



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

NESAP Board of Trustees

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- The Rev. Todd Hare, Chairman
- Ken Wright, Vice Chairman
- Jim Bosley, Secretary
- Tom Trevey, Treasurer

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- The Rev. Melvina Stricklin
- The Rev. Curtis Ehr Gott
- The Rev. Jacob Young

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- Cindy Wilhoite
- Donna Wright

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- Gloria Bair
- Leroy Kohls
- Debbie Hooper
- Peggy Ridgely

NESAP Staff

Lynn Sheavly,
Executive Director

Assistance Program

Marianne Larson,
Program Manager

Thrift Store

- Alba Stierhoff, Manager
- Donna Hanke, Assist. Manager
- Charlotte Forrester, Lead Sorter
- Carolyn Jones
- Mark Minnion
- Gloria Poff
- Jennifer Snider
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North East Social Action Program

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



Changes in Staff and Board

2011 brings a change in Board members as Reverend Norma Schenning takes her leave, and we welcome back long-time NESAP volunteer, Leroy Kohls. Also, new to the Board is Tom Trevey, who will take over as Board Treasurer for Donna Wright. We thank Reverend Schenning and Donna for their years of dedicated service to NESAP and the community. We also thank Leroy for his continued work at NESAP, and for taking a seat on the Board this term. Tom Trevey, a Manchester resident, comes to us from Hull Company Accountants in Westminster and he has been assisting NESAP with accounting services, and tax preparation for the last few years.

On the store front, we lost two valuable employees for health and personal reasons. Kathy Lerp, former assistant manager, and Barb Smith, dedicated sorter, both resigned at the end of December. Both Kathy and Barb will be back to volunteer, but their daily presence is truly missed by all of us at NESAP.



We are pleased to have Carolyn Jones, join our ranks as a part-time staff member. And current staffer, Donna Hanke (pictured right) has been doing an excellent job of filling the Assistant Manager position.

Dear Friends of NESAP,

You are a generous community and you care deeply about your neighbors. Not just the neighbor living next to you on the other side of the fence, but also the neighbor on the other side of town that you have never met. Your compassion led you to sponsor families for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Your kindness allowed NESAP to provide holiday needs to those who yearned to feel the miracle of the newborn King. Even through the busy days of November and December, you continued to help us provide food, clothing, energy, medical, and housing assistance on a daily basis. We can only help others because of you. On behalf of our clients, staff and volunteers, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support of our assistance programs.

With Sincere Gratitude,
Lynn Sheavly

For the Betterment of Others

by Peggy Ridgely

Why volunteer? Where? When? What do I get from it? How does volunteering make a difference? And just what is considered volunteering?

The dictionary says that to volunteer is to offer a service of one's own free will. There are as many different ways to volunteer as there are people who do so. Many fire fighters are volunteers. Many paramedics who ride in the ambulances are volunteers. Those who help in schools, hospitals and churches volunteer their service. Scout leaders, library aides - the list goes on and on. These are people who want to make a difference in the lives of others, and, in doing so, make a difference in their own.

NESAP depends on the women and men who volunteer their time and talents to make a difference in the lives of the people in Carroll County. Why do they volunteer here? One, age 85, who has served at NESAP since it was a small building on the parking lot of St. John's church, said that the feeling of giving back keeps her going. Another long-time volunteer, age 83, feels that she would be lost without the people who come into the store and greet her with love. One, age 78, feels he has been called to offer back what he has received, and does so with great dedication and resolve.

Not all volunteers at NESAP are retired citizens. Some worked for NESAP as community service workers and stayed because they saw the need. Some are here because they have been helped in the past and want to repay by volunteering. Whatever the reason, these are dedicated volunteers, and this dedication is a tangible thing.

Not all the people who volunteer their time, work directly in the store. They are the ones who keep the physical plant in working order, who collect donated food and bring it to the food pantry, who help shovel the snow in the winter, who take boxes of books to the schools, doctors' offices, hospital waiting rooms and other charitable organizations, and who carry boxes and bags of clothes to the sorting areas. These are the unseen, but not unsung, volunteers who make a huge difference in the daily operation of NESAP.

So here's to all the volunteers, not only at NESAP, who are the life blood of their organizations. May they always give of themselves to the betterment of others in their community. May they always serve as examples of the rewards of service to others. And may they continue to grow in number. The need is great. ■



The Feinstein Challenge Returns!

For the 14th consecutive year, Alan Shawn Feinstein will proportionally divide \$1 million among hunger fighting agencies nationwide using it to help them raise funds this March and April. Your participation in the Feinstein Challenge can help NESAP feed the residents of Carroll County! Only donations received by NESAP from March 1st-April 30th will be counted in the Feinstein Challenge. **Feinstein Challenge donations can include cash, checks and food items.** Last year the community raised \$4,519.00 in donations during the Feinstein Challenge to help support NESAP's food pantry!

All Feinstein Challenge **donations must be designated** as part of the Feinstein Challenge in order to be applied towards the Challenge totals. For **monetary donations**: Please mark "**Feinstein Challenge**" on all check donations. If you are donating **cash**, please include **your name and address** with your donation. For **food pantry donations**: Include **name, address, contact information, and the number of food items** being donated to our food pantry. Securely attach this information to a bag or box. **Food donations** can be accepted at NESAP **Monday through Saturday from 9:00am-2:30pm**. Please see the thrift store cashier for assistance.

Food donations are also being accepted at Towne Pride, Matthews Tire, Dean's Restaurant, and Eline's Funeral Home on Main Street in Hampstead. These four establishments belonging to the Main Street Merchants Association have created an area where they will be accepting nonperishable food donations for NESAP. Many of these Main Street locations sponsoring a drop-off site for NESAP's food pantry have evening and Saturday hours for your convenience.

