



Report to the Supervisor and the Board of Trustees

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ANGEL FUND (AF):

From March 1, 2018 through April 13, 2018, there were no Angel Funds disbursements. Several Angel Fund applications are pending, but require additional documentation from applicants before they can be processed for Supervisor Goldberg's review and approval.

CHILDCARE SCHOLARSHIPS:

Summer Camp Scholarship applications are due by Friday, April 24th. To-date, 15 applications have been received, and families who received scholarships in FY2017-2018 have been contacted to remind them of the deadline to reapply. Once all applications have been reviewed, this worker will contact the various camp programs to verify if applicants have been approved for any additional scholarship funds and how any such scholarships will affect the final camp costs. Applicants are encouraged to apply for any additional scholarships for which they may be eligible. The Summer Camp Scholarship Committee will meet in early May to review all applications and to recommend a per-child scholarship amount to Supervisor Goldberg.

CJE SENIOR LIFE:

On April 12th, this worker and social services intern, Gracie Fernandez, attended a seminar hosted by CJE senior life. The Program content was focused on the ABLE Program, a benefit for persons with disabilities whose main source of income derives from SSI/SSDI.

Esther Craven, CJE Senior Life Consumer Resource Specialist, will hold office hours at the Township on Thursday, April 19th, for seniors and persons with disabilities requesting help with programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, and other state and federal benefit programs.

CONGRESSWOMAN JAN SCHAKOWSKY:

Maribeth Stein, Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky's Constituent Advocate, held office hours at the Township on Tuesday, April 10th. She is available to talk with Township residents of all ages who require assistance with Federal benefit programs such as Social Security and Medicare. Residents requiring such assistance are requested to first sign a Release of Information, so that the Congresswoman's office can make inquiries on their behalf with the appropriate Federal agency.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE (EA):

From March 1, 2018 through April 13, 2018, 7 EA cases assisting 22 persons were reviewed and approved by Supervisor Goldberg and the assistance requests were processed, disbursing Emergency Assistance funds totaling \$24,942.56. Of those cases, 70% involved families with minor children and/or involved persons (individual applicants and/or family members) with serious medical conditions and/or diagnosed disabilities.

Of those total Emergency Assistance disbursements to-date, housing assistance accounted for 82%; utility assistance: 8%; work-related assistance: 10%. This worker routinely receives phone calls from residents requesting assistance, and a number of EA applications are pending.

FOOD PANTRY:

This worker continues to receive weekly contacts from residents requesting Food Pantry services.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE:

As of April 13, 2018, there were 5 General Assistance cases.

NOTE: Persons remain eligible for General Assistance until: (1) they are deemed eligible for SSI/SSDI benefits, (2) they secure full or part-time employment generating more than the maximum monthly benefit for an assistance unit of their size and demonstrated need, or (3) no longer reside in the Township.

HOARDING TASK FORCE:

The next meeting of the group is scheduled for Tuesday, May 29th, at 9:30a.m.in the Township Board Room. The group previously agreed that the focus for future meetings would be on identifying resources for social services providers and first responders dealing with hoarding situations. The intended focus for our May meeting is on animal hoarding. Katie Sweeney, Glencoe Public Services, who has handled a number of complicated animal hoarding cases has agreed to provide a speaker.

HOLY COMFORTER:

This worker received an invitation to address an upcoming Continuing Education meeting at Holy Comforter Church in Kenilworth. The meeting's focus will be geared toward members of the "Stephen Ministry" Program. Stephen Ministers are trained to provide non-therapeutic support to persons going through a challenging life crisis, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, etc. A referral to a Stephen Minister can be an appropriate option for someone who does not need, or want, traditional psychotherapy.

The purpose of addressing the group will be to provide information on additional Township and community resources of which the Stephen Ministers may be unaware.

HOUSING RESOURCE FAIR:

On Thursday, April 19th, this worker will attend a Housing Resource Fair in Chicago's Uptown neighborhood, sponsored by EZRA Center. Representatives from housing locator agencies and supportive housing service organizations will be available to discuss resources and answer questions.

Affordable and/or supportive housing is the focus of many inquiries directed toward this worker.

WARMING HOUSE:

On April 6th, this worker attended an Open House at the Warming House in Wilmette. The event was intended as a fond farewell to Abby Brown, the Assistant Director, with members of the community, the Warming House Board of Directors, volunteers, and clients in attendance.

Warming House is a program which offers a welcoming environment and various social activities to area youth in grades 8 through 12, five days per week. 6th and 7th graders are welcomed on Saturday evenings.

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Date