

Mission

North East Social Action Program's (NESAP) mission is to extend God's compassion and provide assistance to the community in need.

History

North East Social Action Program (NESAP) is a Christian non-profit organization that provides tangible assistance to disadvantaged residents of Carroll County and parts of Baltimore County. Incorporated in 1984, NESAP was established by local churches that saw the need for assistance in a growing population and a struggling economy. Individuals and families in the community who are at risk or in crises because of unemployment, under-employment, fixed incomes, family problems, medical emergencies, tragedies, or disasters may receive assistance and referrals. In addition to providing financial assistance, NESAP coordinates community resources and finds creative solutions to respond to the total range of needs. To provide more comprehensive services, NESAP networks with area churches and organizations to help clients find additional support they may need.

Purpose

NESAP exists to assist people struggling to maintain their independence, dignity, and ability to continue to be productive individuals in society. NESAP's services provide financial assistance, resources and referrals.

Programs

Rent, Fuel, Utilities, Medical, and Transportation Assistance, Food Pantry, Clothing Assistance, Back-to-School Program and Holiday Help Programs

NESAP's programs are funded by thrift store proceeds, as well as grants, fundraisers, and donations. For 32 years NESAP has extended a helping hand to Carroll County residents. With the help of the community, NESAP will continue to be a place where neighbors help neighbors in need in the name of Christian compassion.

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

Office Hours:

Monday through Friday 8 am to 3 pm

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Office Fax: 410-374-9109

Store Hours:

Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat: 9 am to 3 pm

and Thu: 9 am to 8 pm

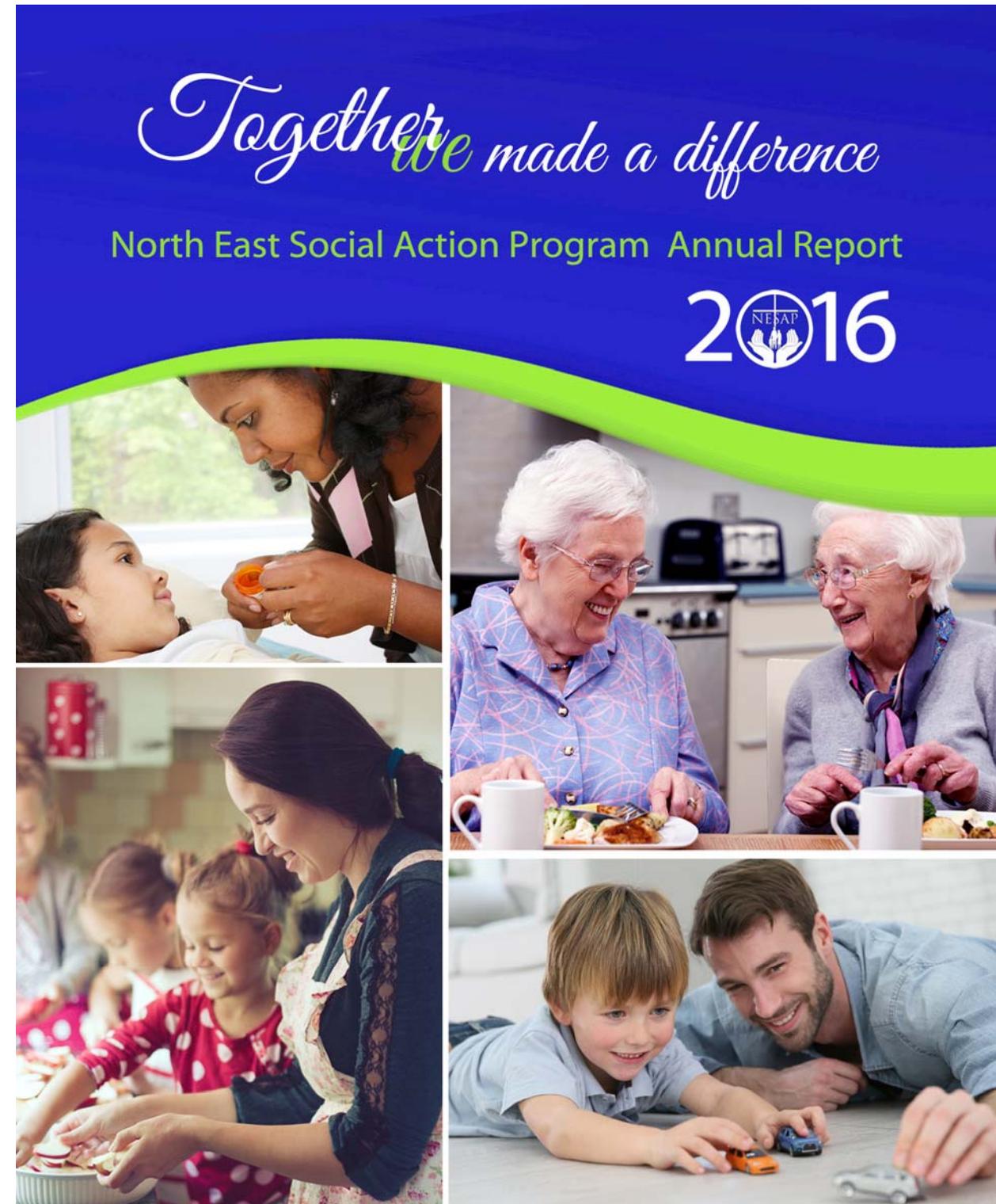
Closed Sundays and major holidays

Donation Dock Hours:

Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat: 8 am to 5 pm

and Thu: 8 am to 7 pm

Store Phone: 410-374-9099



Letters from the Director and Chairman of the Board



It is in times of despair and hopelessness that people need help the most. They need encouragement to get them through the day, the week, or at times even by the hour. It is your kindness that heals our clients. It is your encouragement that offers a tomorrow that is better than today. On behalf of the individuals and families we serve, I want to share with you their thanks.

I wish each of you could personally experience the gratitude of those we help. On *your* behalf, we receive thanks from those you help with food, financial and holiday assistance. Their gratitude is shared with us verbally, with hugs, and sometimes with tears of joy. Appreciation for what *you* do is seen in the smiles of parents, heard in the phone calls we receive, and is posted on the bulletin board when it comes in the form of a card. The folks who say thank you for what *you* have given to them not only appreciate what they have received, but they also appreciate *you*. It's all there in those 2 words...thank YOU.

Thank you for being caring and compassionate. Your actions speak volumes of words. And our clients hear each and every encouraging word. -- *Yours in Christ, Lynn Sheavly*



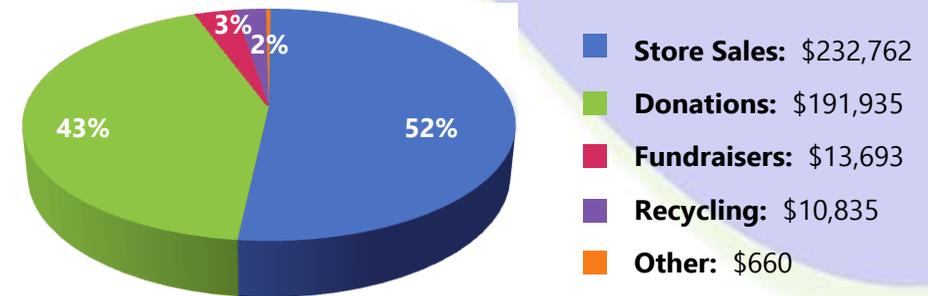
Toward the end of the Christmas season, my wife Donna was volunteering at NESAP's Thrift Store when she noticed a customer that appeared to be lingering in the store, as if he was waiting for someone. After a short time, one of the store employees asked the customer if she could help him. He told her that he had received assistance from NESAP's programs in the past, and he was looking for a way to give back. He was hoping to be able to help someone currently in need with their purchases that day.

As a member of the Board of Trustees, it is not unusual to hear of a former client that is now willing to "pay it forward" by offering to help someone currently struggling to feed their family, pay for fuel to heat their home, or make their rent on time. These stories truly speak of Christ's witness to one another.

