



The Helpers Fund Always Ready With A Helping Hand

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What we've been up to!

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General Information

We are now in the 28th year of servicing the most needy in our community.

The fund has provided 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 more than \$33,000 of assistance in the following ways:

General Assistance

- Provided a Ranai heater to a senior citizen to replace a 1920's cook stove used to provide heat. to her cabin
- Paid for diagnostics for a furnace that was not working
- Helped to pay for the installation of electricity to a

senior citizen's home to remove a safety hazard

- Purchased personal hygiene items for individuals that might not have otherwise had access to supplies
- Purchased car insurance for an individual that had lost their job and required assistance
- Paid for eyeglasses and eye exams for two young North Warren students who had difficulty reading
- Repaired an automobile
- Provided funding for the Fall North Warren "Healthy Smiles" dental clinic for 30 students
- Had heating fuel delivered to 6 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 funding for prescription reimbursement for eligible individuals utilizing HHHN

Food Pantry

- Provided nutrition through our semi-monthly food pantry. This service was provided to 35 families in both Chestertown and Pottersville
- The Fund provided the essentials for holiday meals to an average of 40 families for during the Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter seasons.



Peggy and Jim at the Food Pantry

- Provided special TOPS cards to folks who utilize the food pantry which will allow them to purchase either turkeys, hams or chickens for their holiday meals

- Shared more than \$3800 in TOPS cards with clients of the Food Pantry, to be used for the purchase of food and household goods not provided in the food pantry
- Purchased and provided more than \$400 in TOPS cards to assist people requiring immediate assistance with food that were not regular users of the Food Pantry

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

Your support and continued generosity is genuinely appreciated!

It is what makes things happen.

Scholarships

Both North Warren and Schroon Lake High Schools have again been approached for graduating seniors to apply for scholarships.

The scholarship committee will review applications that have been received for scholarships and we will report the results of the selection process in our Fall newsletter

"Dinner For Two" Raffle

The 24th annual "Dinner for Two" raffle is currently underway.

A change to this year's program is the addition of a fourth prize.

As in the past, the first prize winner will receive twelve (12) \$50 gift certificates to local and area restaurants. Second place winner will receive (6) \$50 gift certificates, third place winner will receive (3) \$50 gift certificates and now the fourth place winner will receive two (2) \$50 gift certificates.

The Fund would like to encourage each of you to support this effort and purchase tickets to the "Dinner for Two" raffle.

Stewarts Grant

We are happy and proud to announce that we have once again received a grant from Stewarts related to their Holiday Match program.

This years grant of \$750 will be used to fund programs that are directed solely to benefit children.

Thank you Stewarts for your support of The Helpers Fund and our community.

Annual Holiday Drive

This years annual Holiday Drive was quite successful. The funding which was received during this years Holiday Drive will enable us to complete our annual mission of supporting those in our community that are most in need of assistance.

The Board of Directors would like to thank each of you for your support of the Holiday Drive.

It is because of you that we are able to help make some of our neighbors lives a little better each year.

Annual Clothing and Toy Distribution



Katie Shaw of Queen Village Campground

This was another year where the Fund, because of your support, was able to provide clothing and toys for those folks in our community that would not have otherwise experienced the joy of the holiday season.

This year we were able to supply two articles of clothing to each adult and four articles of clothing to each child in our distribution.

Additionally, between the fund and the generosity of the Queen Village Camp Ground, we were able to provide each child with at least one age appropriate toy while supporting other local groups with toys for distribution.



Ann, Linda and Tom preparing the Holiday distribution Fund Raising Event

This year a special fundraising event, sponsored by Noel McCrum and Gail Danforth, will take place at the SUNY Adirondack student run restaurant.

The event will feature a three course dinner and cash bar at the SUNY Adirondack facility located at 14 Hudson Avenue in Glens Falls. The event is scheduled for 5:30 PM on Thursday November 6th, 2025.

Please contact Noel McCrum via email at nkinderteach@hotmail.com to sign up or receive additional information.

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!**