



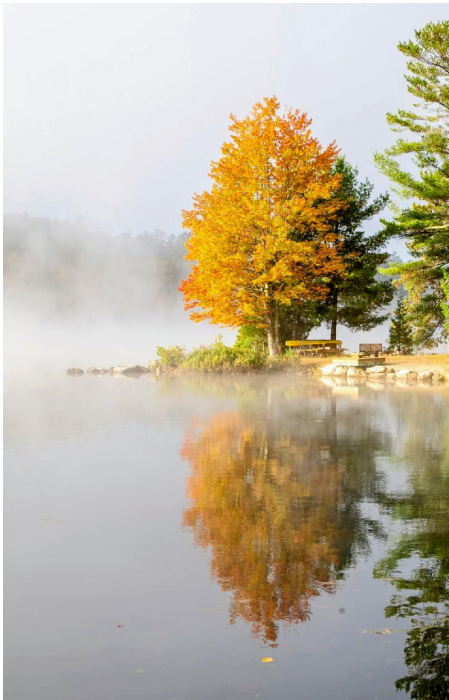
The Helpers Fund Always Ready With A Helping Hand

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What we've been up to!

Fall 2025



General Information

As we approach the cold and darkness of winter we are met with the uncertainty of Government shutdowns, unremitted SNAP (food assistance) payments and withheld HEAP (heating assistance) payments. It is normally our highest spending time with heating and utility assistance as well as food and clothing during holiday periods.

We know that the Fund is up to these challenges that lie ahead of us in the coming months.

The fund has, and will continue to provide assistance in a variety of

ways including support with food through our food pantry, assistance with heat and heating appliances throughout the winter and with medical assistance either directly or indirectly through HHHN or North Warren Central Schools.

Since our last newsletter we distributed assistance in the following ways:

General Assistance

- Purchased personal hygiene items for individuals that might not have otherwise had access to these supplies
- Provided scholarships to two individuals attending SUNY colleges at Potsdam and Delhi
- Repaired a mobile home that was damaged by an errant driver
- Had heating fuel delivered to individuals requiring assistance
- We continued our "partnership" with Hudson Headwaters Health Network by providing financial assistance to qualified individuals and families for medical visits, dental procedures and medically necessary materials. This assistance was provided to people in Chestertown, Pottersville, Brant Lake and Schroon Lake

- Provided assistance in the forms of gasoline and housing for individuals that required medical treatment at locations distant from our local area

Food Pantry

- Provided nutrition through our semi-monthly food pantry. This service was provided to 35 families in both Chestertown and Pottersville



Amy and Peggy at the Food Pantry

- Shared more than \$3400 in TOPS cards with clients of the Food Pantry, to be used for the purchase of food and household goods not provided by the food pantry
- Provided more than \$1700 in coupons used at the Chestertown Farmers Market to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables

This overview covers some of the actions taken in support of some of our neediest neighbors since our last report.

Your support and continued generosity is genuinely appreciated!

It is what makes things happen.

"Dinner For Two" Raffle



Drawing the winning Ticket

The 24th annual "Dinner for Two" raffle was successfully competed with the following winners being chosen:

First Prize- John Kalnberg, Woodridge, NJ

Second Prize- Cindy Coleti-Manning, Brant Lake, NY

Third Prize- Pat Sennett, South Glens Falls, NY

Fourth Prize- Karlyn Johnson, New Jersey

Congratulations to each of our winners!

Thank You Dinner



Our annual Thank you BBQ was held at Cronin's Resort on August 21st. The usual fare of hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, soft drinks and good company was shared by all who attended. A cash bar provided alcoholic beverages for those in attendance.

At the start of the event a report was shared by John Hagmann which covered all of the areas of assistance

that were provided during the past year. A question and answer period followed which then was followed by the BBQ.



Fund Raising Event

On Thursday November 6, a special fundraising event, called "A Loon Lake Season for Support" was held at the SUNY Adirondack restaurant on Hudson Avenue in Glens Falls.

The event, sponsored by Noelle McCrum and Gail Danforth, was completely sold out and the food was outstanding.

The event was unique in that it was a dinner held at the culinary learning facility for SUNY Adirondack.

As each course was presented to the assembled group the student that designed the course, explained what it was, how it was prepared and what the diner could expect while tasting it.

The end result of this wonderful evening was a very happy group of diners and the presentation of a check for \$3268.00 to the Helpers Fund.



Gail Danforth, John Hagmann & Noelle McCrum

Thanks to Noelle and Gail for a job well done.

Annual Holiday Drive

. The 2025 Annual Drive is currently underway. The Board of Directors would like to encourage you to support this years effort as you have in the past. It will be greatly appreciated



Brittany and Katie Shaw of Queen Village

As in previous years, we are fortunate to have the folks at Queen Village Campground in Warrensburg, donate a significant number of toys to be distributed to children who are involved in this years clothing and toy distribution.

As in previous years, each participant in the Chestertown Food Pantry will receive two (2) items of clothing per adult and four (4) items of clothing per child. Additionally, each child will receive an age appropriate toy, to make their holiday season a little brighter

Outreach

If you know of someone who may need assistance, please do not hesitate to refer them to the Helpers Fund so we can determine their eligibility for assistance.

Ask them to call our line at (518) 494-5565 and request an application.

If they should require assistance in completing the required documentation a Board member will gladly assist them in the completion of the application.

**Be Safe, Stay Well and as always ...
Thank You!**