



North East Social Action Program, Inc.
P.O. Box 831
Hampstead, MD 21074

NESAP Assistance Programs

- Rent Assistance
- Utilities
- Heating Fuel
- Medical prescriptions and visits
- Gasoline and car repairs
- Food Pantry
- Clothing

Community Outreach Programs

- Back to School
- Holiday Help

NESAP Thrift Store

Proceeds go to the community in need.

Store Hours of Operation

- Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat 9 am to 3 pm
- Tue, Thu 9 am to 8 pm

Donation Hours

- Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat 8 am to 5 pm
- Tue, Thu 8 am to 7 pm

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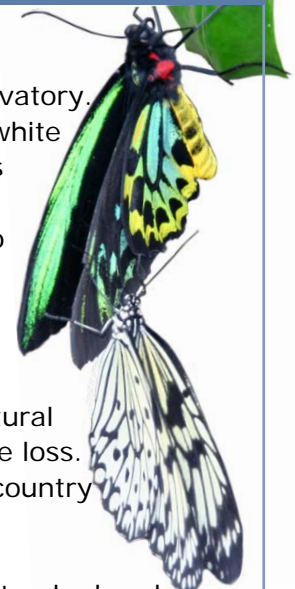
Personalized assistance, resources and referrals
for low-income residents of Carroll County.



Glimmers of Hope

By Marianne Larson

Recently I photographed two unusual butterflies in a garden conservatory. A vividly colored butterfly was clinging to a leaf, while a black and white one clung to the wings of it's counterpart. The latter, beautiful in its simplicity, revealed only a glimmer of color, in stark contrast to the vibrant intensity of the other. It reminded me that when we cling to Christ, we reflect His compassion and comfort, and in turn offer hope to others.



This year we witnessed much suffering, globally, nationally, and in our local communities. So many lives have been lost in war and natural disasters, others have been displaced, injured, or experienced grave loss. The economic climate has caused massive hardship as well, in our country and in our own neighborhoods.

In response, people are coming together to help one another, to extend a hand in whatever ways they are able, to offer comfort and support. Organizations like NESAP, Human Services Programs, Shepherd's Staff, etc., whose mission it is to provide assistance, have been overwhelmed with the need. But we are honored to be able to offer tangible help in so many areas as we support one another, and receive the support of the community.

This year to date NESAP has provided 673 families with financial, food and clothing assistance. 1,052 bags of food were provided to 190 families. \$52,250 in financial assistance was given to 483 families, which included energy, fuel, rent, medical and transportation assistance. In addition, NESAP's surplus is sent to people in need beyond our community. Food, clothing and supplies have been sent to Maryland shelters, Red Cross hurricane relief, South America, and to third world countries. We are grateful for the invaluable contributions from the community that make our work possible. We pray that our efforts for the glory of God begin to bring glimmers of hope to those we serve. ■

Hampstead Day Favorites

By Peggy Ridgely

Books, beanie babies and Hampstead Day seem like an unlikely combination, but it works for NESAP. For the last three years, NESAP has had a stand on Main Street, selling books and beanie babies. Parents and their children stop by to look at the colorful items on display. Children are eager to add to their collection of the little toys, while their parents want to engage the minds and spirits of young readers.

Information about NESAP and its mission in the community is a bonus given to those who ask what NESAP means, where it is located and how they can help. Often we are told to 'keep the change' by these caring shoppers.

As everyone benefits from this alliance, NESAP will be there again next year with our books and beanie babies. We hope to see you then! ■



NESAP Family

by Alba Stierhoff

Hi everyone. It is always a pleasure to share my thoughts in our newsletter. What a blessing it is for me to be part of such a wonderful place like NESAP. All our staff and volunteers are the best. Ladies take great pride in cleaning and checking every item that is donated, from house wares to clothing. The men who volunteer their time repairing, lifting, carrying boxes up and down the steps, are always busy with anything from electric, painting, building or mowing the lawn. Faithful volunteers in the food pantry bag food and organize shelves. The list never ends. We are proud of all of the men and women who give of their time and energy. Of course, the store would not be anything without our wonderful, faithful customers. Their input is very valuable to us in so many ways. Just recently one of our caring customers asked if it was too early to start planning the food we will prepare for our Christmas sale in November. She and many others keep us on our toes and in line. We all feel like one big family. ■

Edible Fundraisers

Enjoy a meal or dessert, and help your neighbors in need!

June 15 - Do you like pizza? How about having some that will support the community? Pizza Hut in Robert's Fields, in Hampstead is hosting "NESAP Family Night" on June 15 to raise funds for NESAP.



From 5 to 9 pm, come as you are, bring your friends, and let the cashier know you are dining to support NESAP. Enjoy an inexpensive meal (dine in, carry out, or delivery) and Pizza Hut will donate up to 20% to NESAP's community assistance programs.

Coupons will reduce the amount of money NESAP earns.

July 11 - Rita's Italian Ice in Hampstead will be having a Celebrity Scoop Fundraiser on Monday, July 11 from 4 to 10 pm to benefit NESAP.

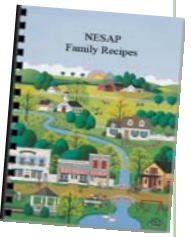


Your delicious Rita's dessert will support NESAP's financial, food and clothing assistance programs. 15% of sales will be donated to NESAP.

Also mark your calendars for Rita's second fundraiser for NESAP September 12, 4 - 10 pm!

