



# A Tradition of Helping... A Future of Hope

The RELIGIOUS COALITION for EMERGENCY HUMAN NEEDS

2009 ANNUAL REPORT



# The History of The Religious Coalition in Frederick County, Maryland



"The history of the Religious Coalition in Frederick County is a journey of faith," said Reverend Brian Scott, Executive Director of the Coalition. "In the first ten years of service to the community, we reached thousands in need, but in those 10 years we have never raised more \$500,000. As demand increased 30% in 2009, we were able to raise \$1 million to provide food, shelter, healthcare and eviction prevention assistance to thousands in a single year."

## Our Mission...

Our Mission is to make our faith real through acts of faith that manifest God's caring presence. We coordinate donations of time, talent, money, food and other resources to meet the needs of people in Frederick County. From the beginning, we have provided short term emergency financial assistance to families with children, individuals and the elderly.

## Our Beginnings...

In 1981, a group of churches in Frederick County came together to form a coalition to provide Emergency Financial Assistance to Needy Families with Children in Frederick County. Instead of individual churches interviewing potential clients, filling out forms and keeping files, all the churches would refer people to the offices of the Coalition where they would be screened. The Religious Coalition would provide screening and coordination of services for houses of worship in Frederick County. We raised \$5,000 in our first year of providing emergency financial assistance in Frederick County.

As demand continued to increase, an Executive Director of The Religious Coalition was hired. Also because of an increase in need, local churches outgrew being able to provide the facilities to operate Cold Weather Shelter programs. The property for the Shelter's first "home" was donated by The City of Frederick. The Coalition provided space and volunteers for the Mission of Mercy in order to provide healthcare services to our uninsured clients. The Food Banks were expanded to serve

residents throughout Frederick County. The partnership with Allegheny Power and The Religious Coalition was established to assist needy people with utility cutoff notices.

By 2000, The Religious Coalition purchased property at 27 DeGrange Street and successfully raised the funds for the Alan P. Linton, Jr. Emergency Shelter, housing the Cold Weather Shelter, Day Shelter and Exodus Project. The shelter is named after Alan P. Linton, Jr., who perished in the 9/11 terrorist attack on New York City.

## Today...

The first decade of the 21st Century has been challenging. The current recession is hurting a lot of families. The cost of living has gone up dramatically, it is more difficult for workers on minimum wage jobs to afford an apartment, purchase groceries, pay for utilities, buy a car, pay for gasoline or have money left over for medical care.

Our ministry now touches the lives of more than 350 clients a month, who come to our service center and thousands through our shelter programs and affiliated food banks.

## The Future...

Whatever happens, the Religious Coalition will be there for the people of Frederick County when they need Emergency Financial Assistance and have nowhere to turn.



# A Letter from the Chairman of the Board and the Executive Director

*"But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased." - Hebrews 13:16*



Dear Neighbor,

On behalf of The Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs Board of Director's, I am pleased to present our 2009 Annual Report, *A Tradition of Helping...A Future of Hope*. Though the year has been economically challenging, we are proud of our many accomplishments and grateful to the community for its support of our programs and services for our Neighbors in Need.

As we move towards the end of the first decade of the 21st Century, we have developed a Strategic Plan, funded by the Ausherman Foundation that will allow us to determine how we can continue to improve our service to the community. Can we add programs where there is an un-served need or end programs that are no longer relevant? As part of our planning process we have reviewed staffing, reorganized and cut some positions enabling us to better meet our community needs.

Emergency Financial Assistance is still our primary service and we have been very successful in meeting the rapidly growing needs of our neighbors, up 30% in 2009. In fact, the Coalition is the largest provider of financial assistance outside of local government. Without your support, the number of homeless families in Frederick County would double and many more adults and children would be on the street.

During 2009, more than 9,000 people a month were unemployed and those numbers are expected to remain high through 2011. There are still hundreds of families with children on the financial edge in our community. At the current rate of foreclosure, two families a day will lose their homes in Frederick County by the end of 2010. Businesses, large and small, are closing and eliminating good paying jobs with benefits.

There is a regional shift to programs that put an end to homelessness. Increasingly, homeless clients are being asked to accept more responsibility for their lives. The Religious Coalition has embraced this position by hiring a Case Manager that works with clients to move them into jobs and, and housing.

