



Newsletter

Community Help Mission

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Assistance Provided - September 2013

- Messages from the Office
- Number in Household - 33
- Monies Distributed - \$ 1,674.98

Messages from the Staff



From the Desk of Diane . . .

The Salvation Army collaboration is fully in place, with Salvation Army services being offered out of our office starting October 9. Salvation Army will fund utilities only for zip codes 44842 (Loudonville), 44864 (Perrysville) and 44843 (Lucas). Lucas residents may apply for Salvation Army services only. Community Help Mission services will remain available only to residents of our school district. The same income guidelines apply to both organizations and the same funding limits as well. CHM's educational programs will be available to/required of Salvation Army clients as well as CHM clients. Our office staff will operate as either CHM staff or Salvation Army staff, depending on the needs of the client in the office. Again, Salvation Army will fund utilities, and we will continue to fund other approved requests.

Pastor Pat Reiter will act as Office Manager for both programs. Karen McClure will continue as CHM treasurer with Janice Taylor coming on board as Salvation Army treasurer. And me . . . thanks for asking . . . I will manage the cell phones for both operations.

"Boundaries" is another issue weighing on my mind right now, especially since we had that battered woman sail into our office dragging drama in her wake. I have a personal connection to that woman, because her children have spent much time at my house. I know too much about her to separate my own feelings about her from my professional judgment. We have a number of clients that I know from other venues--the recreation department, swim team, soccer . . . Most of them I really like. Both aggravation and affection can interfere with objectivity. I want to say to each of you that it is pretty difficult to maintain professional objectivity when personal relationships exist. In a community this small, these relationships are to be expected.

It perfectly acceptable to step out of any situation and pass it off to a co-worker if you feel that your objectivity may be compromised by this kind of conflict. Doing so will probably be easier for the client as well.

Thank you, all of you, for the work you are doing! We are growing in a mighty way. I truly believe that our work is ordained. Blessings to you all.