



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

NESAP Assistance Programs

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

Community Outreach Programs

- Back to School
- Holiday Help

NESAP Thrift Store

Thrift Store proceeds go back to the community in need.

Store Hours of Operation

- Mon through Sat. 9 am to 3 pm
- Thurs. 9 am to 8 pm

Donation Hours

- Mon. through Sat. 8 am to 6 pm
- Thurs. 8 am to 7 pm

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Do you have a website?

Please help us get the word out by adding a link to NESAP's website. If you are interested or have questions, please call 410-239-6216, or email us at nesaphampstead@aol.com.



Bellisimo Benefit

by Marianne Larson

Checkered red and white tablecloths, country bouquets of wild flowers, and photos of sunflower fields on the walls, set the ambiance for NESAP's Benefit Spaghetti Dinner in June. From the kitchen of Hampstead's St. John's Methodist Church, the distinctive aroma of seasoned sauces was overwhelming. The cooks and the servers in their checkered aprons worked to the sounds of Dean Martin's "Amore", and a variety of other Italian music.

Upstairs, there was a silent auction, arranged with comfortable seating, and display tables spread with baskets, handmade quilts, artwork, jewelry, purses, collectibles, books and more. The greatest number of bids went to a Women's Crossroads bike. In addition, several local merchants and banks generously donated gift certificates. Attendees could choose to visit and shop before or after their meal, children could have their faces painted while they waited, and take-out meals were also available.



Dinner organizer, Alba Stierhoff, "best-dressed" in Italian attire (shown left), greeted arrivals at the door. She was amazed, as so many showed up for the event that she ran out of tickets, and resorted to using slips of paper. (The tickets were used for a door prize drawing at the end of the evening.) There was a continual stream of diners from 4:00 to 7:00, and many went back to the serving line for seconds. NESAP staff and volunteers worked diligently to extend hospitality to the community, and to raise money for our neighbors in need.

As always, God was faithful to provide above and beyond our expectations. We extend our thanks to St. John's Church, Committee Chairman, Cindy Wilhoite, our dedicated staff and volunteers, silent auction donors, and friends and neighbors for all their support!

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Bellisimo Benefit (cont.)



Top Left: Mayor and Mrs. Shoemaker attended NESAP's dinner and auction. Top Right: Auction donor, Barb O'Brien (left) with organizer, Marianne Larson. Bottom Left: Volunteers worked hard to serve guests. Bottom Right: Auction guests peruse the items available for bidding.

Thoughts about NESAP's Customers

As I think about NESAP and what I love about being there, there is no doubt in my heart that it is the customers. Being a part of their lives and sharing stories about every day life, joys and sorrows, makes me feel like we are all family.

I thought about our spaghetti dinner and how, when I mentioned we were thinking of having one, so many began asking, "What can I give?", "What can I do to help?", "Just let me know." If I failed to say anything for awhile, the customers would remind me, "Don't forget to let me know what you are short of." The best part is that many of NESAP's customers are the same people we help whenever they need us. That just shows how we are there for each other.

Our entire staff loves our community, and the support NESAP receives back from community members shows how they feel about us. It brings to my mind an old German proverb, "Love knows hidden paths". Remember to pray for us at NESAP, as we continue to pray for you all. In God's love, Alba ■

Feinstein Foundation Helps Fight Hunger

By Lynn Sheavly

The appeal went out and you responded! From March 1, 2010 to April 30, 2010 we collected donations to be matched proportionally by Alan Shawn Feinstein. For the past 12 years Mr. Feinstein has been giving his money in a grass roots campaign to fight hunger through the Feinstein Foundation.

Due to your generosity, we collected \$2,206 in monetary donations and 2,313 items/pounds for the food pantry. Each item donated for the food pantry was added to the monetary total collected at \$1.00 per piece/pound. That makes the total that we submitted for the Feinstein Challenge \$4,519.00 .

We will be receiving a check in August from the Feinstein Foundation. This money will help us keep the food pantry stocked with the items our clients need. Our clients, staff, and volunteers appreciate your generosity. Thank you! ■

Food Pantry Needs

To all the churches, businesses, schools, and individuals who have given so generously to NESAP's food pantry this year, we are extremely grateful! Your donations helped feed many local families, who were out of work or struggling financially. Thank you for your support!

There is always a need for **laundry detergent, cleaning products, and hygiene items**, as they are so seldom donated. Needed items are listed below, and that list is updated regularly on our website, www.nesapinc.org.