A special thanks is due to all of our donors, foundations, businesses, organizations, churches and individuals. The people of Frederick County have supported us by giving generously and participating in special events that enabled us to meet our financial goals in 2009.

Make no mistake, this is a long and winding road and there will be an increased demand for Emergency Financial Assistance for many years, but with your support, we will be able to help our Neighbors In Need in the year ahead.

Sincerely,

Don Schilling  
Chairman of the Board

Rev. Brian J. Scott  
Executive Director

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*"If you extend your soul to the hungry and satisfy the afflicted soul, then your light shall dawn in the darkness, and your darkness shall be as the noonday." - Isaiah 58:10*

# Programs and Services



The Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs provided Programs and Services for more than 2,500 clients in 2009 and experienced a 30% increase in the number of clients needing Emergency Financial Assistance. The Coalition Service Center served approximately 350 clients each month in 2009.

Overall, the Religious Coalition experienced an overall 30% increase in clients, making it mandatory to raise more money. Close to 60 churches in Frederick County supported the organization in 2009, and this was the first year where total contributions topped \$1 million. While this was a new milestone in giving, the Coalition is barely keeping pace with the demand for programs and services.

"The simple truth is that people are running out of their savings and have used up their unemployment benefits," said Rev. Brian Scott, Executive Director. "They depend on us to provide Emergency Financial Aid when there is no one left to help them." Efforts are continuing to bring in more churches and reach out to other faiths in Frederick County.



### Eviction Prevention Programs: 30% increase

Financial assistance provided for rent, mortgages or security deposits to prevent eviction or foreclosure. Assistance is also provided to help clients move into housing; the final step to put homelessness behind them.

### Medical Assistance Programs: 110% increase

When people cannot afford medical care or medications, their conditions worsen and additional medical care is required. Many families are forced to choose between feeding the whole family or buying medicine for one person. The Coalition also makes referrals to other agencies and services. Vouchers are supplied for care arranged through a network of providers such as physicians, dentists and pharmacists.

### Energy and Utility Assistance: 29% increase

The rising costs of utilities have caused an increase in the demand for Energy Assistance. The Religious Coalition is the home of the Allegheny Power Fuel Fund. The Coalition provides assistance for families who have received cut off notices from utility companies. Clients work with the Frederick County Department of Social Services and the Coalition to receive aid. Thousands of families are able to keep their lights turned on and hot meals on the table.

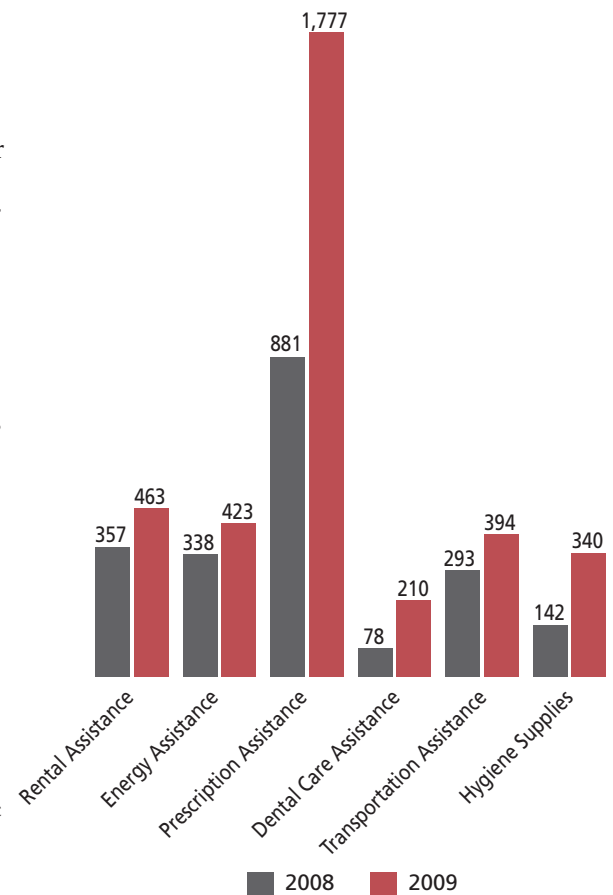
### Emergency Personal Hygiene Pantry: 36% increase

Basic personal hygiene supplies such as, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste/toothbrushes, bar soap, razors, diapers and laundry detergent are made available to clients.

### Transportation Assistance: 140% increase

Bus passes and gasoline vouchers are provided to clients that are unable to get to work, job interviews or medical appointments.

