Elder NET
OF LOWER MERION & NARBERTH

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ElderNet provides a safety net for older and disabled adults to help them remain in their homes with dignity and strengthens food and financial security for all community members in need of support.

In 2021, ElderNet served 2,645 Unduplicated individuals.

2021 Volunteer Services Totals

156 core volunteers, several non-profits, staff, and 1 paid ride service gave 4,441 hours of service to 124 core volunteer program participants and to ElderNet's food pantry.

Friendly Visiting: 37 volunteers spent 679 hours visiting and calling 35 participants. Volunteers helped with bills/bookkeeping; read mail for blind participants; assisted participants with post-hospitalization issues; and called or visited.

2021 Pantry Volunteers

39 individuals, one rotary club, and two non-profits volunteered 1,073 hours assisting participants through ElderNet's "choice" food pantry. Individuals from schools, local clubs, faith communities, and businesses donated over 36,100 lbs. of perishable and non-perishable items to the food pantry.

Volunteer Services

Escort Driver Program: 74 volunteers, staff and one paid ride service provided 1,066 round trip rides to 84 participants. This represented over 2,260 hours of service, and over 6,237 miles driven. Participants are residents of Lower Merion and Narberth, living with low-moderate incomes, who are too physically or mentally disabled to drive, to use public transportation, or shared ride taxis.

Odd Jobs:9 volunteers performed 28 odd jobs (including yard work) for 5 participants. These jobs totaled 31 service hours. Participants are low-moderate income residents of Lower Merion/Narberth who need help with chores, yard work, repairs, or small services in order to remain in their homes.

COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER AND FOOD PANTRY

EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND FOOD PANTRY: 415 PEOPLE, IN 288 HOUSEHOLDS, 38 WITH CHILDREN, WERE HELPED WITH $22,946.63 IN EMERGENCY FUNDS PLUS 63,900 POUNDS OF GROCERIES AND PREPACKAGED FOOD.

Financial assistance was given for fuel, plumbing, transportation, emergency shelter, one-time mortgage and rental assistance, medicine, food certificates and other necessary items to help participants remain living in their homes. Funds come from an annual newspaper appeal, from a grant from W.W. Smith, and from a local faith community. Food was donated by compassionate community members, schools, businesses, faith-based communities, scouts and many other groups and organizations.

Care Management and Staff Services

CARE MANAGEMENT: 2 CARE COORDINATORS AND ONE LICENSED SOCIAL WORKER ASSISTED 336 UNDUPLICATED PARTICIPANTS AND THEIR FAMILIES WITH COMPLEX ISSUES SUCH AS CHRONIC ILLNESS, CONNECTED INDIVIDUALS TO BENEFITS AND RESOURCES, RESPONDED TO CALLS TO ASSIST THOSE IN CRISIS, AND WORKED WITH HOMELESS AND OLDER ADULTS REFERRED BY THE LOWER MERION TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT.

INFORMATION AND REFERRALS: STAFF HANDLED TELEPHONE, EMAIL, AND WALK-IN INQUIRIES FROM 1,738 INDIVIDUALS, PROVIDING ASSISTANCE AND RESOURCES. CALLERS WERE OF ALL AGES, AND INCOMES.

FUNDRAISING: FISCAL YEAR 2021

FOUNDATIONS, BUSINESSES & FAITH COMMUNITIES:
$60,000 AND OVER: MONTGOMERY COUNTY OFFICE OF SENIOR SERVICES. $20,000 TO $59,999: BRYN MAWR HOSPITAL/MAIN LINE HEALTH SYSTEM, CHARLES C. KNOX CHARITABLE TRUST, HEALTH SPARK FOUNDATION, THE PEW CHARITABLE TRUSTS, TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MERION. $15,000 TO $19,999: ANGELAKIS FAMILY FOUNDATION, PHILADELPHIA FOUNDATION, W.W. SMITH CHARITABLE TRUST. $10,000 TO $14,999: MKM FOUNDATION AND THE WILLIAM AND DEBBIE BECKER FUND. $5,000 TO $9,999: CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER, DEXTER F. AND DOROTHY H. BAKER FOUNDATION, GENUARDI FAMILY FOUNDATION, LARKING HILL FOUNDATION, LEO AND PEGGY PIERCE FAMILY FOUNDATION. $1,000 TO $4,999: ARDMORE ROTARY, AUSTELLE FOUNDATION, BOBBY BONDS MEMORIAL FOUNDATION, BRYN MAWR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ELIAS FAMILY PHILANTHROPIC FUND, GILROY & LILLIAN P. ROBERTS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION, GOLDBERG BASSETT CHARITABLE FUND, LEIBOWITZ FAMILY CHARITABLE FUND, MIROWSKI FAMILY FOUNDATION, MONTGOMERY COUNTY FOUNDATION, PAUL E. KELLY FOUNDATION, ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH, ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA, WAWA FOUNDATION, WILLIAM GOLDMAN FOUNDATION, AND WHOLE FOODS MARKET.

COMMUNITY FUNDS RAISED THROUGH ELDERNET COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING VENUES:
-2020 FALL FUNDRAISER: $84,859.54
2021 SPRING EVENT: $31,355

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