

Operations

We settled into our new food pantry and with the tremendous amount of food donated, we ran out of storage. A local organization provided more storage. With the support from our community we have helped over 6,000 people in 2009.

We participated in the School Supplies Program and the Holiday Basket Giving Project with Faith Connections. We held our 39th CROP WALK and look forward to the 40th next October. We ate out on Thanksgiving in February (TIF) day to raise funds to feed the hungry in Montgomery County. Susan Causey held the Empty Bowls Luncheon to benefit Damascus Help. In November, we were honored by the Montgomery County Council for outstanding service.

Families Served in 2009

Holiday Giving Families	
Thanksgiving	232
Christmas	294
Food:	
Families served	688
Adults served	1,423
Children served	1,272
Financial Assistance:	
Families served	200
Adults served	317
Children served	297
Furniture	
Families served	45
Adults served	54
Children served	53
School Supplies for Children	227
Transportation	
Rides given	17

Finances

2009 Financial Summary

Income	Expenses
\$71,785.21	\$62,561.56
35% Campaigns*	55% Utility Help
23% Churches	21% Food Help
18% Individuals	12% Housing Help
11% Local Events**	7% Healthcare
4% Businesses	4% Program Services
5% Grants***	1% Holiday Project
4% Organizations	<1% Administration

*United Way, Combined Federal Campaign, America's Charities and 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 \$2,687. Also we received \$2,457 from our participation in TIF. The donations from the Empty Bowls Luncheon came to \$2,921.

The community has been very supportive this year with monetary and food donations which has been a great help with so many people losing jobs, homes and with food and utility costs rising.

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

Services

Holiday Giving Project was a coordinated effort of Damascus Help and Faith Connections, Inc. Families were 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 bought and sorted food, stocked shelves and made 688 deliveries.

Financial assistance was given to 200 families with 55% for utility terminations. First we referred families to Montgomery County Home Energy Assistance Office to sign up for the Maryland Energy Assistance Grant and the Electrical Universal Service Program Grant.

Furniture was donated, collected and delivered to those in need. Eleven beds were purchased for those with special needs.

Officers of the Day (ODs) answer our help-line. This year the phone system was updated to forward calls to the ODs' home telephone making it easier for the public to reach a caring volunteer.

School Supplies Program served the Damascus and Clarksburg schools. Community groups donated backpacks and supplies for 227 children.

Transportation was given by volunteers for 17 rides to medical or social service appointments.

Board of Directors

December 2009

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, Co Chair of Food Committee
Beth Jones, Co 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, Volunteer Coordinator

Volunteer Positions

Food Committee

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

Financial Assistance Committee

Caseworkers

Officer of the Day Committee

Answer Help-line from home

Special Projects Committee

Help coordinate projects

Transportation Committee

Drivers use their own vehicles

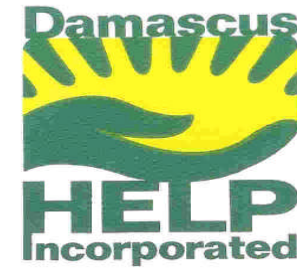
Our Mission

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.



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