2008 vs 2009 Programs and Services Individuals or Families Served



# Alan P. Linton, Jr. Emergency Shelter Cold Weather Shelter Day Shelter/Exodus Project



Increase Homeless from 302-324 in 2009.



The Point in Time Survey taken during January, 2009 reported the number of homeless individuals in Frederick County had increased from 302 to 324 has increased every year for the last two

years. Many families have been caught in a spiral during the recession, losing their jobs and benefits, using up their savings and credit lines before having their homes foreclosed. Homeless encampments are increasing throughout Frederick County.

The Religious Coalition operates the Cold Weather Shelter, Day Shelter and Exodus Project programs from the Alan P. Linton, Jr. Emergency Shelter in Frederick. This is the largest year round shelter serving Frederick County. Our facilities have been able to meet the challenge of increased homelessness by adding additional beds for women, bringing the total to 80, 60 for men and 20 for women, making it the largest year round emergency shelter in the County.

## Cold Weather Shelter:

**2009 Highlights:** The Cold Weather Shelter provided shelter for more than 234 clients. The Cold Weather Shelter program operates as an overnight shelter program, 6:30 pm to 7:00 am seven days a week during November to March. It provides a safe warm environment for the homeless, with clean beds, showers and hot beverages during the extreme cold. Volunteers greet clients and make them feel welcome.

The Religious Coalition has grown into the largest private sector source for Emergency Financial Assistance in Frederick County. New programs and services have been added to meet the demands of a growing client population, including many newly poor families being pushed into poverty by the downturn in the economy.

## Day Shelter Program:

**2009 Highlights:** 20 clients benefited from the Day Shelter Program, more than 50% moved into permanent housing. The Day Shelter program operates each weekday December-March, 9am-5pm. The program provides a secure, warm facility for clients who are elderly, physically or mentally handicapped.

## Exodus Project:

**2009 Highlights:** 21 clients went through this program and 94% found housing. The Exodus Project is an overnight shelter program that operates in 90 day cycles from late Spring to Fall. The goal of the Exodus Project is to move homeless clients into jobs and housing. In order to qualify for this program, clients must be employed or actively looking for work. The program creates an opportunity where clients are able to save their money over the 90 day period, so they are then able to pay rental security deposits and the first month of rent upon graduating from the program. The client also leaves Exodus being able to pay for groceries and transportation. This program is a valuable resource for individuals wanting to end the cycle of homelessness.

More than 200 volunteers, primarily from area churches, support the programs offered by the Alan P. Linton Jr., Emergency Shelter.



# Frederick County Food Banks Feel Impact of Recession

The current recession could be felt by all the Food Banks in Frederick County in 2009 as the number of clients seeking help rapidly increased. "Not only did the numbers increase at every food bank," said Rev. Brian Scott, "but we are now seeing new food bank clients as people who had once donated money to The Religious Coalition. It is clear to us the impact of the economic downturn is affecting many middle class families with children."



The eight food banks in Frederick County are affiliated with The Religious Coalition. The number of families being served across Frederick County increased from fewer than a thousand in 2008 to more than 1,600 families each month by the end of 2009. There is a 95% increase in demand in some areas in the County. In the last two years the need for food bank services has had the greatest increase in the Southern and Northern end of Frederick County.

Anniversary in 2009.

The network of food banks in Frederick County is supported by more than 200 volunteers and is a critical link in the Religious Coalition's efforts to serve the needy in Frederick County.

The Brunswick Food Bank celebrated its' 30th

## Affiliated Food Banks

- Brunswick
- Emmitsburg
- Frederick
- Jefferson
- Knoxville
- Middletown
- Thurmont
- Walkersville



## Our Volunteers



As we look back on our 2009 performance, we simply cannot overlook the great contributions of over 400 volunteers.

These efforts are vital to our success, and we are exceedingly grateful.

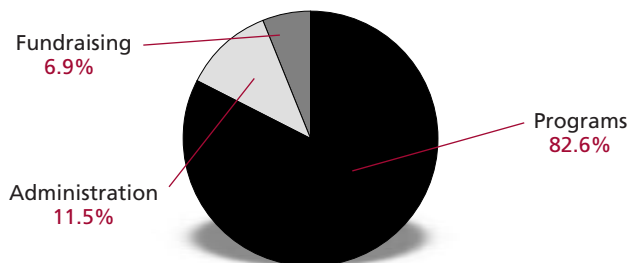
Volunteers work in many capacities for the Religious Coalition. Numerous people from our partnering churches, families and other groups come together to help fulfill the Coalition's mission.

