

Social Ministry Committee - February, 2009

The committee met on January 20th. Significant current activities include:

CCU – there has been criticism of CCU for not doing more for needy folk on the West Shore, but in many cases the grant monies specify in which county they must be spent. Mardi Gras registrations are coming in slowly. It's a little early to consider a repeat event.

Delta Community – plans for an April 13th dinner at the Penbrook UCC church are under way. A summer “picnic event” is being considered.

New Hope Ministries – at the West Shore planning group, participants recounting their West Shore activities, interests and contributions included: Buck Swisher from Todd Platts's office, Cheryl De Lozier recently elected state representative (\$20,000 grant), Li Kohr from Pat Vance's office (\$10,000 and \$5,000 grants), Terry Barley and two representatives of Cumberland Co. Office of Aging, Jeff Berringer, Mid Penn Legal Services, Ron Orindia from Bountiful Blessings of Lemoyne (cleaning supplies), Ed Ulsh, The Bridge (food pantry), New Cumberland, Ross Willard, March for Jesus (emergency services and bicycle recycling) Enola, and Sue Williams of Holy Spirit/New Hope/medical. Volunteers are needed to count the homeless people on the night of January 28th. Eric Saunders told the group that New Hope received record food contributions over the recent months. They **have begun serving the West Shore communities** and are developing relationships with churches and municipalities. **Volunteer opportunities include receptionists, food packing, home repair, and youth volunteers.** They are in the process of interviewing for a full-time social worker. Negotiations are under way with a Foundation to provide New Hope with the 15,000 sq. ft. former furniture warehouse off Trindle Road in Hampton Township for its new distribution center. This will be a “God's Will situation”.

Zion Shelter – Becky Enney reported that more volunteers are needed to serve at the Shelter the last 2 weeks of February.

Giving Tree - James' Kinkaid's written report states that: Prison Gift program – 6 children in 3 families received gifts; Delta - \$605 in cash plus gifts for women and children distributed; CACC- \$175 raised for Scholarship Fund plus diapers and baby formula distributed; Sudanese - \$640 raised for educational support.

2009 Budget - the revised line-item amounts as submitted to Finance were approved.

Tutoring - 9 volunteers are tutoring weekly at Downy, and 9 are tutors at Foose Elementary schools in Harrisburg.

Lutheran World Relief Warehouse – the next Trinity trip to the Warehouse will be February 9th, 2009.

Social Ministry Emphasis month – We will plan to offer classes during the month of May. Details will be discussed at next meeting.

The date for the next meeting was set for Tuesday March 17, 2008 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Roland Freund – Chair