



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

NESAP Assistance Programs

- Rent and Mortgage
- Fuel / 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 5 pm
- Thurs. 8 am to 7 pm

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NESAP NEWS



Northeast Social Action Program, Inc.

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

Blizzard Season

By Marianne Larson

I often hear NESAP staff members in the lunch room discussing the effects of a sinking economy, sharing stories of hardship, tragedies, and impending storms. They wonder what they can do to help, to comfort, or to prepare. Some may send cards, or gather food or supplies, and many offer their prayers.

None of us are immune to storms or catastrophes, and our hearts go out to people living those realities. In the same way that neighbors helped neighbors dig out of this winter's snowstorms, more and more people are rallying to find tangible ways of reaching out to help where there are needs.

Although NESAP's funds have been lower than ever this past year, it is remarkable how God has provided, through compassionate donors. All that is given to NESAP through donations and thrift store purchases goes out to the needs in the local community.

Approximately 1,670 families were assisted in 2009 with rent or mortgage, fuel, utilities, transportation, prescriptions and clothing. During the holidays, over 200 families received food and/or gifts, and close to 2,400 bags of food were distributed throughout the year. NESAP has been blessed by all those who give, and by the staff and volunteers, who go above and beyond duty to serve the community. Thank you all! ■



On behalf of the North East Social Action Program staff and Board of Trustees, we thank the Ensign C. Markland Kelly, Jr. Foundation for their generous grant of \$20,000. The Foundation encourages other foundations to match their grant in part or in total, to improve the quality of the lives of the poor and marginalized in Carroll County.

NESAP DAY

By Debbie Hooper

NESAP's 25th anniversary celebration, held on Sunday, September 20th on a beautiful afternoon, can only be described as a success! The 3 goals of the celebration were to celebrate NESAP's 25th anniversary, raise awareness in the community, and to raise funds. These goals were met with planning, solicitation, and speaking to the business community for sponsorship and donations. The hard work was well worth the effort, as the committee achieved their goal of 10 table sponsors, 200 tickets sold, and close to \$10,000 raised. The event, held in a lovely setting at Piney Branch Golf Club, included a delicious buffet style meal, guest's participation in the silent auction, and a well-prepared program. Mayor Haven Shoemaker was on hand to congratulate NESAP, and a video presentation created by Marianne Larson, showcased NESAP'S past, present, and future goals.



NESAP relies heavily on the Thrift Store, and many folks in the community were not aware of all that is provided through the store's proceeds. If you have not visited the store, you are missing an opportunity to see an organization with a ministry for the community, run by dedicated paid staff and volunteers with a heart to serve. The service to those in need includes a food pantry, assistance with rent, utilities, transportation, medical needs, school supplies and holiday help.

As we approach NESAP's 26th year of service to those in need, we look with anticipation for God's continued blessing on this community outreach program. ■

(Right) Diners sample Piney Branch Restaurant's delicious buffet.

(Far right, top to bottom) Mayor Haven Shoemaker declares September 20, 2009 "NESAP Day". Guests view silent auction items. Pastor Todd Hare and Alba Stierhoff speak on behalf of NESAP. Dedicated past and present volunteers are recognized.



Many thanks for food donations!

To all the churches, business, schools, and individuals who gave so generously to NESAP's food pantry from September through December, we are extremely grateful! Your donations helped feed many local families during the holidays and fall months. When so many are out of work and struggling, it is overwhelming to see the outpouring of support! God bless you!!!

We hope that you will continue to remember us through the year, as the needs do not decrease after the holidays, and your help is invaluable!

Thanks so much to all those who donated food supplies to NESAP for the holidays!

(Pictured right) Jos. A. Banks employees donated 2,067 items (with pre-screened dates) along with Weis Gift Cards totaling \$525 in value.



There is always a need for cleaning products, as they are so seldom donated. We know parents who are unable to clean their family's clothing because they can't afford laundry detergent, which is why our Food Pantry provides cleaning and hygiene products, as well as food. 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 & Tea
Egg Noodles
Flour & Sugar

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

Cleaning/Hygiene

All Purpose Cleaners
Baby Wipes
Diapers
Dish detergent
Hand Soap
Laundry Detergent
Paper Towels
Shampoo



Out and About in the Community By Marianne Larson



The Tree of Life Theatre Troupe is a Christian non-profit group based in Eldersburg, MD, who's local entertainers perform family style theater productions in the community. In addition to providing great wholesome entertainment, they support the community by donating a portion of their proceeds to a local worthy cause. North East Social

Action Program was honored to be the recipients of donations from their recent production, *A Christmas Carol*.

The troupe performed six shows in December at Freedom Christian Church in Eldersburg. Pastor Todd and his wife, Nancy attended the first show, where Todd said a few words on NESAP's behalf. Alba Stierhoff, her husband, myself and my husband enjoyed one of the shows as well.

I spoke to some of the troupe and board members prior to the show, and accepted their donation in January. Board President, Michele Field told me that they are familiar with the good work NESAP does for the community. She added that many of the costumes worn in the play were purchased from NESAP Thrift Store! ■



Troupe Board members (right to left) Vivian Davis, Evelyn Harshbarger, Ed Malinoski, Michele Field, Sharon Cowart, Joe Shinault.

