

# **MCCS Relief Auction Sales**

## **Introduction**

How can you raise a lot of money for a good cause, have fun, visit with friends, enjoy good food and be part of a carnival? The right answer is a no brainer - participate in the MCC Saskatchewan (MCCS) Relief Sale and Auction!

The Annual MCCS Relief Sale and Auction provides good food, great fun, a chance to renew friendships, work with like minded volunteers, and most importantly an opportunity to provide a helping hand to those in need. Many dozens of volunteers and hundreds of volunteer hours go into a sale. Volunteers are those who create crafts and quilts, those who prepare and serve food, those who plan and organize, those who make sales and gather goods for sale, those who set up and take down, those who participate in advertising, fundraising and allocating funds. Though the work is done by volunteers there are still cost for rent, advertising, insurance, posters and brochures. In 2008 it cost \$40,014 to put on the sale. Those costs are usually met by pre-sale fundraising like suppers, car washes, silent auctions, and special congregational events. Before the sales the planning committee endeavours to cover sale costs so that all funds raised at the sale goes to MCCS programmes.

## **Relief Auction Sales -Beginnings**

The very first relief auction sale to help the needy was held in Herbert, Saskatchewan, on December 1920 and it raised \$1,100, a considerable sum in those days. However, it was a onetime relief sale. The sale actually raised funds for the Canadian Central Committee (CCC) which was formed in Canada in 1920 much like the MCC which formed in USA. The purpose of both was to help with relief in the newly formed Soviet Union and with those suffering in the aftermath of the First World War. CCC channeled its funds to MCC which at that time was the only organization serving overseas.

Annual well organized auction centred relief sales for MCC began in 1957 in a barnyard near Morgantown, Pennsylvania. From this first annual relief sale a people's movement has grown to an annual relief festival and sale to incorporate activities in each region and province of the North American Mennonite constituency. In 1967 in New Hamburg, a town in the Regional Municipality of Waterloo, Ontario, began the first of the annual relief sales in Canada. In 1970 Saskatchewan hosted its first Relief Sale which was held in Saskatoon. Then in 1973 Saskatchewan was the first province in Canada to hold two sales per year with Swift Current holding sales until 1989. Today 12 different Relief Sales are held in five different Canadian provinces and the 43 sales in Canada and the USA raise over five million dollars annually. One important consequence of these Relief Sales is to have Anabaptist /Mennonites from many different denominations working together for a common purpose of helping the needy. MCCC in 2012 had eight participating Mennonite and Brethren in Christ denominations.

## **Saskatchewan Relief Sales - General**

Relief Sales are in integral part of MCCC and the provincial organizations. For those who contribute to and invest themselves in the Relief Sales MCC is close to the heart of what it means to be Mennonite or Brethren in Christ.

Women from the very beginning have played a large role in all the relief sales because they often did not work outside the home for pay. They worked throughout the year making the quilts and other needle work items, then did most of the baking in preparation for the sale day, staffed

most of the food booth, grew plants for the plant sales, spent endless hours on different craft items, were the major workers for Ten Thousand Villages, served on the committees, and did a lot of clean up at the sale's end.

The Relief Auction Sales both generate revenue and incur expenses. The funds transferred to MCCS represent the total of all sources of income less expenses and a reserve fund. The finances of the annual Auction Relief Sale begins with a modest reserve fund which is added to as local fundraises are held. These funds are used to pay for the expenses of rent, advertising and sale day costs. As a consequence of the sale expenses being prepaid, the money raised at the day of the Sale is then in general directed without deductions to MCCS.

Relief Auctions Sales revenue in 1975 was \$35,466.85 from Saskatoon and \$16,800.00 from the Swift Current for a total of \$52,266.85. The total budget of MCCS in 1975 was \$366,459.00. Thus the sales contributed 14.3% of its budget. However, by 2009 the MCCS budget had grown to \$3,295,300.00 but the Saskatoon sale only generated \$76,000.00 which is only 2.3% of the MCCS budget. It is clear that in the 1970s and 80s the Relief Sales were a significant contributor to the MCCS budget, but by the 21<sup>st</sup> century they contribute only modestly. However, they remain a significant outlet for Mennonite quilters and crafts workers who contribute many dozens of handmade items some of which fetch over \$2,000 in the auction. The event also provides a wonderful experience for volunteers and for social interactions.

The Annual Relief Sales not only raise money for relief of the needy, they are also providing an important opportunity for Ten Thousand Villages to sell their crafts. **The benefits of fair trade marketing are passed on to relief sale shoppers.** The budget of Ten Thousand Villages is separate from that of the Relief Auction Sales.

