. Ten of our staff members participated in the event that day, along with several volunteer spouses and boy scouts from the local troop, helping to direct cars to the appropriate area or helping folks unload the materials from their cars for the shredding truck.

A grill was set up on one side of the lot where some of our staff prepared free hot dogs and lemonade, and many folks took advantage of a free lunch before leaving. We also prepared several dozen Otis Spunkmeyer cookies in our lounge, (usually made for our visitations and arrangements), to give away with the hot dogs. Members of the Violet Township Fire Department were also on hand displaying some of their equipment and vehicles.

The turn-out was beyond our expectations: over 175 cars dropped off documents to be shredded. Most of those brought donations of food or clothing, and dozens of boxes of food were collected for the food pantry. Many folks left cash donations, and nearly \$250 was collected and divided between the food pantry, the Shriners Orthopedic Hospital and the Bloom Township Crisis Fund. The event was so well received we plan on doing another one at our other location this fall. We received many, many positive comments from the folks attending, along with thanks for providing the event.

Press Release/Shred Day

On Saturday May 15, 2010 from 10 a.m. until 12 noon the Dwayne R. Spence Funeral Home, 550 Hill Road N., Pickerington, will be hosting a “Shred Day” available to the public. This is a great opportunity for the public to shred personal documents. The Volunteers of America and the St. Vincent DePaul Society will also be on site accepting donations. There is no cost for shredding but donations of non-perishable food items to the PCMA Food Pantry of Pickerington are encouraged. Sponsored by the Dwayne R. Spence Funeral Home. Food and refreshments provided.