Volunteers serve as members of our Leadership committees, front desk receptionists, in-take volunteers or work in their community food bank

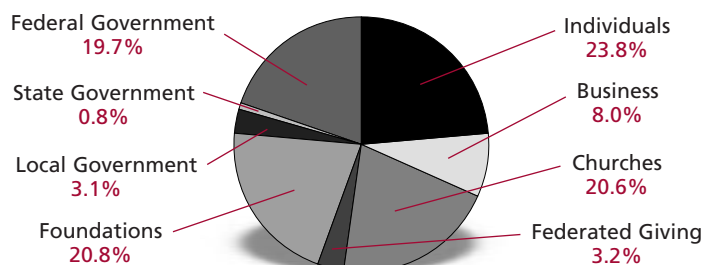
There is a vast diversity in the gifts and talents that our volunteers possess and share with us. However, all of them seem to have a couple wonderful attributes in common: abundant generosity and a passion for serving those in need.

## 2009 Budget

### EXPENSES 2009



### INCOME 2009



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# 2009 Special Events

Each year the Religious Coalition, along with our faith partners and community partners, hold events to raise funds, food and awareness in support of the Programs and Services provided to needy families in Frederick County. 2009 was an exciting year with some old favorites and some new events to create more ways to support our Neighbors in Need.

## The National Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger Drive

The Stamp Out Hunger Drive collected over 19,000 pounds of food during this one day event. Collected items were distributed to Food Banks throughout Frederick County. "We are excited to do this for the community," said Laura Hennessy, President of Branch 644, National Letter Carriers, "The community was so generous that the postal trucks were filled with non-perishable items." (May, 2009)



the Coalition by taking up a Free Will Offering during the performance. (November, 2009)

## Scouting for Food Drive

The Annual Scouting for Food Drive is the largest one day food drive in the United States. Scouts distribute empty bags one weekend and return the next week to pick up the bags full of donated food. The Religious Coalition has worked with area scouts to make this drive a success every year. (November, 2009)

## Frederick County Bar Association 1st Annual 5K Run/2 Mile Fun Walk



Over 120 walkers and runners raised over \$9,500. "The Executive Committee of the Frederick County Bar Association believes the Religious Coalition makes a difference in people's lives," said Scott Hartinger, 2009 Bar Assn. President. "During these difficult times, they

provided emergency financial assistance to a record number of people. (August, 2009)

## 13th Annual Linda Keller Delauter Memorial Golf Tournament

134 golfers joined together during the 13th annual tournament to raise more than \$15,000 for the Religious Coalition and honor the memory of Linda Keller Delauter. "It is important that the funds raised from this event go to a charity that helps in our own community," said Charlie Delauter, Chairman of the tournament. "The Coalition assists local residents with the basic needs of clothing, food and shelter." (September, 2009)



## Brewer's Alley Charity Day

The Religious Coalition was selected by Brewer's Alley to participate in the Charity Day fund raising event.

20% of the total sales for lunch and dinner go to the participating charity along with the opportunity to promote the Coalition to Brewer's Alley customers. (December, 2009)



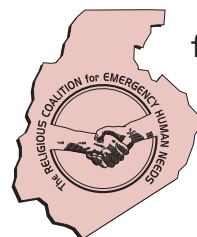
## BB&T Lighthouse Project

\$5,100 worth of the supplies for the Cold Weather Shelter and the Emergency Hygiene Pantry were purchased for the Coalition. Volunteer hours from employees in the Frederick County Market were also given to the Coalition. This was part of BB&T's companywide community service initiative called the "BB&T Lighthouse Project." "Our employees understand the difference in simply writing a check versus rolling up their sleeves to make a difference", commented Robert L. Tuggle, BB&T's Frederick County Market Leader. "We all feel a personal obligation to give back to our community. This is another way that we make the communities in which we live and work better places." (September, 2009)



## "Help our Neighbors in Need" Benefit Concert

Lisa Fenstermacher and her band returned for the second annual concert to benefit needy families in Frederick County. Lisa is a successful recording artist, based in Maryland and was enthusiastically received during her 2009 appearance in the Neighbors in Need Concert. This was a free event that provided financial support to



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