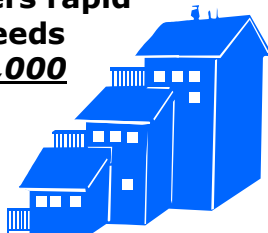


Livingston County Basic Needs Workgroup



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. \$140,000 leveraged an additional \$1,065,000, to support important initiatives in 2009-2010:



- Supported the creation of a new “Resource Navigator” position, located at Gleaners, to help those needing assistance for the first time “navigate” the system, and quickly learn of local services
- Helped provide case management and supportive services to over 100 previously homeless families, and others in danger of becoming homeless



- Purchased over 2,500 pounds of personal care items, distributed to 600 low-income families
- The Salvation Army partnered with other agencies to pilot a summer lunch program—providing almost 5,000 nutritious meals

- Provided over 2,400 weekend meals for homebound seniors—eliminating the waiting list
- Created and distributed 2,000 Livingston County Community Resource Guides for the newly unemployed—through agencies, churches, schools, government offices—a “no wrong door” approach
- Provided over 68,250 miles of transportation to low-income residents



- Enabled 70 low-income families to “stay on the road” to work and medical appointments through the car repair assistance program
- Formed the Livingston County Hunger Council, with membership from diverse sectors of the community, working to eliminate hunger in this community
- Hosted a church forum for over 60 staff and outreach workers—helping parishioners connect to services



- Provided prescription drug assistance to low income residents, helping them to stabilize medical conditions and avoid the higher costs if left untreated