



Report to the Supervisor and the Board of Trustees

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ANGEL FUND (AF):

From March 1, 2020 through May 31, 2020: \$3,742.40 in Angel Fund assistance application requests have been submitted to the Township Supervisor for review and approval, representing 2 cases assisting 7 persons.

Of that amount, 100 % of Angel Fund disbursements were for housing assistance.

NOTE: In FY2019-2020: A total of \$21,101.03 in Angel Fund assistance was disbursed on behalf of 14 cases assisting 29 persons. Of that amount, 60% was for housing assistance, 21% for transportation/educational assistance, 13% for medical assistance, and 6% for assistance with utilities.

CHILDCARE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:

The New Trier Township Summer Camp Assistance application deadline was extended due to the extenuating circumstances resulting from the COVID-19 Pandemic. Several children whose families submitted applications in February/early March have been withdrawn from camp programs due to parental safety concerns.

The scholarship amount has not yet been determined as the various summer camp programs are still working on reconfiguring their camp programs and final program costs are still being determined. This worker has been in regular contact with camp administrators to receiving updates.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE (EA):

From March 1, 2020 through May 31, 2020: 14 cases representing 42 persons were submitted for review and approval by Supervisor Goldberg; these assistance requests represent Emergency Assistance funds totaling \$43, 772.40. Many of the applications being processed are from persons who have never considered applying for Township assistance.

Of those total Emergency Assistance disbursements, housing assistance accounts for 85%; utility assistance for 10%; medical for 3%; educational, food, and work-related assistance: 2%. Additional requests for Emergency Assistance applications continue to be received.

NOTE: In FY2019-2020: A total of \$157, 342.04 in Emergency Assistance funds were disbursed, representing 54 cases assisting 151 persons. Of those disbursements, housing assistance accounted for 77%; utility assistance for 10%, medical assistance for 10%, and educational, food, and work-related assistance accounted for 3%.

FOOD PANTRY:

As a result of the unemployment engendered by COVID-19, this worker continues to receive requests from New Trier Township clients to use the Food Pantry; increasingly, these requests are coming from families with children as well as persons who have never previously considered utilizing the Township Food Pantry.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE:

As of May 31, 2020, there are currently 5 active General Assistance cases. Two additional General Assistance cases were approved in March, 2020, and terminated the following month (April, 2020) when those clients began receiving IDES benefits.

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.

Respectfully Submitted: _____ **Date** _____
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