NESAP Newcomers

The Thrift Store has added a touch of class with fashion stand-ins, Amelia and Steven, dressed to the hilt for the Valentine's Day dance. Gone, are their predecessors, that stood their ground and carried their weight for many years.

Sophisticated Emily, has taken her seat in the center of town, to capture attention of passers-by to the quality products found at NESAP Thrift Store. She can be seen on Main St., Hampstead, in a storefront window next to Towne Pride.



Thrift Store window on Main St., Hampstead, where Emily sits.



Amelia and Steven, new store mannequins

Changing of the Guard

2010 brought some changes to NESAP's Board of Trustees, and to the managerial structure. As 3 officers' terms ended in January, 3 new officers were elected. The Rev. Todd Hare of Cornerstone Church was elected Chairman; Ken Wright, owner of Towne Pride as Vice Chairman, and Jim Bosley, President of Farmers & Merchants Bank, as Secretary. Thanks to Pastor Mel Stricklin, Gloria Bair, & Pastor Norma Schenning for their service as officers on the Board. Also, Lynn Sheavly (pictured above) from the Board, was hired in January as NESAP's new executive director. Marianne Larson, coordinator for 4 years, and acting manager and coordinator for the last 4 months, will continue to serve as program manager. Alba Stierhoff continues to serve in this, her 9th year as store manager, and Kathy Lerp as assistant manager. ■



Pounding the Pavement, Celebrating in Service By Lynn Sheavly

The day was perfect for a celebration in service! The sky was clear and the stage was set (literally!). The bright colors of the tent and balloons made this community event take on a festive atmosphere. The crowd gathered to raise money to help those who were under-resourced in local and global communities. The CROP (Citizens Responding to Overcome Poverty) Walk sponsored by Church World Service and organized by local churches took place on October 4th at Cape Horn Park and St. George's Episcopal Church. Money pledged to the walkers was donated to help fight hunger and poverty. NESAP was the recipient of 25% of the donations raised and the remaining funds supported Church World Service ministries.

Many people donated their time, talents, and services to make the CROP Walk a success. *Genova's* and *Just Chillin'* offered donated refreshments to the walkers after their trek around the park and Chick-Fil-A provided coupons for walkers at registration. A moon bounce had a constant audience, and *In Fellowship* surrounded the area with worship music.



This day of fun had a serious side. The walkers were acknowledging the needs of their neighbors. Their neighbors needed food, energy, rent, and medical assistance. They needed to know that somebody cared. So the walkers put on their shoes and pounded the pavement and raised \$1,472.00 for NESAP! ■



Welcome to 2010!

By Alba Stierhoff

How did we get here so fast, or is it really true that "the older you get, the faster time goes"? We saw the economy worse than most people have seen it in their lifetimes. And yet, here at NESAP we have seen God work in unexpected ways.

Our customers have, as always, been faithful in their shopping and giving. Our food pantry donations in the last 3 months have been far more than usual during these difficult times. One particular item that we have received more than usual of is the pet food. We have seen many people who have lost their jobs and are unable to afford to feed their pets, and the donated pet food has been such a blessing. Our neighbors and friends have listened to God, and given even when it has been difficult for them. They thought of others in need.



Moms (left) shopped at NESAP Thrift Store, and then went on to the Christmas Sale in Arcadia. One said she was able to finish her Christmas shopping at the two locations.

(Top right) Volunteers help customer box a Christmas tree. (Bottom right) Two Thrift Store regulars enjoyed a soda from the food sale (added last year), while they shopped.

We look forward with God's help, to continue to help those in need.

The Thrift Store's winter bag sale will be March 10th. Then we will be closed the 19th through 22nd for changeover, and will reopen on March 23rd.

Thanks to everyone for making last year's Christmas sale our best one yet! Our staff, customers, and volunteers are the best of the best! May God continue to bless you all, as we at NESAP continue to serve God and our community! ■



Alba (above) sold new gifts at the sale.

Linda Hale (below) and her husband Bill hosted the sale at Arcadia Center for the 2nd year in a row.



Toddler (below) munched on a donut while she browsed.



More than Just a Job

By Charlotte Forrester

Today, as I leave work here at NESAP, in Hampstead, I think about how the day has gone. It is such an interesting place to work! Every day is always a little different, and you never know how it will turn out. Each person who brings their things to us has their own life story. It is very hard for some to part with their family possessions. There are others who are cleaning out family estates, and some are moving and must get rid of things they won't have room for. These are all very caring people who bring these things to us. They know their donations will help so many people who live in this community.

We see so many interesting things, and get so excited over them! For instance, we received an old cast iron fire truck, pulled by a driver and 3 horses. It may be a toy, book, dishes, or a household item that goes way back. Then, on the other hand we could get brand new items, with the tags still on them. Christmas comes all year round for us; as does Easter, Valentine's Day, Fourth of July, and Thanksgiving.

We are very dedicated here at NESAP. We have been here for 25 years, and with the help of God, will continue. We are so very grateful for all who support NESAP's work! ■



Mark your calendars
for the spring

Thrift Store Clothing

BAG SALE

March 10 through 18
(All bags \$5.00)

STORE CLOSED

March 19 through 22
for changeover

REOPENING

Tuesday, March 23
with spring & summer
clothing



Shop NESAP

for Easter outfits, prom and wedding gowns, and spring and summer clothing.
and save!