Check The Feinstein Challenge website, www.feinsteinfoundation.org for further information or contact Lynn Sheavly at NESAP (410-239-6216).

NESAP Food Pantry is currently low or out of the food and supplies listed below.

Non-Perishable Foods		Cleaning/Hygiene
Beef Stew	Jello & Pudding	Laundry Detergent
Cake Frosting	Pears	Paper Towels
Egg Noodles	Potatoes - canned	Facial Tissues
Flour & Sugar	Salmon	Diapers - size 2, 3, 4, 5

Let There Be Spring!



SAVE
at NESAP
on all kinds of
Clothing
for spring!
Easter outfits
prom dresses
wedding gowns
spring jackets
and attire

Come Sit in Our Kitchen!

Spring is for dusting the cobwebs off of the grill, entertaining your family and friends, and greeting the summer season! This spring, NESAP will have our "family recipes" printed in a cookbook to share with you! Watch for more information about our cookbook sale as the weather gets warmer and the days grow longer!

Ways to Partner with NESAP

- Donate and shop at NESAP Thrift Store where proceeds go to help the community in need.
- Volunteer in the store, pantry or for outreach programs.
- Make a financial donation, or donation of food, school supplies, or gift cards.
- Organize or participate in a food drive.
- Adopt a family or senior for the holiday programs.
- Pray with us as we serve the community in need.

Thrift Store Bag Sale

April 11 thru 18

Store Closed
April 19 through 22
for changeover

Reopening
Saturday, April 23
with spring items



Christmas at Cornerstone

By Marianne Larson

Twos 3 weeks before Christmas, at Cornerstone Church, the advent of Jesus, our Saviour's birth. Pastor Todd in his tie, and wife Nancy in red, invited NESAP to fellowship and break bread. A Christmas tree stood in the window so bright, and a decorated hearth was a warm, festive sight. The tables were covered with foil, and dressed, with bows and poinsettias for each special guest. Greetings exchanged, as folks in a flurry, with potluck in hand, arrived in a hurry. At tables we gathered, with gifts we all shared, each with the other, to show that we cared. We bowed to give thanks, and sang to give praise, and wished, "Merry Christmas to all, for all days! ■



Whatever You Do

by Alba Stierhoff

Once again I am privileged to have the opportunity to tell everyone thanks for another wonderful year! I can hardly believe we are thinking of our spring to summer changeover. With Christmas past us, I can truly say, our Christmas Sale in November was the best in NESAP history. The great food and the entire success of the sale were due to our customers and volunteers, who ask, "Can I bring something?" or "What can I do to help?" They are real examples of the scripture, "whatever you do to the least of your brothers, you do to Me." Thank you everyone for giving to NESAP with a loving heart. I pray you will always feel God's love when you come to our store to shop, or to ask for help. Have a good new year and remember to look for all the little blessings God gives us every day. ■



Volunteers serve food (above) and arrange tables (below).



February Funfest To Cure Winter Doldrums!

How would you like a break from Winter doldrums in February? Come join us for some summertime fun for both adults and children! Cornerstone Church and NESAP (North East Social Action Program) are having an indoor carnival on Saturday February 12, 2011. Mark your calendars for the event that will take place at Cornerstone Church, 4219 Hanover Pike, Manchester, MD from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

There will be face-painting, and carnival style games for preschool through elementary age children, as well as refreshments for everyone. Donations will be accepted to benefit NESAP's assistance programs.



For more information, email newsfromdeb@yahoo.com or call Deb Hooper at 443-839-2914. ■

Holiday Program Helped Many

NESAP's Holiday Program assisted more than 200 families in Carroll County with food for Thanksgiving, and food and gifts for Christmas! NESAP provided 60 of those families with gift cards and/or food, while the remaining families were sponsored by many generous donors who gave so freely to those in need!

A Unique Perspective



Much More Than Paint

By Marianne Larson

NESAP purchased the Thrift Store building in 2001, and the interior walls had never been painted since then. So, when LifePoint Church's Mission Team asked what they could do for NESAP last fall, I said, "How about doing a little painting?"

On October 23rd and 24th, the church engaged in a weekend outreach mission of community service, during which NESAP's building received a makeover. A group of volunteers painted the main office and conference room on Saturday, and on Sunday, tackled the thrift store and Alba's office. Cliff Clark and his wife, Barb who worked at NESAP both days, coordinated the project, and provided food, water, and painting supplies, courtesy of LifePoint. Cliff, a "retired" painter, was game to do the job in 2 days, a seemingly daunting task to some of us. Everyone put their hands to work to get the job done (as well as to plaster hand prints on Cliff's t-shirt as a souvenir of the project)!

Painting Alba's tiny, jam-packed office space required awkward sidestepping around furniture, while standing a foot from the wall to roll the paint. Another challenge was to mount a ladder and gingerly reach above the shelves full of glassware, without knocking any thing down. Wooden shelves were painted, as were all the walls, except the newly renovated toy room. Even the fitting rooms got a fresh coat!

The final task was putting the store back in order, which turned out to be much harder than anyone expected. Bookcases, books, clothing, pictures, etc., had to be put back into place. It was a massive team effort!

At 4:00 on Saturday, as we gathered to thank the Lord for all that had been accomplished that weekend, I was both thankful and humbled by all those who had brightened our surroundings with so much more than paint. Thank you LifePoint Church! ■



(Above) Volunteers worked on offices, conference rooms, and thrift store. Cliff and Barb Clark (far left) provided supplies, and Cliff (2nd left) took home handprint souvenirs on his shirt.