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MISSION: Worcester County G.O.L.D. improves the quality of life of local citizens for whom traditional means of well-being support is not fully available. A non-profit organization staffed by volunteers, Worcester County G.O.L.D. provides financial aid to families in crisis, vulnerable children and adults and children in foster care.

Your donations during 2009/2010 provided:

- 1500+ County residents with emergency financial assistance.
- 134 families with emergency utility assistance.
- funds for 26-yr. old diabetic father of 3 to have tooth extractions.
- funds to help a disabled 11-yr. old get a new wheelchair.
- car repairs for single mom to be able to get to work.
- 563 children with supplies requested by Worcester County schools.
- 150 turkey baskets (donated by Worcester County Bar Association) at Thanksgiving.
- 22 other families (through sponsors) with Thanksgiving food.
- 1100 people with toys, clothes and food at Christmas.
- 60 donated bikes for children at Christmas
- 99 brand-new coats for the needy (donated by OC Elks).
- 210 Easter Baskets for low-income children.
- \$1400 to Worcester County public school principals for emergency needs of students.
- clothing and shoes for several shelter residents.
- a bed for a senior citizen.
- emergency food for approximately 400 people.
- funds for a hearing aid so that a disabled mother could continue working.
- transportation assistance to hospital and doctors' visits.
- funds for glasses for a number of individuals.
- an air conditioner for a lady with health issues.



Volunteer Opportunities

A donor gives bikes at Christmas



Sponge Bob for a child

Backpacks from Taylorville Church



Twin Easter Basket donors



Volunteers organize Baby Pantry



Student Volunteers Lend a hand



Nonprofits Networking Meeting

GOLD hosted a meeting of Worcester County non-profit organizations at the Worcester County Technical Center in Newark on April 15, 2010.

Thirty-eight representatives of area churches, social agencies and private non-profits discussed the services that they offer and the challenges they face including increased referrals for assistance at a time of decreased resources. The primary focus of the group was to create a network of emergency service organizations in order to avoid overlapping services in the county so that more people can be served.

The meeting was facilitated by Charlotte Cathell, a member of GOLD's Board of Directors. A follow-up meeting will be held on October 21. If your non-profit group would like more information, please call GOLD at 410-677-6830.



Linda Franklin of the Local Management Board and Ed Montgomery of Atlantic United Methodist Church

Grant from Safeco Insurance

Worcester County GOLD (Giving Other Lives Dignity), Inc. is the recipient of a \$1,000 grant from the Safeco Agent Giving Program.

Jim Fowler of Fowler Insurance, Inc., Ocean Pines, nominated GOLD for this award. The grant will be used to purchase a projector for slide show presentations about GOLD's services to community groups. Mr. Fowler is vice-president of the Board of Directors of Worcester County GOLD.



Colors of Spring Fashion Show

GOLD's Sixth Annual Fashion Show was held on April 22 at Bayside Skillet in

Ocean City, a truly *colorful* venue. Pictured is Holly DuVall wearing fashions from Bruder Hill, Land



of Ahhs in Berlin.

Generous community sponsors gave fabulous gifts for door prizes.

This lucky lady won a beautiful necklace from Ta Da in Berlin.



GOLD is awarded Weinberg Grant

The Harry and Jeannette Weinberg Foundation has awarded Worcester County



GOLD a \$12,000 grant to assist with emergency services to the poor of our community. In addition to other essential services,

GOLD paid out more than \$27,000 in emergency utility funds for local needy citizens in 2009-2010.

The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation is dedicated to assisting the poor through operating and capital grants to direct service organizations that focus on meeting basic needs.

GOLD receives funding through private donations and grants.



Welcome to fall, y'all!

Yes, we *are* aware of the recent heat wave, but in just a few weeks a new school year will begin, and many Worcester County boys and girls will return to school unprepared without your help.

We at Worcester County GOLD are geared up for ***School Supplies for Students*** for the 14th consecutive year! Last year, 563 children were served through our project!

To sponsor a student with a backpack and all of his or her required classroom supplies, please call us at 410-677-6830 to be matched with a child.

**SPEAKERS
AVAILABLE**



To arrange for someone from GOLD to speak at a meeting of your organization, call 410-677-6830 or email: donley@dhr.state.md.us or jmyates44@yahoo.com.

