

HELP OF SUMMERVILLE

“Bridging the Gap”

Assisting families in crisis in lower Dorchester County

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DID YOU KNOW...

HELP OF SUMMERVILLE is a local volunteer organization established in 1975.

HELP OF SUMMERVILLE gives immediate emergency assistance to those whose need is urgent and who have no other resource of assistance. Some examples of the type of aid:

- Provide help with utility bills when cut-off is imminent.
- Help with rent when eviction is ordered, etc.
- Provide medicine, work boots, clothes and household items.
- Distribute non-perishable food from our food pantry along with milk, eggs, bread, meat, margarine and cheese for up to one week per family.
- Provide vouchers for Second Chance Shop for clothing.

HELP OF SUMMERVILLE receives referrals from various agencies including the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, DSS, Trident United Way, other service providers, churches and schools.

HELP SERVES:

People who have experienced a recent hardship or emergency. The family many have had illnesses; death; lay-off; disability; delay in receiving government assistance or other extreme life crisis.

LAST YEAR HELP:

- Gave assistance to 300 families.
- Provided 4601 meals.
- Assisted in rent payments for 23 families.
- Assisted with 187 utility payments.
- Gave assistance for temporary housing, prescriptions, books, furniture, propane gas, eye glasses, shoes and clothing.

HELP OF SUMMERVILLE is a unique non-profit organization with low overhead and two part-time employees. Donations go right back into the community.

HELP OF SUMMERVILLE is not affiliated with any specific church (it is interdenominational) and receives support from churches, businesses, civic clubs, corporations and individuals in our community. No funding is received from federal, state or local governments. Funds are received from Second Chance Shop (a used clothing and furniture store located in Summerville).

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Financial contributions.
- Donate food for our food pantry.
- Donate clean clothing, household items and toiletry items.
- Spread the word – there is never enough food or funds.

HELP OF SUMMERVILLE DEPENDS SOLELY ON GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE COMMUNITY AND IT GOES RIGHT BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY.