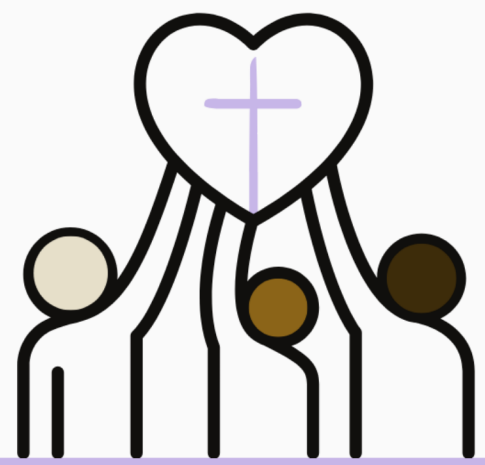


MARCH 2023

QUARTERLY UPDATE

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE COMMUNITY IMPACT COMMITTEE



HIGHLIGHTS FROM JANUARY TO MARCH

BY ALICIA ELTMAN (PRESIDENT)

We ended 2022 by assisting 14 families & individuals meet their needs. From this success, we became inspired to continue to expand our reach. Thus, this newsletter was born! We have the opportunity to make a significant impact in our community, and we would like to spotlight that so we can show the hope and love that Christ inspires. In this quarter, we have seen this expansion start to take root. We welcomed a new committee member, Fran Carr, adopted a logo, and began seeing the word of our initiative spread by word of mouth and between local organizations. We have a partnership with CrossNet Ministries for referrals and have begun to receive referrals from Conestoga Valley Christian Community Services. All of this allows us to see God's provision and promises coming to light when we follow Him and aim to love the people He loves.

We started the year by incurring no requests for funding in January and then skyrocketing to funding 11 requests in February alone. In one month we were able to touch as many families as we had in the last quarter of 2022. This significant increase in requests required us as a committee to band together to meet all of these needs. All eight of our committee members rose to this challenge and met all of the requests given to us in that time frame. This was a truly beautiful picture of what happens when a group of individuals truly set out to love their neighbors fully - nothing prevents them from showing up fully when people express their needs. I am so deeply grateful for the team we have.

Over the next quarter, we will be working on solidifying our procedures, making new connections with local organizations, and researching more about other resources we can use to refer our families to. Every month we meet as a team to reflect on the last month, share resources with each other, and think about how we can live up to our title and truly make a lasting impact on our community. Would you pray for us as we endeavor to do all of these things? We truly appreciate your support of this ministry and the trust you have bestowed upon us to do this wonderful work.

"FOR I WAS HUNGRY AND
YOU GAVE ME SOMETHING
TO EAT, I WAS THIRSTY AND
YOU GAVE ME SOMETHING
TO DRINK, I WAS A
STRANGER AND YOU
INVITED ME IN, I NEEDED
CLOTHES AND YOU CLOTHED
ME, I WAS SICK AND YOU
LOOKED AFTER ME, I WAS IN
PRISON AND YOU CAME TO
VISIT ME"

MATTHEW 25:35-36

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| Statistics (Year to Date) | |
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| Total Number of Requests Funded | 16 |
| Percentage of Requests Funded | 94% |
| Percentage of Rental Requests | 47% |
| Percentage of Utility Requests | 35% |
| Percentage of Emergency Need Requests | 18% |
| Average Number of Calendar Days from Application Review to Funding | 4.8 |

Client Corner

BY MARCIA ANDERSEN (VICE PRESIDENT)

When we set out to love people, the love we receive changes us. It's pretty much the best thing ever. I had the opportunity to be profoundly changed while taking a CIC request. A single mom of three who had no heat in her home needed our help to fill the tank. Her identity had recently been stolen adding insult to injury to her financial crisis and drastically increasing her stress. Desperation can be a beautiful thing when it makes us willing to seek help and she humbly stated that she had reached the point where she was no longer too proud to reach out. She added "would you also be willing to pray for me? I would really appreciate prayer." We had a wonderful conversation and I was deeply moved. CIC was able to expedite this request and get heat delivered within days. Our social worker is reaching out to her as well. Now I'm the one being blessed as I pray for this humble woman who allowed us to serve her. So grateful for her and for this committee. At the end of our conversation about us being able to help meet her request, she told me something that will sit with me for a long time: "Now I'll be able to sleep tonight."

Our Needs

Please pray for the families we serve - that they may have their needs met and that they may feel peace in reaching out for assistance.

Please pray for our committee members to be filled with the wisdom and love of Christ as we interact with our neighbors.

We are always looking for more members to join our committee as a voting member over policies & procedures and to serve the families in our community. Please consider joining our team. We would love to have more representation from other churches, organizations, and businesses.

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