

## Operations

With the community's support we have helped over 6,000 people in 2010 with a 10% increase in most of our services and 24% in transportation. We participated in the School Supplies Program and the Holiday Giving Project with Faith Connections. We held our 40<sup>th</sup> CROP WALK for hunger with 79 walkers at Damascus Regional Park. We ate out on Thanksgiving in February (TIF) to raise funds to feed the hungry in Montgomery County. An Empty Bowls Luncheon was held in March to benefit Damascus Help.

### Families Served in 2010

Holiday Giving Families	
Thanksgiving	262
Christmas	320
Food:	
Families served	698
Adults served	1,417
Children served	1,224
Financial Assistance:	
Families served	218
Adults served	334
Children served	344
Furniture	
Families served	49
Adults served	65
Children served	70
School Supplies for Children	255
Transportation	
Rides given	71

## 2010 Financial Summary

Income	Expenses
\$67,201.88	\$72,093.06
34% Campaigns**	63% Utility Help
21% Individuals	15% Food Help
19% Churches	12% Housing Needs*
17% Local Events***	5% Healthcare Help
6% Grants****	4% Program Services
2% Businesses	1% Holiday Project
<1% Organizations	<1% Administration

\*Rent, furnishings, beds and clothing.

\*\*United Way, Combined Federal Campaign, America's Charities & Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign

\*\*\*TIF, CROP Walk, Empty Bowls Luncheon

\*\*\*\*Allegheny Power Matching Funds

**Special Projects** Chairperson worked with Church World Service who sponsored our CROP Walk which brought in \$3,042.48 to help with local hunger needs. Also we received \$3,004 from our participation in TIF. The donations from the Empty Bowls Luncheon came to \$2,991.

**Transportation** was given by our volunteers for 67 rides for 71 people to medical or social service appointments.

### Volunteer Committee

We had approximately 70 dedicated core volunteers with another 20 seasonal volunteers. There is an ongoing campaign looking for new people to work on the various committees.

Our thanks to all who gave through their donations of goods, money, time, vehicle use and facility spaces.

## Services

**Holiday Giving Project** is a coordinated effort of Damascus Help and Faith Connections, Inc. Families are adopted and given food and gifts by community churches, businesses and individuals. Those not adopted were served by Damascus Help and Faith Connections.

**Food** was both donated and bought to help those calling our help-line for assistance. The committee members picked up and sorted food, stocked shelves and made 698 deliveries.

**Financial assistance** was given to 218 families with 63% for electric, 10% for fuel oil, 9% for water, 7% for healthcare, 6% for natural gas and 5% for housing, for a total of \$51,899.79. Referrals were made to the county for monetary energy grants if families qualified.

**Furniture** and household items were donated, collected and delivered. Fifteen beds, 8 bedcovers, and baby items were purchased for those with special needs. A total of 261 items were placed.

**Officers of the Day (ODs).** We have 21 OD's answering our help-line in their homes through the call forward system. They assess the callers' needs then refer to the appropriate committees or to other agencies if callers are out of our area.

**School Supplies Program** served the Damascus and Clarksburg schools. Community groups donated backpacks and supplies for 255 children.

## Board of Directors

December 2010

Our governing body is all-volunteer and includes the elected officers, agents appointed by the General Chairperson, and chairpersons of standing committees.

Rita Noble, General Chairperson  
Jan Buckley, Recording Secretary  
Jeanne Obenland, Corresponding Secretary  
William Mahylis, Treasurer  
Douglas Noble, Chair of Food Committee  
Rita Noble, Financial Assistance Committee  
Donna Hill, Chair of Furniture Committee  
Susan Allison, Chair of Officer of the Day  
Helen Mahylis, Chair of Special Projects  
Kay Orr, Chair of Transportation Committee  
Kathy Thornett, Chair of Volunteer Committee

## Volunteer Positions

### Food Committee

Food Delivery Drivers  
Food Pantry Sorters  
Food Pick-up Drivers  
Food Purchasers

### Financial Assistance Committee

Caseworkers

### Furniture Committee

Pick-up and deliver furniture

### Officer of the Day Committee

Answer Help-line from home

### Special Projects Committee

Help coordinate projects

### Transportation Committee

Drivers use their own vehicles

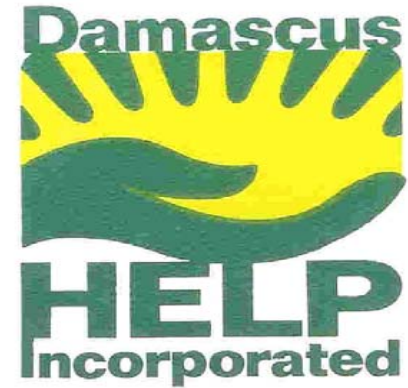
## Our Mission

*The purpose of this corporation is exclusively charitable, as the term used in Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. We provide assistance to needy persons and families in the upper portion of Montgomery County, MD and adjacent areas in the form of emergency food, holiday food baskets and gifts, transportation, furniture and emergency financial assistance. No one shall be denied service because of race, color, creed, age, sex or marital status.*

## Service Area

*We serve the areas of upper Montgomery County covered by zip codes 20871, 20872, 20882 north of Brink Rd and 20876 from route 27 north of Brink Rd. On a case by case basis we provide help to people who live just over the Montgomery County line in Monrovia (Frederick County).*

*Our thanks to all who volunteered this year to help fulfill the mission of helping our neighbors in need.*



## 2010 Annual Report

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