



The Helpers Fund Always Ready With A Helping Hand

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What we've been up to!

Spring 2018



Winter has come and gone....Spring is at the end of its run....now it is time to reflect on what was done during the past six months.

Many of the requests that we have received and fulfilled were related to heat, clothing and food. These are the things that people require most during the cold, dark days of winter.

We were able to successfully meet our goal and objective of assisting people in need in our community. We were also able to add a new service to our Food Pantry operation.

Some of our assistance included:

General Assistance

- Provided financial assistance to an elementary school aged child to identify and address issues with her sight
- Paid for delivery of propane for heat
- Provided financial assistance for transportation to medical visits
- Provided emergency payments to National Grid
- Paid \$1000 in scholarship payments

- Provided emergency food and National Grid electric payment to an elderly person with limited financial stability.

Food Pantry



- More than 40 families served every two weeks
- Shared over \$3100 in TOPS gift cards to be used for fresh vegetables, dairy products and household needs not distributed at the Food Pantry
- Provided special Thanksgiving meals to 54 families, special Christmas meals to 53 families and special Easter meals to 41 families. This distribution is in addition to the semi-monthly Food Pantry distributions

NEW!!!! Started providing fresh meat at every Food Pantry distribution. This was done through close cooperation with our Chestertown TOPS Market

Our level of success is only possible through the generous support of our contributors.

We encourage you to socialize our purpose and mission with friends and acquaintances that might know of someone who needs our assistance.

North Warren Backpack Program

We are ending our second year of support to the North Warren Backpack Program. The program has provided support to 30 students throughout the year. Each Friday participating students are given backpacks containing meals to be used over the weekends that school was in session. The meals include two breakfasts, three entrées, snacks, fruit and beverages. This additional support was provided to students that met requirements that were established by the North Warren Central School District.



"The Packers"

Students from Chestertown (12), Pottersville (17) and Horicon (1) were active in the program and were very appreciative of the support they were provided.

The program has been commended for its value by a number of the parents that have children involved in the program.

Ms. Jessica Bartlett of the North Warren instructional staff is an enthusiastic supporter the effort and works tirelessly to make sure that the children are served in a positive and respectful manner.



"Putting a Backpack together"

We are looking forward to the continuation of this effort in the 2018-2019 school year.

Annual Holiday Drive

This year's Holiday Drive, once again demonstrated the generosity of our supporters. We are confident that the programs to support those most in need in our community will continue because of this successful fundraiser.



Holiday Gift Assembly Team

Nancy Fregoe, Mary Jane Dower, Ann Coberg, Lynne Hagmann & Jim Fregoe

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 59 adults and 60 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.

This year, for the first time, we provided at least one "toy" to each child. This was done to help make their Christmas morning a little merrier.

"Dinner for Two" Raffle

Our 17th annual "Dinner for Two" raffle is underway. It continues one of our most anticipated events. The funds raised through this effort go directly to helping us meet the commitments of our mission.

The raffle provides an 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".

5-10K "Race for Hunger"

This year's event will once again take place as part of the "Adirondack Marathon Distance Festival".

Our event will take place on Saturday, September 22nd and begin at the Town Hall on Main Street in Chestertown.

If you would like to participate or volunteer please contact our Race Director, Todd Waldron. Todd can be reached by e-mail at thwaldron73@hotmail.com.

Stewart's Holiday Match

Stewart's Holiday Match is a holiday collection program, matched by Stewart's Shops, to help kids all year long.

The Helpers Fund is proud to have been awarded and received an increased grant in

2017. We thank Stewart's for all of their support in the local community.

We have previously been awarded grants from Stewart's in both 2015 and 2016.

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.

Thank You

The Board of Directors, on behalf of those in our community that are the recipients of assistance, would like to extend a grateful "Thank You" to our loyal and generous supporters.

Without the care, concern and generosity of our contributors, many people requiring a "helping hand" to overcome unexpected challenges would not be able to receive assistance during their time of need.

THANK YOU FOR CARING!