

HELPING PEOPLE MOVE FROM CRISIS
TO SELF - SUFFICIENCY



Shelby
Emergency
Assistance

Annual Report 2011

Our Mission

Helping people move from
crisis to self-sufficiency

Our Goal

To provide the basic needs of
people in crisis, helping them
achieve self-sufficiency and
empowering them to make
positive contributions in
their communities.

OUR HISTORY

Shelby Emergency Assistance began in 1973 through the efforts of local individuals concerned about the needs of others in our community. These individuals, working as volunteers, developed the basic philosophy that guides our services today. In 1977 the agency became affiliated with United Way of Central Alabama, which led to our expansion of services to cover all of Shelby County. Since that time, SEA has continued to develop a comprehensive array of services directed toward providing basic needs and promoting positive change.

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SOCIAL SERVICES

SEA 's social services are provided by licensed social workers who complete assessments, develop service plans, and provide assistance to stabilize the crisis situation. The social workers are knowledgeable of local resources and often collaborate with other agencies to better serve individuals and families in our community.



Food Donations are received from churches, businesses, schools, and individuals. During summer months produce is provided by the local Farmers Markets, University of Montevallo Organic Garden, and individuals.

2,486 individuals were assisted through our Social Services Department

Services include:

- **827 social work assessments**
- **Food Assistance for 1,558 individuals**
- **Housing assistance for 71 individuals**
- **146 Purchase of prescriptions**
- **122 Financial assistance for doctor visits and dentist visits**
- **Power assistance to 631 individuals to prevent disconnection**
- **Water bill assistance to 93 individuals**
- **Gas heating bill assistance for 29 individuals**

EDUCATION SERVICES



Services provided by the Education Department help to educate clients, providing them with new skills and moving them closer to self-sufficiency. Education services range from helping families learn how to better manage their household budgets to providing tutoring for GED testing.



In 2011 there were 919 individuals that received services from the Education Department. One of the services provided is budget management. The client attends a budget session and information is given to help the individual meet expenses and become more self-sufficient. There were 243 sessions budgeting sessions provided during the year.

Other Services include:

- School supplies for 207 children
- Project Christmas assistance for 213 children
- 18 GED and tutoring sessions
- Job search assistance for 40 individuals

Project Christmas Program



STEP PROGRAM



Shelby Teens for Effective Parenting, STEP, is available to pregnant or parenting teens (ages 12-19) who are residents of Shelby County. STEP meets on a weekly basis at Shelby County Schools and the classes are designed to directly impact the physical and emotional well being of teen parents. Lessons include prenatal and parenting topics.



In 2011:

- **69 teens participated in STEP**
- **97% of the teens maintained school enrollment**
- **Of 28 births to teens, there were 26 healthy babies with healthy birth weights (5 lbs, 8 oz+)**

THE GOAL
TO PROMOTE
HEALTHY
BABIES
AND MOMS,
EDUCATE
PARENTING
TEENS TO
CARE FOR THEIR
CHILDREN,
SUPPORT
HEALTHY LIFE
STYLE CHOICES
WHILE
ENCOURAGING
SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE
AND
GRADUATION

SEA THRIFT STORE



The SEA Thrift Store provides assistance to our clients who are in need of clothing, household items, furniture and appliances. The Thrift Store is also available for local shoppers who enjoy finding collectibles and good bargains. Customers are always informed about the services provided by SEA and are pleased to learn that their purchases help people in need.

Shop Save Give

In 2011:

- SEA Thrift Store assisted 176 individuals with needed items
- 7 families were assisted who were homeless or victims of house fires.
- 121 children received clothing assistance.
- Items provided to clients was valued at \$2,397
- 48 volunteers worked and provided over 1,607 hours of service at the Thrift Store.
- More than 317 thrift store donations were received

VOLUNTEERS



HELPING US HELP PEOPLE

Since its beginning, Shelby Emergency Assistance has depended on volunteers to provide a variety of services.

In 2011:

- **89 Volunteers** provided office/clerical services, assisted with the food pantry, worked in the thrift store, and provided direct assistance to clients
- **Volunteers provided over 3,044 hours of service**

Special Thanks to the following organizations for their on-going support and collaboration

*Alacare Home Health & Hospice
AmStar Cinema
Anglican Church of the Holy Comforter
Asbury United Methodist Church
Calera First United Methodist Church
Calera Middle School
Calera High School
Central Alabama Community College
Centrala Garden Club
Christ the King Lutheran Church
City of Montevallo
Crosscreek Baptist Church
Ebenezer United Methodist Church
First Presbyterian Church of Alabaster
Grant Chapel A.M.E. Church
Helena First United Methodist Church
Kiwanis Club of Calera
Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity
MHS Peace Makers Club*

*Middle Alabama Area Agency on Aging
Montevallo Evening Garden Club
Montevallo First Baptist Church
Montevallo First Methodist Church
Montevallo Main Street Players
Montevallo Middle School Leaders of Tomorrow
Montevallo Study Club
Oak Mountain Ministries
Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley
Shelby Baptist Association
Shelby County Commission
Shelby County DHR' Jobs Program
Spring Creek Cumberland Presbyterian Church
Southside Baptist Church
St. Andrews Episcopal Church
St. Thomas Catholic Church
Target (Alabaster)
University Baptist Church
University of Montevallo*

SHELBY EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Clients Served

Alabaster	400
Calera	404
Chelsea	25
Columbiana	170
Harpersville	35
Helena	70
Hoover/Shelby Co	25
Inverness	3
Leeds	7
Maylene	92
Montevallo	972
North Shelby	134
Pelham	100
Shelby	43
Sterrett	21
Vandiver	6
Vincent	41
Wilsonville	65
Wilton	40
Out of County	11
Total	2,664

Funding Sources for 2011

United Way of Central Alabama	\$ 214,834
Federal Grants and Contracts	\$ 55,939
Foundations Grants	\$ 77,000
Thrift Store Sales	\$ 50,483
City and County Funding	\$ 23,000
Contributions	\$ 22,129
Fundraising	\$ 5,794
Other	\$ <u>945</u>
Total	\$ 450,124

Expenditures

Program Services	\$ 415,440
Management & General	\$ <u>37,181</u>
Total	\$ 452,621

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