



The Helpers Fund Always Ready With A Helping Hand

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What we've been up to!

Fall 2017



The past six months have seen many of the requests that are experienced during our winter months where heat, clothing and electricity are foremost in people's lives.

During this period of time we have continued in our mission of assisting folks in our area that may have needed a helping hand to overcome a pressing issue that they faced. Some of the more notable items included:

General Assistance

- Repair and replacement of an existing toilet that presented safety issues to a local resident
- Installation of a gas heating system to replace a wood fired system for a local resident suffering from a severe respiratory disorder
- Provided financial assistance to several families for medical visits, transportation to medical facilities and healthcare supplies
- Provided over \$3000 in emergency utility, heat and National Grid payments
- Assisted two families in roof repairs to stop water from

infiltrating their homes and creating health hazards

Food Pantry

- Over 32 families served every two weeks
- Purchase and distribution of over 11,700 pounds of food
- Distributed over \$1200 in Tops cards to be used for the purchase of food and household goods not provided in the food pantry. This includes items such as dairy, produce and personal healthcare items.
- Special Holiday meals provided to between 40 and 45 families on both Thanksgiving and Christmas. This is in addition to the semi-monthly Food Pantry distributions



The Food Pantry Support Staff

This is just an overview of some of the successful actions that were taken to assist our neighbors since our last report. This level of success is only possible through the generous support of our contributors.

North Warren Backpack Program

Our support to the North Warren Backpack Program is about to enter its second year. This year's effort, with aid from Shannon Stringer and Larry Taylor part-time residents of Adirondack, provided support to a total of 30 students. They were provided with backpacks providing nutrition over the weekends that school was in session. The nutrition took the form of two breakfasts, three entrée's, snacks, fruit and beverages. This additional support was provided to students that met requirements that were established by the North Warren Central School District.

Students from Chestertown, Pottersville and Horicon were active in the program and were very appreciative of the support they were provided.

The program is considered an overwhelming success and acknowledged as an excellent program by the North Warren instructional staff engaged in the effort.

We are looking forward to the continuation of this effort in the 2017-2018 school year.

Annual Holiday Drive

This year's Holiday Drive was the most successful in our organization's history. We were overwhelmed by the generosity of our

supporters and know that the programs to support those most in need in our community will continue because of this successful fundraiser.



Bonnie Cleveland at Gift Distribution

As in previous years we continued our effort to supply clothing to those in need in the community. With the assistance of the parishioners of St. Isaac Jogues Roman Catholic Church we were able to supply requested clothing to 33 families totaling 39 adults and 39 children under the age of 18.

This annual effort provides four items of clothing to each child and one item of clothing to each adult that places a request thru the Food Pantry. It is an extremely meaningful program and allows folks to stay a bit warmer during the cold winter months.



Gifts for Distribution from St. Isaac Jogues



Nancy Fregoe, John Haggmann and Bonnie Cleveland at this years distribution

"Dinner for Two Raffle

Our 16th annual Dinner for Two raffle is underway. It is one of our most anticipated events as the funds raised go a long way in helping us meet the commitments of our mission while at the same time proving the opportunity to win a number of gift certificates to local restaurants in the Tri-Lakes and Lake George area.

As in previous years the prizes are:

First Prize 12 - \$50 Gift Certificates

Second Prize 6 - \$50 Gift Certificates

Third Prize 3 - \$50 Gift Certificates

We hope you will support our efforts in making this the best year yet for "Dinner for Two".

A Benefit to Support the Helpers Fund

A new organization in Horicon, the Adirondack Progressive Action Group, headed by Greta Heilman, held a spaghetti dinner to raise funds for the Helpers Fund.

The spaghetti dinner was followed by a presentation covering the state of health care in the United States.



Presentation of Gift from Greta Heilman and the Adirondack Progressive Action Group

Outreach

The Fund has continued its commitment to step up its outreach activity. The purpose of this effort is to make people in the community aware of the Helpers Fund and its mission to help those who need

assistance in addressing an unusual event in their lives.

If you know of someone who may need assistance, please do not hesitate to refer them to the Helpers Fund so we can determine their eligibility for assistance.

Have them call our line at (518) 494-5565 where they can request an application. The application will be sent to them without delay.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORTERS

- Madden Mechanical
- Chestertown Rotary Club
- Loon Lake Park District Association
- Pine Needle Quilting Club
- Adirondack Mountain Garden Club
- Extra Room Storage
- Adirondack League
- First Baptist Church
- Adirondack Progressive Action Group
- Acacia Charities
- St. Isaac Jogues Church
- SONRISE Lutheran Church
- Stewarts Holiday Match
- Pottersville United Methodist Church
- Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5513
- Bishop Beaudry Construction
- North Warren Teachers Association
- Glens Falls National Bank
- Red Mountain Storage
- Lake George Region Women for WIN
- United Methodist Church
- TOPS Markets