NESAP's "family recipes" cookbook

will be available soon! Pick up a copy for the delicious recipes as well as to support NESAP! It will be sold at NESAP Thrift Store, St. Paul's Flea Market and at various other community fundraisers and events in the near future. Thank you so much to all those who contributed their family recipes!



Young at Heart



"After work I'll be volunteering at the church, and then babysitting my great grandchildren." "Me too."

Summer and Fall Deals

**Men's Shirts for \$1
every Tuesday
in July!**

NESAP isn't just for women!

Check out our men's
clothing and shoes
tools, appliances, books,
sports items and much more!

**Join us for our
Fall Bag Sale**

September 20 to 27
(all bags \$5.00)

Store will be closed

September 28, 29 and 30
for changeover

Reopening

Saturday, October 1
with fall and winter clothing



**Shop NESAP
for fall and winter
bargains!**

February Funfest

By Debbie Hooper



On Saturday February 12, Cornerstone Church in Melrose was transformed into an indoor carnival with colorful decorations, balloons, and freshly popped popcorn. Volunteers greeted the 25 children and their families who attended. Bowling, Ring toss, Bible Bingo and Pick-up-Ducks were some of the carnival games run by Cornerstone volunteers, to the delight of the children.

When a child completed a game they won a special "Funfest coupon" for a free shopping spree at the NESAP Thrift store. Since the kids needed a ride to the store, parents were given directions, and some of them headed straight out to redeem their prize before the store closed at 3:00 pm. This also helped introduce the parents to the store, and allowed the children to shop for a free toy, DVD, game or clothing item of their choice.

This FREE event was a joint effort between NESAP and Cornerstone Church to support the community through NESAP's assistance programs, as well as to provide some cabin fever relief during the cold winter months. From infants to grandparents, no one left empty handed. Each child received a balloon and candy sticks. Proceeds from the sale of popcorn and juice were donated to NESAP. ■

Easter

From the rain-filled days of April, hope blossomed as Easter approached. Our pantry was full, and those needing food were provided with hams, potatoes, vegetables, fruits, and more. Parents with young children were given brightly colored buckets with candy and treats. In all, NESAP assisted 35 families with food for Easter. We are privileged at NESAP to share God's compassion in tangible ways to those in dire need. ■



Blessings Rained Down

By Lynn Sheavly

May 21st dawned with bright skies and white fluffy clouds. After a week of rain, I knew the day was going to be blessed! The planning team drifted in one by one after daybreak, and began setting up for Pack the Pavilion on the grounds of Carroll Lutheran School in Westminster. The stage was filled with equipment for the bands that would be singing to the glory of God in a few hours. Tables were unfolded and prepared to receive the food to be sold, and the crafts to be made. Large and small canopies had been set up and were dotting the landscape with their colors.

Volunteers carried nonperishable food and personal care items collected by Carroll Lutheran School students to the parking lot. Boxes of cereal, jelly, peanut butter, toilet paper, and paper towels began to form what was to be a massive structure of boxes filled with food and hygiene items. Pick-up trucks and other vehicles pulled into the parking lot and added their donations to the assortment.

Three bands and three hours later the event ended. Many people came to listen to the bands, take part in the crafts, and be energized by the praise and worship. But the guests were not the only ones to be blessed and energized on this day. Representatives from Carroll Food Sunday, The Shepherd's Staff, and NESAP were at the event on behalf their social outreach programs. The mountain of food that was collected before and during Pack the Pavilion was to benefit the clients that these three non-profit agencies serve. This was a very uplifting day for each agency and the people that they help.

On behalf of NESAP, I would like to thank you for your participation and donations. The burdens that your neighbors carry are heavy. When we walk with our neighbors and help them carry their burdens, their hope is restored. May you be blessed as you have compassionately blessed others. ■

Service Above Self

Hampstead Rotary Club performed their last act of "service above self" on April 26 when they gave a gift of \$11,558.42 to NESAP. The Club disbanded and shared their remaining funds with NESAP, Hampstead Lion's Club, and Hampstead Volunteer Fire Department. Thank you to the Rotary Club for providing support for our local service organizations. NESAP will use the gift to provide assistance to those in crisis. ■

Providing the Provisions

By Lynn Sheavly

NESAP's food pantry has provided food for 190 families in Carroll County so far this year. That is a lot of tuna, noodles, fruits, and veggies! It is also a lot of cereal boxes, applesauce, peas, pudding, and carrots. Add to that rice, instant potatoes and gravy.....well you get the picture.

It takes a tremendous amount of food and personal care items to sustain our food pantry. Thanks to you, we are happy to say that our food pantry has been able to meet the needs of those in the community who seek assistance at our doors. It is only because of your continued support that our volunteers have food to pack and shelves to stock.

We value the donations from individuals, community groups, schools, and churches. Each food or personal care item that is given to us is a help to others. But your giving may be going farther than you think.

When you provide us with the provisions that we need in our food pantry, we are able to spend less of our budget keeping the food pantry stocked. This in turn allows us more financial resources to help clients with their utility, medical, transportation, and housing needs.

In your wildest dream, did you ever imagine that a jar of applesauce could help heat someone's home? It can here at NESAP! ■

Ways to Partner with NESAP

- Donate and shop at NESAP Thrift Store where proceeds help the community residents in crises or in need.
- Volunteer in the store, pantry or for our outreach programs.
- Make a financial donation, or donation of food, school supplies, or gift cards for gasoline or fresh food at a local grocery store.
- Adopt a family or senior for the holiday programs.
- Pray with us as we serve the community in need.