



Social Service Report 2022

The Township's mandated responsibility is to provide for individuals in the Township who are in need and qualify for assistance. The 2022 annual report is a summary of the assistance the Township provided through the various programs.

Assistance Provided Funded Through the General Assistance Levy

Number of Total Completed Applications Submitted

- A total of 54 completed applications were submitted to the Township requesting assistance.

General Assistance

- There was 1 recipient of General Assistance funds in 2022.

Emergency Assistance

- 29 households were eligible and received Emergency Assistance. The Township provided \$24,023.89 in Emergency Assistance.

Denied Assistance

- 12 applications were denied assistance.

Applications Withdrawn

- 0 applicants withdrew their application for assistance.

SSI Recovery funds received in 2021 was 0.

Credit Counseling Workshop

- Libertyville Township continues to partner with the Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Lake County to provide a monthly workshop on Basic Budgeting. All recipients of General Assistance and Emergency Assistance are required to attend one Basic Budgeting Workshop. The classes were held virtually, via Zoom.
 - 30 recipients attended.

Assistance Provided Through Private Donations to the Township

Community Emergency Assistance Fund

Libertyville Township has a Community Emergency Fund funded by private tax-deductible donations to the Libertyville Township Community Emergency Fund. This fund is administered by the Township Supervisor and is used to assist those with immediate needs who may not otherwise qualify for assistance.

- There were 35 households were eligible for Community Emergency Funds. Of those, there were 23 households eligible for both Community Emergency Assistance and Emergency Assistance. There was \$26,047.82 in financial assistance provided out of the Community Emergency Assistance Fund.

Food Pantry

- In 2022, a total of 221 households registered to use Libertyville Township Food Pantry. Recipients can use the food pantry every week and are required to provide proof of residency.
- A total of 14 adult volunteers and a church organization with numerous volunteers assisted with Food Pantry activities. Volunteers helped unload deliveries, sorted food and packed food pantry bags each week.
- The total number of food pantry users in 2022 was 4,341 visits providing food for 9,159 individuals.
- A total of 57 Thanksgiving Dinner Boxes and 62 Christmas Dinner Boxes were donated and distributed during the holiday season.
- A total of 12 families attended our Book and Toy Fair in December to pick out donated gifts and books for their children.
- School supply packs were purchased and provided to 107 students of 45 families who have received financial assistance from the Township and/or utilized the food pantry. In addition, Gold Star Girl Scout, Sofia Coury, created 25 grade appropriate Literacy Kits that were distributed with the school supplies.
- Through our partnership with Northern Illinois Food Bank, we received 1,807 lbs. of Emergency Food and Shelter Program food with an estimated federal dollar value of \$1,520.79.
- Through Northern Illinois Food Bank's retail donation program, Direct Connect, we received weekly donations of such items as meat, produce, dairy, deli foods, shelf stables, non-food products, bread, and baked goods directly from Libertyville Jewel and bread and baked goods from Vernon Hills Mariano's, and a variety of products from Target in Vernon Hills.

Holiday Giving Program

- 13 sponsors provided gifts to 22 families, with a total of 63 children through the Holiday Giving Program.
- Holiday Gift Room was visited by 12 families, providing gifts for 33 children.

Assistance Provided Through Community Resources

Applications for financial assistance from Share the Warmth, Salvation Army Extension Center, and Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) are taken at Libertyville Township Office for eligible Libertyville Township residents. The Township Caseworker provides the application and conducts the interview for the application process. Funding is provided by the identified service provider.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

- Heating Grant for low-income families, seniors, and individuals with a disability for financial assistance on their gas and electric bill.
 - 102 recipients

Mother's Trust Foundation

- It provides benefits and opportunities available which cannot be obtained from other sources. Their goal is to assist children in trouble or crisis, raise awareness of children's needs, link needs with community resources and provide opportunities for volunteers to be involved.
 - 5 families were referred.

Salvation Army Extension Center – 2022

- 6 Libertyville Township residents received assistance with utility, rent, medicine, lodging, food needs.
 - A total of \$2,942.00 in financial assistance was provided.

Professional Development

- Liz Heffernan and Alex Rodriguez attended a Northern Illinois Food Safety Training Network Meeting, via Zoom—Thursday, January 27, 2022
- Liz Heffernan attended a Northern Illinois Food Bank Network Meeting, via Zoom—Friday, February 24, 2022
- Liz Heffernan attended a Northern Illinois Food Bank Network Resource Webinar, via Zoom—Friday, March 25, 2022
- Liz Heffernan attended a Salvation Army Regional Service Extension meeting, via Zoom---Monday, April 4, 2022
- Liz Heffernan attended a General Assistance Training Institute in Rockford---May 6, 2022
- Liz Heffernan attended a ServicePoint Referral Training Refresher, via Zoom—Monday, May 9, 2022
- Liz Heffernan met with Judeka Adams, from the Salvation Army---Wednesday, October 26, 2022
- Liz Heffernan attended an Northern Illinois Food Bank All Agency Webinar---Monday, December 19, 2022

Public Communication and Outreach

- Kathleen O'Connor attended Lake County Housing & Community Development Meetings – January 11, February 9, March 3, March 16, April 13, June 15, July 29 & September 14
- Kathleen O'Connor and Alex Rodriguez collected donations at the Libertyville High School Girls' Basketball's Food Drive – January 22
- Kathleen O'Connor attended 211 United Way of Lake County Meetings – February 25, May 19, August 10, and November 16
- Kathleen O'Connor and Alex Rodriguez collected donations at the Ike Reilly Concert and Food Drive – February 12

- Kathleen O'Connor attended Lake County Coordinated Transportation Services Committee Meetings – March 16 and October 17
- Kathleen O'Connor attended Libertyville Connect Meetings – March 23, September 28, October 26, November 16, and December 12
- Kathleen O'Connor attended Lake County Transportation Alliance Meetings – April 22, October 14, and November 18
- Kathleen O'Connor attended the Lake County Division of Transportation's Paratransit Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – May 6
- Alex Rodriguez collected donations at the U.S. Postal Service's Annual Food Drive – May 16
- Kathleen O'Connor attended Senior Hall of Fame luncheon at the Civic Center – May 19
- Alex Rodriguez attended the Lake County Circuit Clerk's Mobile Passport Event at Libertyville Township – June 11
- Liz Heffernan distributed 20 vouchers for St. Vincent DePaul Society/Santa Maria del Popolo annual rummage sale---Tuesday, July 12, 2022
- Alex Rodriguez worked at the 2022 Kids' Fair at Foglia YMCA – August 13
- Kathleen O'Connor met with representatives from Libertyville High School's Student Council regarding their food drive – September 28 and November 11
- Alex Rodriguez collected donations at the Libertyville Junior Women's Council Food Drive – October 15
- Kathleen O'Connor attended PADS Event Ewala Farm – October 16
- Kathleen O'Connor participated in Libertyville MainStreet's Focus Group – October 28
- Kathleen O'Connor, Liz Heffernan, and Alex Rodriguez worked Rockland Cares Event – November 2
- Kathleen O'Connor & Alex Rodriguez attended Libertyville High School's Student Council's Food Drive – November 12
- Kathleen O'Connor provided tour of Food Pantry and Alex Rodriguez led volunteer event for Girl Scout Troop – December 5
- Kathleen O'Connor participated in the RTA 2023 Proposed Operating Budget, Two-Year Financial Plan, and Five-Year Capital Program – December 7