The very first sale was on a Wednesday in 1970, but after that sales were on Saturdays to attract the largest number of buyers. To interest everyone, even those unfamiliar with Mennonite activities, a Friday night presale Open House was held in both Swift Current and Saskatoon to display and publicise the items offered for sale and acquaint people with the work of MCCS. These Friday evening Open Houses quickly developed into an evening of their own with food for sale, entertainment, special events, and sale of crafts.

### **Saskatoon Relief Sales**

From the beginnings in 1970, to 2013, 44 Relief Auction Sales have been held in Saskatoon \$2,910,212.76 has been raised for MCCS.

To keep the Annual Relief Auction Sales relevant and interesting the events and activities often changed. Sales sometimes included a Friday evening fashion show, an overnight or sports camp, some sale booths including recordings by Mennonite performers. Volunteers organized "Power of Pennies" drive or the popular sponsored "MennoMile run/walk." Musical performers continue to delight relief "sale'rs."

Relief Sales have made a significant effort to reduce their ecological footprint by: using "Green Energy Retailers," using compostable plates and utensils, reducing and reusing packaging, promoting public transport, bikes and walking and recycling.

Ed Roth, a dairy farmer and auctioneer from Rosthern, served as auctioneer and was principle promoter of the Relief sales from the beginning in 1970 to at least 1990. Other auctioneers, like his son Ken Roth and John Doerksen frequently served with Ed.

### **Swift Current Relief Sales**

In the 17 Relief Auction Sales held from 1973 to 1989, in Swift Current, \$313,975.99 was raised for MCCS.

The Swift Current Relief Auctions Sales were always held in the same location, the Stockade Building in Swift Current's Kinetic Exhibition Park. The local Mennonite community had their own planning committees which presented relief auction sales with great enthusiasm. However, the Swift Current area is smaller than in the Saskatoon area. This has limited the number of volunteers. Many of the sale participants were from the area's farming community and the sale had more of that rural flavour.

The 1989 Relief Auction Sale was the last of the annual Swift Current sales. In this last year the amount raised was about 10% lower than the year before. In addition to the drop off in revenue the Swift Current Mennonite community being smaller and more scattered than Saskatoon made it difficult to attract volunteers.

The next year, 1990, the principal fund raising event in the southern part of Saskatchewan was a large garage sale held on 8-9 June in Kindersley which was sponsored by the Fiske, Herschel and Superb Mennonite Churches and the Kindersley Mennonite Brethren in Christ church. It was held in an empty retail store on Main Street and the amount raised for MCCS was \$1,372.13. In 1990 the Swift Current Relief Sale Committee planned a number of fund raising events for June 1991. The Bridgeway Community Church held a dinner on 23 June 1991 and raised \$2,394.00 for MCCS and the second Kindersley Relief Garage Sale held on 26-27 April 1991 was again successful raising \$3,572.70, a 37% increase over the previous sale. The tragic and sudden death of Bob Toews, on 4 August 1991, handicapped further sales for he was a popular and enthusiastic Swift Current volunteer auctioneer.

### **Canadian Foodgrains Bank Sale:**

The Canadian Foodgrains Bank began as The Mennonite Food Bank in 1974 sponsored by Mennonite grain farmers who donated part of their crops to feed world hunger. It was established as a separate organization from MCC Canada, but MCCC handled the Bank's overseas distribution. Then in 1983 when other Christian denominations joined it became the Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFB) as a separate organization. Since then CFB handles its own operations separated from MCCC. It is still actively supported by many Saskatchewan Mennonite farmers. Many who participated in the MCCS Relief Sales found that auction sales were a good way to raise funds, cooperate with neighbours and help feed the hungry.

These auction sales began in 1981 and continue today. They are often just called the "Hague Sale" and are held on one Saturday in late June or July. Usually 30-40 head of cattle are auctioned. Most of the cattle are Holstein for Hague is the centre of the dairy industry in Saskatchewan. The sales are held outdoors and for the first decade and more the weather has been favourable. A March fundraising supper of varenike and sausage has been held to cover expenses. The Hague Sale is also accompanied by significant cash donations which often exceed the funds raised by auction.

