



Social Service Report 2015

The Township's mandated responsibility is to provide for individuals in the Township who are in need and qualify for assistance. The 2015 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 77 completed applications were submitted to the Township requesting assistance.

General Assistance

- 15 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 28 monthly GA allotments.

Emergency Assistance

- 21 households were eligible and received Emergency Assistance.

Denied Assistance

- 29 applications were denied assistance.

Applications Withdrawn

- 1 applicant withdrew their application for assistance.

SSI Recovery funds received in 2015 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.
 - 17 recipients attended.
 - 6 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.

- 19 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 2015, a total of 348 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 addition, 4 high school students, 1 junior high school student, one church youth group, 3 scout troops, one elementary school service club and 6 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 2015 was 3021 visits providing food for 8,550 individuals.
- A total of 98 Thanksgiving Dinner Boxes and 131 Christmas Dinner Boxes were donated and distributed during the holiday season.
- A total of 63 families attended our Book and Toy Fair in December to pick out donated gifts and books for their children.
- Disbursing orders to purchase school supplies were provided to 78 students of 37 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 1370 lbs. of Emergency Food and Shelter Program food with an estimated federal dollar value of \$1272.02.
- 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.
- 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.
- Project Manager for Enroll Lake County made a visit to our food pantry to meet with recipients to explain their health insurance options and answer questions about the Affordable

Care Act. They also helped them with the Medicaid or Marketplace health insurance enrollment process.

Holiday Giving Program

- 10 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 Funding Cuts.
- Heating Grant for low income families, seniors and individuals with a disability for financial assistance on their gas and electric bill.
 - 163 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.
 - 0 families was referred

Salvation Army Extension Center – 2015

- 4 Libertyville residents received assistance with utility, rent, medicine, lodging, food needs.
 - A total of \$800 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 were no applications for Share the Warmth

Professional Development

- Linda Blatnik and Alex Rodriguez attended the Northern Illinois Food Bank, Annual Direct Connect Training – March 6, 2015
- Linda Blatnik attended the General Assistance Training Institute, Advanced Training Seminar – April 23, 2015
- Linda Blatnik attended The Service Extension Department, Salvation Army Fall 2015 Regional Meeting – September 23, 2015
- Linda Blatnik attended the Northern Illinois Food Bank, Food Safety Basics for Grocery Programs training – November 13, 2015

Public Communication and Outreach

- Kathleen O'Connor provided a presentation on transportation to the Senior Services Coalition of Lake County – February 13, 2015
- Kathleen O'Connor provided a presentation on township services at a Libertyville Sunrise Rotary meeting – March 11, 2015
- Kathleen O'Connor attended Catholic Charities' Mayors for Meals Event – March 20, 2015
- Kathleen O'Connor participated in Congressman Dold's Transportation Forum Round Table – March 27, 2015
- Kathleen O'Connor provided update on paratransit to Lake County Public Works and Transportation Committee – April 8, 2015
- Kathleen O'Connor spoke at the Libertyville Senior Council's Hall of Fame Event – May 14, 2015
- Kathleen O'Connor participated in the B.E.S.T (Bringing Everyone's Strengths Together) panel discussion on paratransit services in Lake County – June 11, 2015
- Kathleen O'Connor and representatives from Lake County Division of Transportation met with 17 out of 18 townships re: the issue of paratransit during the months of June, July and August
- Kathleen O'Connor provided update on paratransit to Lake County Public Works and Transportation Committee – July 8, 2015
- Kathleen O'Connor and representatives from Lake County Division of Transportation met with the City of North Chicago to discuss paratransit in Lake County – August 27, 2015
- Kathleen O'Connor attended the Village of Libertyville Board meeting for the Libertyville Miles of Cars presentation – August 25, 2015
- Linda Blatnik and Kathleen O'Connor visited the Career Resource Center – August 27, 2015
- Linda Blatnik visited the Midwest Palliative and Hospice Care Center – September 3, 2015
- Kathleen O'Connor and representatives from the Lake County Division of Transportation met with the Village of Hainesville to discuss paratransit in Lake County – September 9, 2015
- Kathleen O'Connor and a representative from the Lake County Division of Transportation met with ElderCare to discuss paratransit in Lake County – September 24, 2015
- Kathleen O'Connor presented on township services at the Special Education District of Lake County, "Networking in Lake County" Resource Fair for School Social Workers, Psychologists and Counselors – September 25, 2015

- Kathleen O'Connor and a representative from Lake County Division of Transportation met with clients from Lake County Center for Independent Living to discuss paratransit in Lake County – September 30, 2015
- Kathleen O'Connor, Marty Neal and Peggy Freese provided a presentation on township services to students from Libertyville High School – October 1, 2015
- Kathleen O'Connor and a representative from Lake County Division of Transportation met with the staff from Catholic Charities to discuss paratransit in Lake County – October 7, 2015
- Kathleen O'Connor, a representative from Lake County Division of Transportation, a representative from Catholic Charities met with seniors to discuss paratransit in Lake County – October 8, 2015
- Kathleen O'Connor attended The Catholic Charities Building Bridges Appreciation Event – October 18, 2015
- Kathleen O'Connor attended the Toyo Tires Check Presentation to Catholic Charities Lake County Senior Services, Meals on Wheels Program – October 22, 2015
- Kathleen O'Connor attended the Lake County Health Department Open House – October 27, 2015
- Kathleen O'Connor attended the panel discussion on “The Efficiency Advantage: Stories of Collaboration & Innovation in Local Government” – November 2, 2015
- Kathleen O'Connor provided a presentation on township services to the Utopia Corporation – November 20, 2015
- Kathleen O'Connor provided a presentation on township services to the Libertyville Lions Club – November 30, 2015