

Congregations Helping People

September, 2019

Have you begun another cycle of your program year? CHP has cycles, too: in the summer, we are often limited to the funds that **you**, our congregational bedrock, have sent to us this year.



As summer turned to fall, a family of six, living in a tent, found housing through one of our collaborating agencies. Birth certificates were needed for the entire family: CHP, with **your** funds, funded copies for four family members.

Funds:

Your gifts make a difference!

Illness, accident, layoff, and other reasons push people into crisis. Imagine having no water or electricity in hot summer months! We can also pay for birth certificates or IDs for people as they are hired into new jobs or apply for subsidized housing, gas vouchers, bus passes, and prescriptions.

Thank You

We trust that you will help replenish those funds in the months to come, because we can only use our federal grants for those who qualify for rental or utility assistance. If clients don't qualify for grants, we depend on our congregational funds to help keep their heat and hot water heater and lights on, or the roof staying over a family's head.

Winter Items:

As the weather turns wet and chilly, some of our neighbors need gloves, hats, scarves, and warm socks, along with small containers of hand lotion, (and always, toothbrushes and toothpaste).



Volunteers:



We also go through cycles with our Volunteers. We are looking for folks who are comfortable with both people and computers as morning volunteers. Contact Becky, Rebecca.strader@chpsalem.org, for specifics about this opportunity to welcome clients.

Board Members:

We also need a few Board Members who are willing to shepherd CHP as Treasurer, as Website Guru and as Grant-Savvy Guides. You may also have opportunities to speak with members of our congregations about the mission work of our organization. Meetings are typically once a month. Interested? Please contact Board Chair Roberta Moore, Albert@ipa.net.



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Mission Statement:

Congregations Helping People (CHP) is an interfaith community organization that exists to assist low income and homeless individuals and families who are unable to meet their basic needs. Qualified clients will receive direct support whenever possible and be linked to long-term resources in order to create greater household stability. CHP serves those in need with compassion and respect.

Want to hear more?

If you'd like to remind yourselves about why you started and continue to support CHP, please be in contact with the Director, the Rev. Rebecca Strader. She is willing to preach or to speak to groups of any age, about those she encounters every day at CHP, and how this mission of many congregations continues to support and encourage "the least of these," who, indeed, are with us and among us always. She can also put you in touch with Board Members who will gladly speak with you. Email: rebecca.strader@chpsalem.org. Phone: 503-391-4365. Let's keep in touch!



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