Table 1

## Saskatoon Relief Auction Sales

Sal e no.	Date	Amount raised \$ <sup>i</sup>	10 Thousand Villages <sup>ii</sup> sales \$	Building Used
1	17 June 1970	20,562.68	Did not participate	Exhibition Stadium
2	18-19 June 1971	16,613.01	First participation not reported	Exhibition Stadium
3	16-17 June 1972	17,955.40	not reported	Jubilee Building
4	15-16 June 1973	21,555.87	1,477.53	Jubilee Building
5	14-15 June 1974	28,858.24	2,806.24	Jubilee Building
6	6-7 June 1975	35,466.85	4,215.00	Jubilee Building
7	4-5 June 1976	38,630.82	5,742.60	Jubilee Building
8	3-4 June 1977	35,013.17	4,214.76	Jubilee Building
9	16-17 June 1978	33,983.77	4,870.00	Jubilee Building
10	15- 16 June 1979	45,000.00	5,275.00	Jubilee Building
11	20- 21 June 1980	40,000.00	4,472.70	Jubilee Building
12	26-27 June 1981	44,500.00	5,465.35	Jubilee Building
13	18-19 June 1982	57,000.00	5,929.50	Jubilee Building
14	17-18 June 1983	48,000.00	7,833.15	Jubilee Building
15	15-16 June 1984	46,865.00	8,098.70	Wheatland "A" Building
16	14-15 June 1985	49,881.00	7,945.82	Jubilee Building
17	13-14 June 1986	52,500.00	8,547.45	Jubilee Building
18	12-13 June 1987	56,703.89	6,716.25	Jubilee Building
19	11-12 June 1988	56,703.89	8,299.99	Jubilee Building
20	9-10 June 1989	53,494.89	7,785.61	Jubilee Building
21	8-9 June 1990	55,463.20	No longer reported	Jubilee Building
22	7-8 June 1991	57,062.00		Jubilee Building
23	29-30 May 1992	71,988.59		Jubilee Building
24	4-5 June 1993	82,207.00		Jubilee Building
25	3-4 June 1994	84,646.00		Jubilee Building
26	2-3 June 1995	75,363.00		Jubilee Building
27	7-8 June 1996	74,814.00		Jubilee Building
28	13-14 June 1997	80,088.00		Wheatland "A" Building
29	13-14 June 1998	96,516.00		Wheatland "A" Building
30	11-12 June 1999	83,236.00		Wheatland "A" Building
31	9-10 June 2000	89,515.00		Wheatland "A" Building
32	8-9 June 2001	106,788.00		Wheatland "A" Building
33	31 May-1 June 2002	109,572.00		Wheatland "A" Building
34	13-14 June 2003	85,965.00		Wheatland "A"/Centre Hall
35	11-12 June 2004	90,412.00		Wheatland "A"/Centre Hall
36	10-11 June 2005	89,976.00		Wheatland "A"/Centre Hall
37	9-10 June 2006	103,199.00		Trade Centre Hall "A" & "C"
38	15-16 June 2007	98,220.49		Prairieland Park.
39	13-14 June 2008	135,000.00		Prairieland Park.
40	12-13 June 2009	76,000.00		Prairieland Park.
41	11-12 June 2010	80,000.00		Prairieland Park.
42	10-11 June 2011	82,616.00		Prairieland Park.

43	8-9 June 2012	84,478.00		Prairieland Park.
44	14-15 June 2013	117,799.00		Prairieland Park.
	Total	2,910,212. 76		

**Table 2  
Swift Current Relief Auction Sales**

Sal e no.	Date	Amount raised \$	10 Thousand Villages sales \$	Building Used
1	1973	11,000.00	1,326.00	Stockade Building
2	22 June 1974	12,036.27	1,297.15	Stockade Building
3	20-21 June 1975	16,800.00	1,995.75	Stockade Building
4	18-19 June 1976	18,200.00	1,909.50	Stockade Building
5	17-18 June 1977	16,000.00	2,475.35	Stockade Building
6	2-3 June 1978	17,400.00	1,613.30	Stockade Building
7	1-2 June 1979	20,500.00	1,614.90	Stockade Building
8	6-7 June 1980	27,750.00	1,657.35	Stockade Building
9	? June 1981	20,231.00	1,595.00	Stockade Building
10	18-19 June 1982	18,845.88	2,235.33	Stockade Building
11	17-18 June 1983	21,793.00	2,165.25	Stockade Building
12	15-16 June 1984	17,050.53	1,900.30	Stockade Building
13	21-22 June 1985	19,604.31	2,490.60	Stockade Building
14	20-21 June 1986	20,035.00	2,020.75	Stockade Building
15	19-20 June 1987	19,620.00	1,956.15	Stockade Building
16	17-18 June 1988	19,405.00	1,920.20	Stockade Building
17	16-17 June 1989	17,705.00	2,367.80	Stockade Building
	Total	313,975.99		

