

# Livingston County Basic Needs Workgroup



## 2010 Year – End Results



The Basic Needs Workgroup serves to 1) improve access to services for Livingston County residents, 2) build a comprehensive system of services, and 3) leverage additional resources to help fill the gaps in funding—by working together.

The flexibility of the Basic Needs Workgroup funding, and the collaborative nature of the group, offers rapid response to emerging needs and opportunities. \$236,120 yielded \$1,511,978 in total leveraged funds to support important initiatives:

Supported the Livingston County Hunger Council, which reduced the hunger gap in Livingston County by 77% in its first year—3.8 million additional meals!



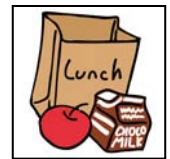
Continued support of the “Resource Navigator” position, located at Gleaners, to help those needing assistance for the first time. The “Navigators” helped to enroll 15 Food Assistance Program households per month, at more than \$400,000 in federal benefits! (This does not include the economic impact to the community, factored at \$1.80 for each \$1.00 in federal benefits.)

Provided case management, life-skills education, supportive services to over 100 families who were homeless or in danger of becoming homeless. OLHSA serves as the point agency for homelessness throughout Livingston County.

Purchased needed personal care items through Gleaners at 1/3 retail value for distribution to 2,000 low-income families.



The Salvation Army partnered with other agencies to provide over 5,700 nutritious lunches to low-income children through “Summer Lunch Bunch”.



Provided over 2,000 nutritious meals for homebound seniors through Livingston County Senior Nutrition —eliminating the waiting list.

Updated and distributed over 3,500 Livingston County Community Resource Guides for the newly unemployed—through agencies, churches, schools, government offices, and community events.

Provided over 100,000 miles of transportation to low-income residents.



Kept several low-income families per month “on the road” to work, job interviews, and medical appointments, through the car repair assistance program.

Hosted forums for church outreach workers and one for school counselors to build awareness of local services.

Bridged a gap in emergency shelter funds which would have forced several families to become homeless during Christmas.