Non-Perishable Foods

Applesauce
Beef Stew
Beets
Cake Frosting
Cereal & Oatmeal
Coffee
Egg Noodles
Flour & Sugar

Hamburger Helper
Jello & Pudding
Mixed Vegetables
Pears & Pineapples
Potatoes - canned
Potato mixes
Rice & Rice Sides
Salmon

Cleaning/Hygiene

All Purpose Cleaners
Baby Wipes
Diapers - size 3, 4, 5
Dish detergent
Hand Soap
Laundry Detergent
Paper Towels
Shampoo



Hampstead Day

NESAP members set up camp on Main Street for Hampstead Day on May 22nd. Books, baskets and beanie babies were sold en masse, to help fund NESAP's programs. In addition, Lynn Sheavly spent time talking with community members about what NESAP does for the community. Kathy Lerp, Peggy Ridgely and Donna Wright also helped make the event a worthwhile effort! ■



Matthew's Tire and Auto Service in Hampstead hosted a Car Show on June 19th, and generously donated the entrants' registration fees to NESAP. Thank you Matthew's Tire for your ongoing dedicated support for NESAP's mission!

A Living Breathing Ministry

Six months ago I had the honor of joining NESAP's staff. Since one of my job responsibilities is increasing the community's awareness of NESAP I have been pounding the pavement -- so to speak.

I have had the pleasure to share about NESAP with hungry youth who were involved in a 30-hour Famine, members of local congregations, seniors at the North Carroll Senior Center, 4-H youth and adults, a Girl Scout Troop, The Carroll District Executive Director for the Boy Scouts of America, and maybe with you at the Hampstead Business Expo, Hampstead Day, or the St. Paul's Flea Market!

Many of the people I talk with know about NESAP. They know about dropping donations off, and shopping in the store. They might even know that we have a food pantry. It is my pleasure to pull together all aspects of what NESAP does in order to paint the big picture.

Let me share a part of that picture with you. NESAP runs on the compassion of its volunteers and employees. These folks are the blood that provides life sustaining nourishment to the organization. Our donors are the oxygen that keep us alive so that we can reach out and care for others without feeling faint. Without them we would not live long. Support from local businesses, churches, and schools form our backbone, strong and flexible so that we can firmly stand in the community.

I would like to come to a group that you belong to further introduce you to the living breathing organization that NESAP embodies. The who, what, where, when, and most importantly...why we do what we do.....can be shared with your group in a 15 minutes discussion. Please contact me at 410-239-6216 or email me at nesap.director@gmail.com to arrange a date!

Blessings,
Lynn Sheavly, Executive Director

Romans 12: 4-8 (NRSV)

For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. ■

Snowballs in Summer

By Debbie Hooper

Our third annual NESAP Customer Appreciation Day, a.k.a. "Snowball Day at NESAP" was held on Saturday, June 5th sponsored by Cornerstone Presbyterian Church. The ministry of the NESAP Thrift Store reaches so many folks that a free snowball is such a small effort on our part to say thank you, but we do thank you for being faithful shoppers of the NESAP Thrift Store. You may not realize that by shopping at the store you make such a difference in your community. Every time you purchase something at the store, which has been donated to sell, your money goes back into your community to help your neighbors in need, with a variety of services during difficult times in their lives.

A highlight of our day again this year was Allison Harmon and her carnival style games and prizes for the children. The donation of her games and time spent with us was truly a blessing. She provided lots of fun for the kids. Thank you so much Allison for your heart to serve.

June 5th was a busy day in Hampstead, with lots of things to do, so we thank each of you who took the time to shop at the store, stop by for a refreshing snowball, and to play some games. Hope to see you next year at our fourth annual "Snowball Day at NESAP!" ■

Mark your calendars for the fall **Thrift Store Clothing BAG SALE**

September 14 to 22
(All bags \$5.00)

STORE will be CLOSED
September 23rd, 24th and 25th
for changeover

REOPENING
Monday, September 27
with fall and winter clothing



SHOP NESAP
for fall and winter clothing
and save!

Help a Student Get a Good Start!

NESAP's Back-to-School Program is under way for students in Hampstead and Manchester. Low-income students from Pre-K to 12th grade are eligible for free backpacks, school supplies, and a gift card for shoes to start their school year. Parents may apply at NESAP by calling 410-239-6216.

For those who would like to make donations, NESAP welcomes monetary donations, gift cards to Payless Shoe Store, or the following supplies: large backpacks (wheels on bags are not permitted by schools), graph paper, wide-ruled lined paper, dry erase markers, post-it notes, compasses, small calculators, and vinyl zippered pencil cases.

Thank you!



Ways to Partner with NESAP

Donate and shop at NESAP Thrift Store for bargains, and your proceeds help the community in need.

Volunteer in the Thrift Store Food Pantry or for our outreach programs.

Make a financial donation, or a donation of food, school supplies, or gift cards for the holiday programs.

Organize or participate in a food drive.

Adopt a family or senior citizen for Thanksgiving or Christmas.

Pray with us for God's guidance, provision and grace in all that we do to serve our community members in need.