



Social Service Report 2013

The Township's mandated responsibility is to provide for individuals in the Township who are in need and qualify for assistance. The 2013 annual report is a summary of the assistance the Township provided through the various programs.

Assistance Provided Funded Through the General Assistance Levy

Number of Total Completed Applications Submitted

- A total of 104 completed applications were submitted to the Township requesting assistance.

General Assistance

- 8 individuals were eligible and received General Assistance. The clients receiving General Assistance are seen on a monthly basis for review and determination of continued eligibility. There were a total of 25 monthly GA allotments and 14 medical payments.

Emergency Assistance

- 25 households were eligible and received Emergency Assistance.

Denied Assistance

- 45 applications were denied assistance.

Applications Withdrawn

- 3 applicants decided to withdraw their application for assistance.

SSI Recovery funds received in 2013 was \$400.

- This is repayment from Social Security Administration for one GA client who received GA while awaiting approval of their Social Security Disability claim.

Credit Counseling Workshop

- Libertyville Township continues to be partnered with the Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Lake County to provide a monthly 90 minute workshop on Basic Budgeting. All recipients of General Assistance and Emergency Assistance are required to attend one Basic Budgeting Workshop.
 - 31 recipients attended.
- Office space was also provided on a weekly basis to the Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Lake County to meet with area residents on an individual basis by appointment only.

Assistance Provided Through Private Donations to the Township

Community Emergency Assistance Fund

Libertyville Township has a Community Emergency Fund funded by private tax deductible donations to the Libertyville Township Community Emergency Fund. This fund is administered by the Township Supervisor and is used to assist those with immediate needs who may not otherwise qualify for assistance.

- 17 households who through the application process were determined not eligible for General Assistance or Emergency Assistance but were provided help through Community Emergency Assistance Funds.

Food Pantry

- In 2013, a total of 379 households registered to use Libertyville Township Food Pantry. Recipients are allowed to use the food pantry twice a month and are required to provide proof of residency.
- A total of 30 adult volunteers and a church organization with numerous volunteers assisted with Food Pantry activities in 2013. In addition, 4 college students, 5 high school students, one church youth group, several scout troops and 6 individuals needing community service hours provided volunteer service to the food pantry. These areas of service included sorting donated food, packing bags to be distributed weekly on food pantry day, picking up and delivering bread and baked goods from Mariano's weekly, handing out food to recipients on Food Pantry days and assisting with our book fair in December.
- Of the families registered, there was a combined total of 3,264 visits to the food pantry last year.
- School Supplies were provided to 140 students of 58 families who have received financial assistance from the Township and/or utilized the food pantry.
- Through our partnership with Northern Illinois Food Bank we received 5035 lbs of Emergency Food and Shelter Program food with an estimated federal dollar value of \$3,148.12.
- Through Northern Illinois Food Bank's retail donation program, Direct Connect, the food pantry now receives weekly donations of such items as meat, produce, dairy, deli foods, shelf stables, non-food products, bread and baked goods directly from Libertyville Jewel.
- SNAP Outreach Worker from Northern Illinois Food Bank made one visit to our food pantry to meet with recipients to determine if they qualify for food stamp benefits and to assist them in the application process.

Holiday Giving Program

- 13 sponsors provided gifts to 16 families through the Holiday Giving Program

Assistance Provided Through Community Resources

Applications for financial assistance from Share the Warmth, Salvation Army Extension Center and Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) are taken at Libertyville Township Office for eligible Libertyville Township residents. The Township Social Worker provides the application and conducts the interview for the application process. Funding is provided by the identified service provider.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

- Cooling Grant (electric) offered for seniors and the disabled.
 - 43 recipients
- Heating Grant for low income families, seniors and disabled for financial assistance on their gas and electric bill.
 - 147 recipients

Mother's Trust

- It provides benefits and opportunities available which cannot be obtained from other sources. Their goal is to assist children in trouble or crisis, raise awareness of children's needs, link needs with community resources and provide opportunities for volunteers to be involved.
- 1 family was referred and received a total of \$90 in assistance

Salvation Army Extension Center – 2013

- 13 Libertyville residents received assistance with utility, rent, medicine, lodging, food needs.
 - A total of \$2,556.79 in financial assistance was provided.

Share the Warmth

- An Energy Assistance Program through North Shore Gas provides financial assistance for gas bills to low income families and individuals through a matching grant. The application process varies each year.
- 3 applications were submitted for a total of \$600 in assistance.

Professional Continuing Education

- Linda Blatnik attended the Emergency Food and Shelter Program orientation and training on January 4, 2013.
- Linda Blatnik and Kathleen O'Connor attended Lake County Township GA Training on February 8, 2013.
- Libertyville Township hosted and organized a presentation by the Regional Transportation Authority's on Using Accessible CTA, Pace and Metra Public Transportation on March 7, 2013. This presentation was offered to residents of Libertyville Township.

- Linda Blatnik attended the Northern Illinois Food Bank, Optimizing Retail Donations through Partnerships with Direct Connect orientation on March 7, 2013.
- Linda Blatnik attended General Assistance Training Institute (GATI) on October 17-18, 2013.
- Linda Blatnik attended the Northern Illinois Food Bank, Agency Express Training on October 28, 2013.