**Notes on the Saskatoon Relief Sales**

**1<sup>st</sup> 1970 June 17 (Wednesday):** The sale began at 10:00 am Wednesday in the Saskatoon Exhibition Stadium buildings at Prairieland Park, with Saskatchewan Lieutenant Governor Stephen Worobetz officially opened the sale and MCCS Chairman, Rev. James Mullet, dedicated the day in prayer. Ed Roth, a dairy farmer and auctioneer from Rosthern, served both as primary auctioneer and Relied Auction Committee Chair. 142 quilts, 14 rugs, 4 pairs of pillows and 63 head of livestock were auctioned. Chicken, sausage, and beef were barbecued outside on fires and a large quantity of baked goods was sold. From this first sale, with approximately 3,000 plus in attendance, all proceeds were sent to MCCS for funds for administration and expenses were raised earlier.

**2<sup>nd</sup> 1971 June 19:** The sale was held on Saturday in the Exhibition Stadium at Prairieland Park, with livestock sold in the Stadium. Livestock, needlework, quilts, antiques, toys, were all auctioned. with a Kroeger clock sold for \$400, a quilt for \$230 and a registered Hereford yearling bull for \$500. The bake sale was popular, netting \$1600. Roll Kuchen and watermelon, sold for 50 cents. All the people involved worked as volunteers, and administrative, advertising and rental expenses were earlier covered by fundraising events at local churches so that all funds raised from this Relief Sale went directly to MCCS projects. Represented denominations were: Brethren in Christ, Evangelical

Mennonite, Evangelical Mennonite Mission, General Conference, Mennonite Brethren and The Mennonite Church.

- 3<sup>rd</sup> 1972 June 16-17:** Proceeds were more than in 1971. Attendance was about 4,500 persons. The sale was held in the Exhibition buildings at Prairieland Park. One interesting feature was the tea served in old charcoal-heated Russian samovars by ladies from the Rosthern area. Ed Roth was the auctioneer.
- 4<sup>th</sup> 1973 June 16:** Sale proceeds were again higher than the previous year with about \$1,400 more raised by Self-Help Crafts booth and the highest price quilt sold for \$300.00. An estimated 4,500 persons attended. As in the previous sale, Samovar tea was a very popular item. This was the first year in which Swift Current also held a Relief Sale for folks in the southern part of the province.
- 8<sup>th</sup> 1977 June 6:** Saskatoon Mayor Bert Sears had the official opening.
- 10<sup>th</sup> 1979 June 16:** Cash donations were \$6,280.00. Samovar Tea raised \$414.05.
- 12<sup>th</sup> 1981 June 20:** About \$4,500 in Self Help crafts were sold. In total about \$44,000 was raised.
- 13<sup>th</sup> 1982 June 18 - 19:** About 4,000 people were in attendance and receipts were well over \$55,000 for the sale held in the Jubilee Building, Exhibition grounds. A heifer sale held on 4 June in the Saskatoon Auction Mart. led by Ed Roth netted \$10,550. Most of these cattle were donated by the dairy farmers of the Saskatchewan River Valley. The Saskatoon sale began with the traditional pancake and sausage breakfast at 6:30. Ed Roth and others began auction at 9:00 with a grandfather clock fetching \$2,800. In addition were Global Village Crafts, a Kiddy Korner, art gallery, home baking, plant section, and \$6,000 in Self Help items were sold. H. T. Klaassen of Rosthern was the opening speaker. Over \$800.00 was raised in the sale of MCCS Logo mugs and over \$300.00 in the sale of *Male Melodies* sound recordings which was down from the \$1,000.00 raised in 1981. The sale of metre sticks yielded \$57.50.
- 14<sup>th</sup> 1983 June 17- 18:** About 4,000 in attendance at the Jubilee Building, raising \$45,000. Pancake breakfast then auctioneering began at 9:00am, with a total of 118 quilts and Afghans sold. The highest priced quilt sold for \$600. The woodwork sold this year was of exceptional high quality and the cash donation were the highest to date at \$10,915.00.
- 15<sup>th</sup> 1984 June 15-16:** Canadian Justice Minister Ray Hynatshyn was a participant and was the first to win an auction, which was of a limited edition MCCS cap. This Sale was held for the first time in the more spacious Wheatland "A" building on the Exhibition grounds. Over 700 turned up for breakfast, self-help crafts were very popular, and a new addition was the Chinese food stand staffed by members of the Chinese Mennonite Fellowship.
- 19<sup>th</sup> 1988 June 11-12:** This year the first annual MennoMile run/walk —a five-kilometre run or three-kilometre walk to raise funds - was held.
- 20<sup>th</sup> 1989 June 9-10:** This is the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary sale. The three relief sales, Saskatoon Swift Current and Food Grains Bank, each has its own committee. "It's not the cost but the cause that counts."
- 21<sup>st</sup> 1990 June 8-9:** (Called Annual MCC Relief Auction & Bazaar) Media advertising sponsored by 12 different businesses. Friday evening and Saturday, Beef on a Bun, children's entertainment, Self Help Crafts for Sale; Pancake and Sausage breakfast at 7:00 Menno Mile Run at 8:00m (raise money by sponsoring a runner), auction starting at 9:30; 100 quilts and Afghans, woodworking items, special sale of a 16x35' garage - with free moving within 35 miles of Saskatoon. (no story in SSP but advert in the day before). 249 participants aged 3 to 77 biked, jogged or walked the five kilometre MennoMile event that began with breakfast at 8:00am and a special labelled T-shirt.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> 1992 May 29-30:** Items for the sale include Quilts and Afghans, also Wood crafted articles, paintings, needlework, Menno Mile run,

