

## TESTIMONIALS

*"I didn't know where to go and I was so embarrassed to ask for help. Your help got me through a rough spot and I plan to give back to the great work you do helping others when I'm back on my feet."*

L. B.  
Rent Assistance

*"Thank you, thank you, thank you! I didn't know there was help like this in Groveport. Now my children don't have to sleep on the floor tonight and we can eat at a table like a family."*

S. D.  
MAP Furniture Bank recipient

*"I am so grateful for your assistance in helping us prevent electrical shut-off in our home. With a ill child, we cannot lose the electric, but with your help we are now at a place we can manage going forward. Thank you!"*

T. B.  
Utility Assistance

Center for Groveport Madison Human Needs  
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## CENTER FOR GROVEPORT MADISON HUMAN NEEDS

### *Our Mission:*

To connect people in crisis with resources and to promote cohesive households through community partnerships.



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## THE STORY

In early 2008, community leaders, organizers and representatives from all corners of the Groveport Madison school district were invited to participate in a community Summit to discuss and compile the current human need efforts in our community.

In late-February a Summit meeting was held at the school district offices to begin the first of four phases of an effort to realign the human needs effort in our community. The attendance was expected to be around 25-30, however, over 60 individuals attended.

The second phase involved developing a human needs plan. In order to accomplish this task, attendees from Phase 1 were invited to be a part of the Phase 2 effort. Approximately 25 of the 60 previous attendees signed up to participate!

Phase 2 began in March 2008 and resulted in the development of a plan of action, appointing a board of directors and incorporating ourselves as a non-profit organization.

Phase 3, which focused on developing the plan, was the sole task of the Board of Directors. For four months, the Board met and developed a manageable plan for meeting the human needs of the GM community before proceeding to Phase 4, which is communicating the plan to increase awareness, enlist support, and encourage participation in meeting the needs of those around us.



### Our Services:

- Cash Assistance
  - Housing (up to \$350)
  - Utility (up to \$150)
  - Emergency (car/health up to \$125)
- Household goods
  - MAP Furniture Bank referral
  - Distribution of various household items (towels, sheets, kitchen items)
- Job referral assistance
- **The Benefit Bank®** Counselors
  - Assistance in preparing and filing applications for food stamps, child care subsidies, home energy assistance and children's health care insurance
- Summer Food Program

### Our General Criteria:

- Must reside in Groveport Madison school district
- Cash assistance maximum is \$500 in 12 month period; no more than \$1,000/household lifetime assistance
- Cash assistance provided only when all other forms of assistance are exhausted

### Our Support:

- 24 hour client contact turnaround
- Verification of cash assistance request with mortgage/leasing company, utility company, pharmacy, etc.
- Document in tracking database
- Guide client with other alternative sources for assistance
- Referrals to enrichment opportunities (GED, workshops, classes, etc)

### Our Community Partners:

- Asbury United Methodist Church
- Baha'i Faith, Groveport OH
- Clothesline Plus Consignment Store
- Go Groveport!
- Groveport Church of Christ
- Groveport Madison Food Pantry
- Groveport Madison Schools
- Groveport Presbyterian Church
- Groveport United Methodist Church
- Groveport Zion Lutheran Church
- Madison Christian Church
- St Mary Groveport
- And growing...

### *Our Board:*

Bob Dowler, President  
Jeannie Henkel, Vice-President  
Kathi Faulstich, Secretary  
Mary Mashburn, Treasurer  
Chris Bowser  
Christine Boucher  
Pastor Rob Spicer