



Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

WE HELP FAMILIES WITH ONE-TIME EMERGENCY EXPENSES.

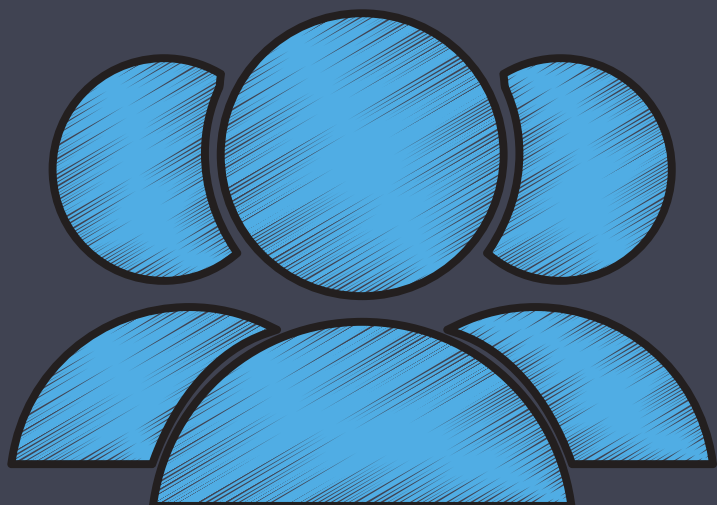
utility bills - medical bills - prescription/pharmaceutical bills - emergency housing (motel room for a few nights) - eviction avoidance - transportation (bus ticket to a new job) - short term child care - funeral expense for a child or family member

HOW IT WORKS

Clients first go to Kent County Department of Social Services for evaluation and screening. If DSS cannot help they are referred to us. Clients are interviewed in person by representatives from the Good Neighbor Fund, the Salvation Army and the Samaritan Group. Each need is evaluated and the grant is provided by one of the groups or shared according to the group's mission and the particular group's budget.

CRITERIA

The client is eligible for a grant only ONCE in a 12-month period. If the grant does not cover the entire expense, the client must provide additional resources personally or from other resources to completely meet the expense.



RESULTS

Good Neighbor Fund helps approximately 200 families and individuals a year with grants of \$200 on average. Salvation Army and the Samaritan Group can match the donation to reach the person's need.

FUNDING

We operate under the 501(c)(3) umbrella of the Chester Valley Ministers' Association.

Our funding comes from local churches, charitable organizations, charitable foundations and private contributions .

We receive a generous grant from the United Way of Kent County.



DONATIONS

Payable to Chester Valley Ministers' Association,
P.O.Box 227, Chestertown, MD 21620
Please write, "Good Neighbor Fund" on subject line

We will gladly send a representative to your meeting or worship service to gratefully receive your donation publicly.



Be a Volunteer

Provide direct support to people in your community!

Volunteers interview each client to provide the necessary grant. The table meets twice a week, Tuesdays and Fridays from September to June, and once each week on Tuesdays from July 1 to Labor Day . Volunteers typically choose one or two dates each month based on their availability.

You are never alone. The table is always staffed by a representative from the Salvation Army and the Samaritan Group. Each group has slightly different guidelines - for example, the Good Neighbor Fund has the flexibility to cover prescriptions and other miscellaneous needs.

Contact Chester Valley Ministers' Association to learn more and to sign up!

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