



Social Service Report 2016

The Township's mandated responsibility is to provide for individuals in the Township who are in need and qualify for assistance. The 2016 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 70 completed applications were submitted to the Township requesting assistance.

General Assistance

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

Emergency Assistance

- 21 households were eligible and received Emergency Assistance.

Denied Assistance

- 36 applications were denied assistance.

Applications Withdrawn

- 3 applicants withdrew their application for assistance.

SSI Recovery funds received in 2016 was \$0.

Credit Counseling Workshop

- Libertyville Township continues to partner 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.
 - 11 recipients attended.
 - 9 recipients attended a one on one session on personal finances.
- 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.

- 20 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 2016, a total of 307 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 27 adult volunteers and a church organization with numerous volunteers assisted with Food Pantry activities. In addition, 3 junior high school student, one church youth group, 2 scout troops, one elementary school service club and 2 individuals needing community service hours provided volunteer service. 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 and assisting with our book fair in December.
- The total amount of our food pantry use in 2016 was 2,756 visits providing food for 7,732 individuals.
- A total of 84 Thanksgiving Dinner Boxes and 89 Christmas Dinner Boxes were donated and distributed during the holiday season.
- A total of 61 families attended our Book and Toy Fair in December to pick out donated gifts and books for their children.
- School supply packs were purchased and provided to 93 students of 42 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 1404 lbs. of Emergency Food and Shelter Program food with an estimated federal dollar value of \$1265.67.
- Through Northern Illinois Food Bank's retail donation program, Direct Connect, we received weekly donations of such items as meat, produce, dairy, deli foods, shelf stables, non-food products, bread and baked goods directly from Libertyville Jewel and bread and baked goods from Vernon Hills Mariano's.
- SNAP Outreach Worker from Northern Illinois Food Bank made one visit to our food pantry to meet with recipients to see if they qualify for food stamp benefits and to assist them in the application process.

- Rockland Cares held 4 volunteer outings for students grades 1st – 3rd to learn about the food pantry and volunteer.

Holiday Giving Program

- 8 sponsors provided gifts to 12 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 individuals with a disability.
 - Program was closed due to State and Federal Funding Cuts.
- Heating Grant for low income families, seniors and individuals with a disability for financial assistance on their gas and electric bill.
 - 199 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.
 - 2 families was referred

Salvation Army Extension Center – 2016

- 2 Libertyville residents received assistance with utility, rent, medicine, lodging, food needs.
 - A total of \$400 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.
 - There was 1 application for Share the Warmth

Professional Development

- Linda Blatnik attended The Salvation Army's Safe From Harm Training on March 17, 2016.
- Linda Blatnik attended TOCC Social Workers Division Fall Meeting regarding Immigration Status for Public Aid Eligibility on October 5, 2016.

Public Communication and Outreach

- Kathleen O'Connor provided paratransit presentation to B.E.S.T (Bringing Everyone's Strengths Together) – February 11, 2016
- Ride Lake County Central Expanded Dial-A-Ride Service started March 1, 2016.

- Kathleen O'Connor provided paratransit update to Lake County's Public Works and Transportation Committee – March 2, 2016
- Food Pantry Volunteer Appreciation Tea – Thursday, March 10, 2016
- Kathleen O'Connor provided paratransit presentation to Mundelein/Vernon Hills Rotary - March 28, 2016
- Kathleen O'Connor provided paratransit presentation to Lake County Transportation Alliance – April 1, 2016
- Kathleen O'Connor serves as a participant in the Lake County's LHS Parent Marketing Campaign to reduce underage drinking
- Kathleen O'Connor became a member of the LHS Underage Drinking Prevention Coalition – October 2016
- Kathleen O'Connor was a co-presenter on transportation in Lake County for Antioch High School's Transition Program – October 24, 2016
- Kathleen O'Connor provided presentation to Utopia on the Township's social services – December 2, 2016
- Kathleen O'Connor attended Lake County United Internal Assembly on December 11, 2016.