

June 28, 2011

Dear Samaritan Group Friends:

On May 19, 2011, we honored over 80 volunteers who have helped to serve the homeless in our Chestertown area. It was a wonderful event to thank so many people who provide meals, supervise the overnight guests, make up beds, do laundry, and provide support and conversation. Without you, the Emergency Winter Shelter would not succeed.

The two temporary shelters at the First United Methodist Church and the Presbyterian Church in Chestertown served 21 people in 2011. Our guests ranged in age from 69 years to an infant of 5 months. Reasons for homelessness varied from physical disabilities, alcohol and drug related problems to domestic issues. We provided 387 bed nights in 2011 compared to 292 bed nights for 24 people in 2010 and 180 bed nights for 15 different people in 2009.

Since the shelter is only open for three winter months, we provide financial assistance the rest of the year to the needy of our community through the Local Outreach Program. We are continuing to assist clients with monies for rent, propane, electric, housing, utility bills, prescription medications, food and gas. Our work does not end nor does the need for your contributions.

If you would like to make a special contribution, please refer to the bottom portion of this page. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

The Board of the Samaritan Group: Virginia Allen, Carol Droge, Janet Hilty, Paula Gish, Amy Meeks, Judy Pharo, Cathy Roberts, Elli Zeamer

Special Contribution

Yes, I (we) want to support Samaritan Group by sending a special contribution of:

_____ \$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ Other

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