- 24<sup>th</sup> 1993 June 4-5:** Friday evening entertained by the singing Buhler Boys, and two local Marimba players, ping pong tournament, horse and buggy rides, Saturday, Menno Mile raised \$2,759 and \$2,100 from T-shirt sponsors and also the Power of Pennies which brought in \$1,464.60. Quilt sales a bit lower but food booth very popular. The highest single bid in the auction was \$4,000 for an Aaron Regehr built Grandfather Clock.
- 27<sup>th</sup> 1996 June 7-8:** The sale has its own "Sale Expense fund," and its requested: baking, pottery, stained glass, leather and Christmas items. Menno Challenge Cup an relay race involving bikers, runners, bladders is proposed.
- 30<sup>th</sup> 1999 June 11-12:** \$87,394 was raised. At this year's sale 4,230 verenike [Correct spelling should be: varenyky; i.e. Russian is: варёники pl.], 840 "beef on a bun", 750 breakfasts, 1,600 lbs (726kg.), of sausage, 2240 lbs (1016 kg) of water melons, 60 gallons (273 l.) of Borshch; 1 grandfather clock, 480 miles (772km.) MennoMile, over 100 quilts and hundreds of plants, books, needle work items etc.
- 31<sup>st</sup> 2000 June 9-10:** planning to prepare a Relief Sale Handbook with photos etc. On Friday BBQ beef on a bun; music at 7:00 pm; food and crafts for sale; Saturday: 13<sup>th</sup> annual MennoMile Run starting at 8:00 am, Kids Peace 9:00 -2:00 pm, grandfather clock.
- 32<sup>nd</sup> 2001 June 8-9:** Wheatland "A" Building.
- 33<sup>rd</sup> 2002 May30-June 1:** By the end of this sale MCCS Auction sales have raised 1.8 million dollars!
- 34<sup>th</sup> 2003 June 13-14:** Held in the Wheatland "A" Building; Friday begins with a Sausage and Bun supper, followed by a digital history, comedy, fashion show and musical theatre. Saturday starts with the traditional pancake and sausage breakfast at 7-9 am, and the 16<sup>th</sup> annual MennoMile walk/run, Kids Peace and Ten Thousand Villages Crafts and then the sale itself. Traditional Mennonite foods like varenyky, borshch, and rollkuchen. A special Grandfather clock crafted by Aaron Regehr was one of the special items in the auction.
- 35<sup>th</sup> 2004 June 11-12:** New this year is "Power of Pennies (not new but the wheelbarrow is.)" wheelbarrow which made the rounds of Saskatchewan churches. This money will go to MCC's Generation's at Risk project that helps people coping with HIV/AIDS. Friday held a chili con Carne & pasta supper with Bison on the menu followed by entertainment in the Centre Hall of Prairieland Exhibition Grounds. Saturday morning begins with the MennoMile walk/run, breakfast, and then the auction with quilts as a block starting at 11:00am. A total of \$89,976.08 was raised at this sale which provides about 3% of MCCS revenue. Friday almost 700 participants ate a supper of Bison chilli and pasta salad, quilt sales increased over last year, and food prices were increased this year to raise even more money.
- 36<sup>th</sup> 2005 June 10-11:** One of features this year's sale was the auction of a "Pay-it-forward" quilt that fetched \$800.00. This quilt is then sent off to another Auction Relief Sale in another part of Canada for re-auctioning. Also Aaron Regehr contributed another of his many Grandfather Clocks and its auction price was an astonishing \$7,000.00.
- 37<sup>th</sup> 2006 June 12-13:** This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of MCCC.
- 41<sup>st</sup> 2010 June 11-12** On 11 June Steve Bell, singer, songwriter and Storyteller presented a concert at Prairieland Part Hall E. In 2010 the Saskatoon Relief Sale had 27% of income from auction; 26% from food, and 7% from events. Its expenses were 7% for Advertising and 45% for Rent. [These % don't seem to add up – vgw]

