



Social Service Report 2025

The Township's mandated responsibility is to provide for individuals in the Township who are in need and qualify for assistance. The 2025 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 forty-six completed applications were submitted to the Township requesting assistance.

General Assistance

- There were six recipients of General Assistance funds in 2025.

Emergency Assistance

- Seventeen households were eligible and received Emergency Assistance.

Denied Assistance

- Ten applications were denied assistance.

Applications Withdrawn

- Zero applicants withdrew their application for assistance.

SSI Recovery funds received in 2025 were zero.

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 via Zoom. Twenty-eight residents attended the workshops.

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 assists those with immediate needs who may not otherwise qualify for assistance.

- Eighteen households who went through the application process were determined not eligible for General Assistance or Emergency Assistance but were provided help through Community Emergency Assistance Funds.
- An additional twelve households were eligible for both Emergency Assistance and Community Emergency Funds.

Food Pantry

In 2025, a total of 315 households registered to use Libertyville Township Food Pantry. Recipients can use the food pantry weekly and are required to provide proof of residency. Bagged food was delivered to Liberty Towers on the 2nd and 4th week of the month.

- A total of fifteen adult volunteers and a church organization with numerous volunteers assisted with Food Pantry activities. Volunteers helped unload deliveries, sort food and pack food pantry bags each week.
- The total number of food pantry users in 2025 was 5,295 visits providing food for 13,529 individuals.
- A total of 103 Thanksgiving Dinner Boxes and 87 Christmas Dinner Boxes were donated and distributed during the holiday season.
- School supply kits were purchased and provided to ninety-two students of fifty families who have received financial assistance from the Township and/or utilized the food pantry. In addition, Gold Star Girl Scout Sofia Coury created twenty-five grade appropriate Literacy Kits that were distributed with the school supply kits.
- Through our partnership with Northern Illinois Food Bank, we received 3,233 lbs. of Emergency Food and Shelter Program food with an estimated federal dollar value of \$3,390.55.
- Through Direct Connect, Northern Illinois Food Bank's Retail Donation Program, the pantry 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, Vernon Hills Mariano's, and Target in Vernon Hills.

Holiday Giving Program

- Twelve sponsors provided gifts to nineteen families. A total of sixty-three children received gifts.
- The Holiday Gift Room was visited by twenty-one families which provided gifts to Fifty-two children.

Assistance Provided Through Community Resources

Applications for financial assistance from Mothers Trust Foundation, Salvation Army Extension Center, and Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) were completed at Libertyville Township Office for eligible Libertyville Township residents. The Township Caseworker provides the application and conducts the interview for the application process. The funding requested is provided by the identified service provider.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

Applications were submitted on behalf of one hundred thirty-one residents applying for the Heating Grant for low-income families, seniors, and individuals with a disability for financial assistance on their gas and electric bill.

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. Three families were referred for funding and received a combined total of \$1,740.00 in assistance.

Salvation Army Extension Center

Two Libertyville Township residents received a combined total of \$1,200.00 in financial assistance to help with the following expenses: utilities, rent, medicine, lodging, and food.

St. Vincent DePaul Society/Santa Maria del Popolo

Twenty residents received vouchers for St. Vincent DePaul Society/Santa Maria del Popolo July 21 Annual Rummage Sale

Professional Development

- Liz Heffernan met with Marcus Buckley, Field Representative from the Salvation Army—January 23, 2025
- Liz Heffernan attended a Northern Illinois Food Bank Direct Connect Training, via Zoom – May 12, 2025
- Liz Heffernan attended a Salvation Army Application Requirements Training, via Zoom—June 26, 2025
- Liz Heffernan attended a Northern Illinois Food Safety Poverty Response Training, via Zoom – June 26, 2025
- Liz Heffernan attended Northern Illinois Agency Network Meeting, via Zoom – July 10, 2025
- Liz Heffernan, Alex Rodriguez, and Kathleen O'Connor attended CPR/AED Training – July 10, 2025
- Liz Heffernan and Alex Rodriguez met with Northern Illinois Food Bank Area Manager, Don Langley for the NIFB Agency Monitor—September 11, 2025
- Liz Heffernan attended a Northern Illinois Food Bank Network Meeting on Advocacy, via Zoom—September 26, 2025
- Liz Heffernan attended a Regional Salvation Army Meeting at the Adult Rehabilitation Center in Waukegan---September 29, 2025
- Liz Heffernan met with Marcus Buckley, Field Representative from the Salvation Army—November 13, 2025

Public Communication and Outreach

- Kathleen O'Connor served on Libertyville Connect and attended meetings held on January 13, February 18, March 6, March 10, March 20, May 1, May 12, August 4, August 18, September 9, November 10, November 20, December 8, and December 15, 2025.
- Liz Heffernan, & Kathleen O'Connor provided a tour and led a volunteer event for a Girl Scout Troop – January 14, 2025

- Kathleen O'Connor served on Lake County's Housing and Community Development Commission and attended meetings held on January 15, February 19, March 12, June 11, July 14, October 31 and November 12.
- Kathleen O'Connor and Alex Rodriguez collected donations at the Libertyville High School Girls Basketball's Food Drive – January 25, 2025
- Kathleen O'Connor served on United Way of Lake County's 2-1-1 Advisory Committee and attended meetings held on February 10, May 26, August 14, and November 5, 2025.
- Jon Happ, Liz Heffernan, Alex Rodriguez and Kathleen O'Connor served on the Libertyville Township Gift Fund 501c3. Meetings were held on March 13, June 26, September 18 and December 11.
- Kathleen O'Connor served on the Lake County Transportation Alliance and attended meetings held on March 14, May 16, and October 17, 2025.
- Liz Heffernan and Alex Rodriguez attended the Senior Council of Libertyville's Senior Citizens Hall of Fame Event – May 8, 2025
- Alex Rodriguez and Kathleen O'Connor collected donations from the US Postal Service's Annual Food Drive – May 10, 2025
- Kathleen O'Connor attended United Way of Lake County's Annual Premier Leaders Event – May 29, 2025
- Kathleen O'Connor met with Illinois State Senator Darby Hills – June 23, 2025
- Kathleen O'Connor met with Dundee Township Supervisor – July 10, 2025
- Kathleen O'Connor attended the Lake County Housing Coalition Meetings – July 23, September 10, October 14, November 12, and December 3, 2025
- Kathleen O'Connor participated in the Village of Libertyville's Citizens' Academy – September 3, September 10, September 17, September 24, October 8, October 15, October 22, October 29, November 5, November 12, and November 19, 2025
- Kathleen O'Connor attended an event at a Libertyville Sunrise Rotary Meeting – September 17, 2025
- Liz Heffernan, & Kathleen O'Connor provided a tour and led a volunteer event for a Girl Scout Troop – September 19, 2025
- Kathleen O'Connor met with Libertyville High School's Student Council regarding the food pantry – October 22, 2025
- Kathleen O'Connor volunteered at Libertyville High School's Snowflake Event – November 21, 2025

- Jon Happ, Mickey Cardenas, Bryor Renz, Alex Rodriguez, Kevin Slaybaugh, Mike Zorn, and Kathleen O'Connor attended Libertyville High School's Food Drive Event – November 24, 2025
- Liz Heffernan and Alex Rodriguez met with Steven Villalobos from the Lake County Health Department, for the annual inspection of the food pantry—December 9, 2025
- Kathleen O'Connor served on Lake County's Public Aid Committee.