

Our Mission

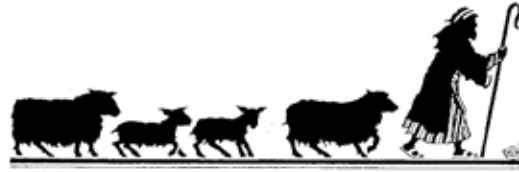
In a loving response to our Lord Jesus Christ's command to feed his sheep, The Shepherd's Staff exists to reach out to those in crisis, to aid those in need, to support those in trouble, to seek out and encourage pathways to self-sufficiency, and to be a witness for Christ in our community.

Our History

The vision for a cooperative crisis center began in 1989 with the Westminster Ministerium. In 1991, The Shepherd's Staff opened its doors and is currently located in a 10-room facility owned by Grace Lutheran Church. It is from this location that assistance is available to anyone in need in Carroll County. In 2019, we opened our first satellite office in Eldersburg and in 2020 we opened an additional site in New Windsor to better serve members in remote areas of our community.

Presently, local churches, organizations, businesses, schools, and individuals support our grassroots efforts in a variety of ways from financial contributions, product and service donations to hundreds of hours of volunteerism.

The Shepherd's Staff operates as an outreach and emergency support center to improve the quality of life to those we serve. Our goal is to help resolve short-term crisis and seek ways to find more permanent solutions for those who come to us in need.



Contact Us

Main Office: (Call for appointment)

P.O. Box 127
30 Carroll Street
Westminster, MD 21158
410-857-5944

Hours: (Call for appointment)

Mon, Tues, Fri: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Thurs: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*(Hours may vary during special programs,
events and holidays)*

Satellite Offices: (Call for hours of operation)

Wesley Freedom United Methodist Church
961 Johnsville Road
Eldersburg, MD 21784
410-795-2777

St. Paul United Church of Christ
200 Main Street
New Windsor, MD 21776
410-635-2442

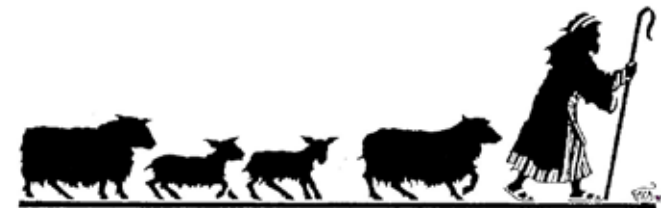
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The Shepherd's Staff

Carroll County Christian Outreach and Support Center

Beacon of Hope.
Empowering Change.
Transforming Lives.





Gifts of Hope

With the support of our donors and volunteers, we are able to meet the needs of others through our various programs, services and events. All outreach programs depend on the community donations, in-kind contributions, volunteerism and fundraising efforts.

Blessings Closet

Offers free assistance by providing our guests with personal care and household items such as laundry supplies, personal hygiene items, cleaning supplies, diapers and other essentials.

Emergency Financial Assistance

Offers emergency financial help for individuals and families with:

Medical expenses such as prescriptions (RX Fund), Vision, Dental and Hearing.

Job Related expenses including transportation and gas, auto expenses, work attire, ID's and certifications.

Housing necessities such as rent and mortgage, utilities and temporary lodging.

Food expenses through store vouchers and coupons.

Food & Fellowship

Offers fellowship with the community through programs and events such as **The Shepherd's Table** (Friday Noon meals), **July 4th Cookout**, **Thanksgiving Dinner**, **Spirit of the Season**, as well as emergency meals and snacks throughout the year.

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Back-to-School

Collects and distributes new backpacks and school supplies for Carroll County students annually. Also offers back-to-school haircuts and distributes new shoes and clothing that has been donated to the program.

Call for Coats

Provides new outerwear for infants through adults during the winter months.

Holidays

Distributes Christmas stockings and Easter baskets to children, and gift bags to senior citizens over the holidays. Hosts 4th of July cookout and Thanksgiving Day Dinner for the community.

Comfort & Caring

Provides on-site:

Use of services such as telephones, showers, laundry facility and use of outdoor picnic area.*

Literature including the daily newspaper, religious reading materials, books and magazines.*

Resources, referrals to other services in the area, compassionate listening, daily hospitality and other advocacy services as needed.

***Services will resume once COVID protocols have been lifted.**

In 2021, We Provided...

- Assistance to **1,993** total households
- Assistance to **4,463** individuals
- Emergency financial assistance to **528** households
- Blessings Closet Items to **1,344** households
- School supplies to **1,601** students
- Prescription financial assistance to **44** individuals
- Haircuts*
- Bath and laundry facility for individuals*
- Mail service for **157** individuals
- Pet food for **37** pets
- Easter Baskets for **1,093** children
- Annual 4th of July Cookout*
- Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner - **292** meals
- Winter coats (new) for **441** children and adults
- Christmas stockings and gift bags for senior citizens given to **1,296** individuals

How You Can Help...

- Make a financial contribution
- Donate to our Blessings Closet
- Become a volunteer
- Attend or Sponsor our fundraising events
 - ~ Empty Bowls
 - ~ Festival of Trees
 - ~ Designer Bag & Basket Bingo
- ~ Donate in honor or memory of a loved one
- ~ Host a donation drive
- Keep us in your prayers