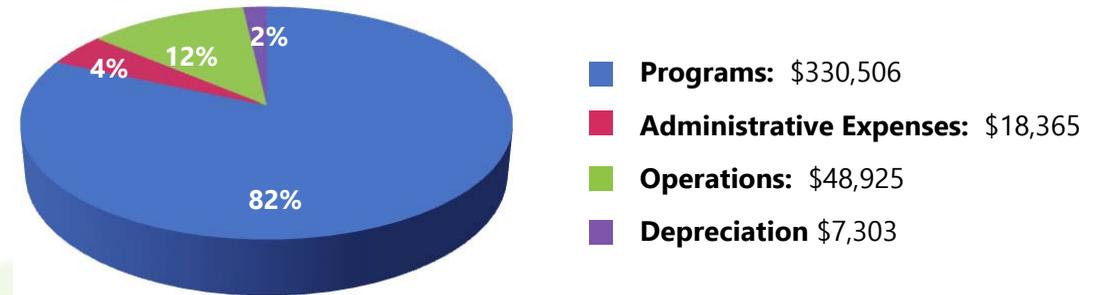
Whether it be a donation of food, clothing or other items that you no longer need, when you give to NESAP you are giving to help someone that may be experiencing a difficult burden. Our dedicated staff wants to thank you for being such an important part of God's work in our community. -- *Ken Wright*

NESAP is a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation funded by community support, donations and Thrift Store purchases. Without the dedicated support of the community, NESAP could not begin to meet the enormous need in these uncertain economic times. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all those who continue to support NESAP's mission to the community.

Income Dollars: \$449,885 Includes food and gift card donations valued at \$56,612 (Does not include 5,018 volunteer hours)



Expense Dollars: \$405,099



How you can partner with NESAP

Volunteer in the Thrift Store, Food Pantry, for fundraisers, or special events.

Donate

- Financial contributions to NESAP, Inc. at P.O. Box 831, Hampstead, MD 21074
- Non-perishable foods with current dates, or hygiene items for NESAP's Food Pantry
- Saleable items for the Thrift Store, where proceeds go to help the community in need
- School supplies for our Back-to-School Program in August, or gift cards for Christmas

Adopt a family or senior for NESAP's holiday programs.

Pray for NESAP's ministry, as we continue to serve the community in need.

Ways in which you helped impact lives for good

Cecilia *

Cecilia was a new client that we helped with an electric bill and with food. She is an elderly woman with multiple health issues and has a disabled daughter living with her. They had fallen behind on bills because of increased health care costs. When she arrived she was unable to come into the office because she was on oxygen that was plugged into her car.

I went to her car to gather copies of her paper work and to give her a check. She was sitting in the car crying, admitting that she never asked for help before. She didn't know where to turn and someone told her about NESAP. I assured her we were glad to help, and that all of us need help some times. Her circumstances and humility touched my heart, and I hope she will not be hesitant to ask for help again.

Julie and Carl *

Julia and her husband Carl have 3 children, and their youngest has a seizure disorder. Her husband discovered he has cancer, and has been unable to work. They were feeling like their lives were spiraling out of control.

Julia was extremely grateful when NESAP helped her family with food, and supplies and clothing for her children for school. She also applied for holiday assistance and we were able to help her family with food for Thanksgiving and Christmas. They also had a generous sponsor for Christmas who provided gifts for their family.

Allison *

Allison was recently separated with a teenage son when she came to NESAP for help. She had been a stay-at-home mom, and was trying to acclimate to being a single mom. She had to get settled in a new apartment and find a job. Getting any kind of charitable or government assistance was new to her.

We provided her with food and referrals to other agencies for additional help. We also helped her with rent assistance and help for the holidays, and she was very grateful. We hope we can continue to encourage and help her through this major change in her life.

Frank *

Frank is a young man who was evicted and was staying in a tent in a friend's yard. He was looking for a job, but came to us for help with food and clothing for job interviews. He had health issues and was walking everywhere in the heat with nothing to eat or drink. Thankfully we were able to provide him with a bike, as well as food, drinks, and clothing.

Cassandra *

Cassy is a young girl in her 20s who is renting an apartment with 2 roommates. They were all working, but not earning enough to pay bills and buy food regularly. When I met Cassy, she was weak and emaciated, and said she hadn't eaten for 2 days. It was heart breaking to see this young girl struggling, but I'm thankful she is aware now that there are resources available.

*"With your support, we are thankful that we are able to help these and many others at risk and in need in our community."
-- Marianne Larson and Pat Murphy, Program Assistance *Names were changed to protect confidentiality.*

NESAP Volunteers served 5,018 hours in 2016!

NESAP is overwhelmingly grateful to our volunteers, who are ordinary people with extraordinary hearts. They give of their time and expect nothing in return, yet their gift of service is invaluable to their community in need. May God bless all our volunteers!