DATE [1972 or 1977????] The 32 voice Male Choir from the Foothills Mennonite Church of Calgary who were in the area sang at the sale.

### **Notes on the Swift Current Relief Sales**

- 1<sup>st</sup> 1973 June 14:** (Wednesday) Saskatchewan was the first province in Canada to hold two sales per year. This Relief Sale held in the Swift Current Stockade building netted approximately \$11,000. Mayor of Swift Current, Dahl, officially opened the sale at 9:00am. Antiques, such a butter churn, and an old rocking chair, were auctioned then live stock including a registered Shetland pony, but the quilts were the main auction draw. A large quantity of traditional Russian Mennonite food was sold and consumed.
- 4<sup>th</sup> 1976 June 19:** This sale held in the Swift Current Stockade building netted approximately \$17,000. An estimated 2,500 persons attended, with Dennis Ham the local MLA present. Mennonite youth operated a car to raise money in addition to food booths, and many tables selling donated items like knick-knacks, artwork, plants, rag dolls. The needle work items, particularly the quilts, were again popular, with the most popular sold for \$325.
- 5<sup>th</sup> 1977 June 17-18:** Pancake and sausage breakfast was the first event of Saturday. Then the opening was at 9:30 with Jack Wiebe, the M.L.A. for the Morse constituency seeking followed by former MCC worker, Barrie Lesser leading in the opening prayer. The openings were always a bit hectic as many buyers were anxious not to miss prized items. In the south many of the participants were from the area's farming community, and the sale had that flavour. When farm times were prosperous auction bidding was higher and more goods were sold. There was a limit on what the volunteers could do.
- 7<sup>th</sup> 1979: 2 June:** Cash donations were: \$5,238.95 and sunflower seeds and peanuts sales yielded \$167.35.
- 11<sup>th</sup> 1983 June 18:** Though held on the same day as the Saskatoon Relief Sale, \$20,000 was raised.
- 12<sup>th</sup> 1984 June 16:** This is the same Saturday as Saskatoon, and it was felt that in future a different Saturday would work better.
- 13<sup>th</sup> 1985 June 21-22:** The Chairman of the Committee had the opportunity to share four 5 minute radio interviews before the sale on the local radio station. The day of the sale the local radio and TV station both interviewed the chairman, and took pictures for the Monday news broadcasts.
- 15<sup>th</sup> 1987 June 20:** Contact person is Jake Redekop 784-3191.
- 16<sup>th</sup> 1988 June 17-18:** Friday night, view items and enjoy entertainment; Saturday breakfast and sale; just under \$20,000 was raised.
- 17<sup>th</sup> ? 1989 June 16-17:** raised \$17,705.00. The revenue from Selfhelp Crafts, which were sold for the first time on both Friday evening and Saturday, were up 20% from the previous year.

### **Relief auction Sales Sources:**

The Quilters have their newsletter: *Love Joy Piece*; two or three issues per year, 2 pages per issue starting in about 2004;

*Sounding Board* (2002 - 3 issues per year, 1991-1993 biennial, 1994-2001 annual) is published by the North American Mennonite Relief Board. Usually 4 pages long. Editor: Ken Hartzler, co-coordinator, kbhartz@gmail.com, (717) 935-9956. Mennonite Central Committee, 21 South 12th Street, Akron, PA 17501 (717) 859 1151. <http://reliefsales.mcc.org/reliefsaleneletters>

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Information on Relief Sales is found at: <http://reliefsales.mcc.org/sales>

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- i This is the amount transferred to MCCC.
- ii The name "Ten Thousand Villages" was officially adopted on 7 March 1997, previously it was "Selfhelp Crafts" and before 1980 it was called "MCC Self Help Program."