



Social Service Report 2024

The Township's mandated responsibility is to provide for individuals in the Township who are in need and qualify for assistance. The 2024 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 fifty-five completed applications were submitted to the Township requesting assistance.

General Assistance

- There were two recipients of General Assistance funds in 2024.

Emergency Assistance

- Thirty households were eligible and received Emergency Assistance with a total allocation of \$23,149.51.

Denied Assistance

- Fifteen applications were denied assistance.

Applications Withdrawn

- Zero applicants withdrew their application for assistance.

SSI Recovery funds received in 2024 were zero.

Credit Counseling Workshop

Libertyville Township continues to partner with the Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Lake County to provide a monthly workshop on Basic Budgeting. All recipients of General Assistance and Emergency Assistance are required to attend one Basic Budgeting Workshop. The classes were held via Zoom. Twenty-eight residents attended the workshops.

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 assists those with immediate needs who may not otherwise qualify for assistance.

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

- An additional twenty-four households were eligible for both Emergency Assistance and Community Emergency Funds.
- The total amount of assistance provided by the Community Emergency Assistance Fund was \$23,784.43.

Food Pantry

In 2024, a total of 327 households registered to use Libertyville Township Food Pantry. Recipients can use the food pantry weekly and are required to provide proof of residency. Bagged food was delivered to Liberty Towers the 2nd and 4th week of the month.

- A total of seventeen adult volunteers and a church organization with numerous volunteers assisted with Food Pantry activities. Volunteers helped unload deliveries, sort food and pack food pantry bags each week.
- The total number of food pantry users in 2024 was 5,527 visits providing food for 14,446 individuals.
- A total of 78 Thanksgiving Dinner Boxes and 73 Christmas Dinner Boxes were donated and distributed during the holiday season.
- School supply kits were purchased and provided to one hundred and five students of forty-six families who have received financial assistance from the Township and/or utilized the food pantry. In addition, Gold Star Girl Scout Sofia Coury created twenty-five grade appropriate Literacy Kits that were distributed with the school supply kits.
- Through our partnership with Northern Illinois Food Bank, we received 7,943 lbs. of Emergency Food and Shelter Program food with an estimated federal dollar value of \$5,743.97.
- Through Direct Connect, Northern Illinois Food Bank's Retail Donation Program, the pantry 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, Vernon Hills Mariano's, and Target in Vernon Hills.

Holiday Giving Program

- Fourteen sponsors provided gifts to twenty-four families. A total of thirty-eight children received gifts.
- The Holiday Gift Room was visited by sixteen families which provided gifts to thirty-eight children.

Assistance Provided Through Community Resources

Applications for financial assistance from Mothers Trust Foundation, Salvation Army Extension Center, and Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) were completed at Libertyville Township Office for eligible Libertyville Township residents. The Township Caseworker provides the application and conducts the interview for the application process. The funding requested is provided by the identified service provider.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

Applications were submitted on behalf of one hundred residents applying for the Heating Grant for low-income families, seniors, and individuals with a disability for financial assistance on their gas and electric bill.

Mother's Trust Foundation

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. Six families were referred for funding and received a combined total of \$3,340.00 in assistance.

Salvation Army Extension Center

Two Libertyville Township residents received a combined total of \$1,200.00 in financial assistance to help with the following expenses: utilities, rent, medicine, lodging, and food.

St. Vincent DePaul Society/Santa Maria del Popolo

Twenty residents received vouchers for St. Vincent DePaul Society/Santa Maria del Popolo July 21 Annual Rummage Sale

Professional Development

- Kathleen O'Connor and Liz Heffernan attended the Supervisors' Luncheon with guest speaker, Allen Swilley, Executive Director of PADS—January 22, 2024
- Liz Heffernan attended a Northern Illinois Food Bank Network Meeting, via Zoom – February 26, 2024.
- Liz Heffernan attended a Mothers Trust Foundation service meeting, via Zoom—March 27, 2024
- Liz Heffernan attended a Northern Illinois Food Safety Basics Training, via Zoom – April 25, 2024.
- Kathleen O'Connor attended the Supervisors' Luncheon with guest speaker, Dawn Steff, Regional Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters — September 23, 2024
- Liz Heffernan attended A Lake County Caseworkers meeting at Fremont Township – October 9, 2024
- Liz Heffernan met with Marcus Buckley, Field Representative from the Salvation Army—November 14, 2024

Public Communication and Outreach

- Kathleen O'Connor served on Libertyville Connect and attended meetings held on January 8, February 12, March 18, May 13, August 19, September 13, October 17, October 21, October 22, October 23, November 11, and December 9, 2024.
- Kathleen O'Connor served on the Lake County Transportation Alliance and attended meetings held on January 19, May 24, and June 6, 2024.
- Kathleen O'Connor and Alex Rodriguez collected donations at the Libertyville High Schol Girls Basketball's Food Drive – January 22, 2024

- Kathleen O'Connor served on Lake County's Housing and Community Development Commission and attended meetings held on February 8, February 14, March 13, April 15, April 29, May 13, June 12, July 10, August 14, and September 11.
- Kathleen O'Connor served on United Way of Lake County's 2-1-1 Advisory Committee and attended meetings held on February 14, May 8, August 14, and November 12, 2024.
- Liz Heffernan, & Kathleen O'Connor provided a tour and led a volunteer event for a Girl Scout Troop – February 15, 2024
- Liz Heffernan and Alex Rodriguez attended the Senior Council of Libertyville's Senior Citizens Hall of Fame Event – May 2, 2024
- Kathleen O'Connor met with representatives from Lake County United to discuss affordable housing in Libertyville Township – May 7, 2024
- Kathleen O'Connor attended the Lake County Partners Event – May 9, 2024
- Alex Rodriguez and Kathleen O'Connor collected donations from the US Postal Service's Annual Food Drive – May 11, 2024
- Kathleen O'Connor attended United Way of Lake County's Annual Premier Leaders Event – June 4, 2024
- Kathleen O'Connor attended an event at a Libertyville Sunrise Rotary Meeting – July 10, 2024
- Kathleen O'Connor assisted Libertyville Connect at the Libertyville Police Department's National Night Out Event – August 6, 2024.
- Kathleen O'Connor participated in Prairie State Legal Services Listening Session – August 13, 2024.
- Kathleen O'Connor manned a booth at the Stevenson High School Volunteer Fair Event – September 4, 2024
- Kathleen O'Connor attended Erie HealthReach Waukegan Health Center's 10 Year Anniversary Celebration – October 22, 2024
- Kathleen O'Connor served as a panel member at the United Way of Lake County's 211 5 Year Anniversary Event – October 24, 2024
- Kathleen O'Connor served as a moderator for Libertyville Connect's Community Leaders Illinois Youth Survey Results Presentation – October 25, 2024
- Kathleen O'Connor met with representatives from Libertyville High School's Student Council regarding their food drive – November 4, 2024
- Kathleen O'Connor volunteered at Libertyville High School's Snowflake Event – November 15, 2024

- Jon Happ, Mickey Cardenas, Bryor Renz, Alex Rodriguez, Kevin Slaybaugh, Mike Zorn, and Kathleen O'Connor attended Libertyville High School's Food Drive Event – November 25, 2024
- Liz Heffernan and Alex Rodriguez met with Rhonda Heller from the Lake County Health Department, for the annual inspection of the food pantry—December 5, 2024
- Kathleen O'Connor served on Lake County's Public Aid Committee.