Betty Barr

Doris Bosley

Mary Ellen Brookhart

Connie Copenhaver

Linda Cross

Paul Cross

Sherry Crowl

Virginia Davidson

Barbara Egolf

Bob Gierhart

Carol Gierhart

Howard Goodrich

Velvia Goodrich

Bill Goretsas

Bobbie Guinto

Dave Guinto

Robert Hendrix

Scott Hunewill

Bonnie Kahline

Ruth Kemp

Sue Lindbeck

Lawrence Lister

Ellie Meyd

Betty Modrak

Mary Moore

Jim Moore

Nancy Nash

Dorothy Nickerson

Anna Pyzik

Peggy Ridgely

Kris Schipper

Barb Smith

Sharon Spies

Jim Spies

Lori Teitelbaum

Ron Teitelbaum

Barbara Ward

Jean Wineke

Donna Wright

NESAP Staff Members



Lynn Sheavly
Executive
Director



Alba Stierhoff
Thrift Store
Manager



Donna Hanke
Assistant
Store Manager

Thrift Store Staff

Carolyn Jones, Lead Sorter

Jason Carrier, Porter

Mary Laatch, Sorter

Gloria Poff, Merchandiser

Alex Ridgely, Porter

Kris Schipper - Temp

Muriel Webster, Cashier

Program Staff



Marianne P Larson
Program Manager



Pat Murphy
Program Assistant

NESAP Board of Trustees



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The Rev. Tim Adams, Outreach Director - Crossroads

Community Church

The Rev. Amy Sarah Lewis-Rill, Pastor - Wesley United

Methodist Church

The Rev. Dave Scafide, Pastor - Manchester Baptist Church

Business Community

Steve Eline, Owner - Eline's Funeral Home

Kelly Johnson, Manager - Farmers & Merchants Bank

Tom Trevey, Accountant - Hull Co. Accountants

Ken Wright, Owner - Towne Pride Interiors

Lay Members

Joe Jenkins

Mary Moore

Dana Pipp

Jim Spies

Your generosity made it possible

633 requests for food were filled.

A new program was introduced in June, which allowed parents to receive extra food during the summer months when their children were home from school. Vouchers for fresh fruits and vegetables from local farmers markets were also offered. In addition, a new partnership allowed NESAP to provide frozen meats and fish that were added to our food sets. In total **3,217** bags of food were provided to families who could not afford the groceries they needed.

“Thank you so much for the wonderful food and Weis gift card I received for Thanksgiving. Your kindness and generosity were such a blessing. Many thanks!”

72 households received free clothing.

The Thrift Store provides a variety of clothing, housewares, books, toys, and collectibles. The store’s proceeds are the primary funding source for NESAP’s assistance programs. NESAP’s mission is to serve the local community, and in addition to food and financial assistance, NESAP provides free clothing to qualified clients.

395 requests for fuel and utilities were filled.

\$52,764 was paid to utility and fuel companies for electric bills, oil deliveries, water, sewer and phone service.

206 requests for rent assistance were met.

A total of **\$29,767** was paid to community landlords for low-income residents who were facing possible eviction and/or homelessness.



Utility assistance helped prevent electricity turn-offs.



Rent assistance for seniors on fixed incomes provided relief.



Extra food in the summer helped low-income parents.



28 residents received help with transportation needs.



275 families received help for the holidays



Assistance with medical bills helped 26 residents



196 students received backpacks and school supplies.

Your compassion opened doors

28 residents received help with their transportation needs.

\$7,375 was provided for transportation expenses, repairs, and auto insurance for low-income families. Due to lack of public transportation, these individuals and families rely on their vehicles to go to work, shopping, appointments, etc.

“Thank you for helping me with the brakes on my car. I hope to be able to repay your kindness “

26 requests for medical help were filled.

\$3,204 was provided for medical, dental, visual and prescription assistance to county residents who are uninsured or under-insured.

“Thank you once again for being the angels that some of us need in trying moments. You give me an example to try to live by. “

275 families received food and/or gifts for the holidays.

43 food sets and Easter baskets were provided for Easter. 80 sets of food were given out for Thanksgiving, and 152 families were given food, gifts and/or gift cards for Christmas.

“Thank you for the amazing, thoughtful help our family received for Christmas. The love, time and energy all of you dedicated is heartfelt. Words cannot express our appreciation. “

196 Carroll County students started school prepared with supplies.

Backpacks and supplies appropriate for kids’ schools and grades were provided. NESAP works with local schools to fill the list of supplies requested. Thanks to you, these young people were empowered with the right tools for a fresh start and a new outlook!