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Mission Statement:

Community Lutheran Partners mission is to enable and support the congregations of the West Virginia-Western Maryland Synod and others in service to their neighbors.

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2010 Annual Report

WHAT A WONDERFUL YEAR IT HAS BEEN!



Sherri Schafer

Executive Director

I am amazed at the ministry that is taking place through Community Lutheran Partners and the Lutheran congregations through which we serve. CLP is blessed to have so many wonderful people working with them to serve others in West Virginia and Western Maryland.

With God's help, we have made a difference in so many lives during 2010. On the following pages, I will be highlighting the different ways in which we shared our time and talents to better the lives of our neighbors.

As we begin to plan for 2011, your support of Community Lutheran Partners will enable us to reach more and more people in need. God has big plans for the Lutheran community in West Virginia and Western Maryland! Together, we can be Christ's witness to a region which so badly needs to hear of his love and compassion.

Thank you for your generosity which makes our ministry possible. Without your support, Community Lutheran Partners would not be able to continue its mission of reaching out to our neighbors in need.

Yours in Christ,

Sherri Schafer, Executive Director

WORKING LOVE IN THE HEART OF APPALACHIA

On April 9 and 10, CLP hosted a ministry conference in Charleston, WV. The purpose of the conference was to bring together agencies working in southern WV and Lutheran congregations with the goal of increasing a Lutheran presence in the area known as “The heart of Appalachia”.

Partnerships with the following ministries were a result of the conference:

The Itmann Food Pantry

Itmann is a small community in Wyoming Co. The Itmann Food Pantry serves over 450 families a month. The primary industries in the county are mining and logging. The biggest problem the county has facing it is a declining population. As soon as young people can leave, they often do so. Basically, the county has lost its middle class. Most of the residents live off of \$700-\$900 per month. Thirty-six percent of the children in Wyoming Co. are living below the poverty level.



It costs approximately \$50,000 to run the food pantry for one year. Most of this money is spent on food which leaves little for items such as diapers and wipes. While the residents who qualify receive food stamps, they cannot buy diapers or wipes with this money. At the 2010 Synod Assembly held in Wheeling, WV delegates and visitors were asked to bring diapers and wipes to donate to the agency. In July, a van full of diapers and wipes were delivered to the pantry.

Good Samaritan Ministries

During our time together at the conference in April, the country was watching a mining disaster taking place in southern WV. One of the presenters at the Working love in the Heart of Appalachia ministry conference was a former miner in the mine where the explosion had happened. His name was Curtis Moore. The pain and anguish he felt for his fellow miners was felt by all in attendance. Because of an injury, Curtis can no longer work in the mines. He now runs a small donations warehouse in Boone County. The greatest need for his ministry was a forklift. He and a small group of volunteers were unloading tractors full of donations by hand. Jim Hansen, CLP Board Member and a member of St. Timothy's in Charleston was moved by Curtis's story. He returned to his congregation and within a few weeks, the congregation had donated the funds to purchase the forklift for Good Samaritan Ministries.



SPECIAL THANK YOU!

In the life of every agency, there are certain people and groups that go above and beyond in service. In addition to those already named, Community Lutheran Partners would like to say a very special “Thank You” to the following:

WELCA of the WV-W MD Synod—Thank you for the One+Plus Kits and the financial donation to support One+Plus and STUFF

Lutheran congregations who support the ministries of CLP though prayer and financial donations

ELCA Evangelical Outreach and Congregational Mission (EOCM) and Helen Harms

Bishop Ralph Dunkin

ELCA Deaconess Community

Sisters of St. Joseph for donation to STUFF ministry

Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) for your commitment to the people in the “Heart of Appalachia”

Glenn Borelli for sharing your expertise and wisdom

Joe Young and the ELCA Church in Society Domestic Hunger division

CLP board members for 2011: Rev. Don Thomas, Debra Borelli, Mike Zagarrella, Marvin Beckman, Rev. Kyle Hayes, Rev. Dan Nascembeni, Cindy Richardson, Dr. Jim Hansen, Brian Felici, Lauren Spears, Pat Keller, Tom DeVault, Brenda Franklin, Sandy Fricke

St. Paul Lutheran Church for providing meeting space for our board gatherings

STUFF sites: Christ Lutheran, Mozart and Debra Donahue; Trinity Lutheran, Martinsburg and Rev. Karen Erskine Valentine; Cross of Grace, Hurricane and Helen Yater, Mr. and Mrs. Clem Pemberton

One+Plus Sites: St. John's Lutheran, Davis; Cross of Grace, Hurricane; St. Luke, Beckley; Christ Lutheran, Vienna; Shepherdstown Lutheran Parish, Shepherdstown; St. James Lutheran, Wheeling

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SEND CLP YOUR STORIES AND PICTURES!

There is sooo much ministry happening through the Lutheran churches in West Virginia and Western Maryland. Please send Community Lutheran Partners stories and pictures of your outreach ministries. A new page on the website will be dedicated to your ministries. Following is an example:



THE BEAN BAG COMMUNITY MEAL

Pastor Wendy Richter is working with the congregations and civic organizations in Pendleton Co. WV to offer a monthly free meal to the community. Groups are taking turns hosting the event at their venues around the county. The monthly gathering encourages people from the community to come together for an evening of good food, music, and networking.

"In our hectic, fast-paced, consumer-driven society, it's common to feel overwhelmed, isolated and alone. Many are re-discovering the healing and empowering role that community can bring to our lives. The sense of belonging we feel when we make the time to take an active role in our communities can give us a deeper sense of meaning and purpose."

[Robert Alan](#)

S.T.U.F.F.

Sheets, Towels, Utensils for Families



Pastor Bussey blessing the TLC Bears

CLP's STUFF ministry has been very active in 2010. It was expanded to reach out to domestic violence shelters and foster care transitional programs. Through both agencies, kits are provided to individuals moving from transitional housing into their own apartments.

Thank you for the donations at synod assembly. They were transported to the STUFF closet in the Eastern Panhandle. Thanks also to Trinity Lutheran Church in Weirton for making TLC Bears. In the Wheeling, WV area, bears are included in the kits that are distributed to moms with children.

One+Plus Kits

We continue to collect One+Plus Kits on a regular basis. The kits have been sent all over the country in 2010. In April when tornadoes struck hit Yazoo City, MS 100 kits were sent to the area for distribution. In May when floods hit southern WV, 200 kits were sent to the Red Cross.

Disaster Preparedness, Relief and Recovery

Community Lutheran Partners continues to bring in recovery crews when flooding strikes. We received a \$15000 grant from Lutheran Disaster Response for flooding that hit in southern WV in March.

CLP also works with congregations to develop ministry plans should a disaster strike their local area.



CLP WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Community Lutheran Partners would like to welcome its new board members. We are looking forward to our ministry together in 2010-2011. New members are: Brian Felici, Pat Keller, Brenda Franklin, Lauren Spear and Sandy Fricke. A very special thank you goes to our outgoing president, Judy Combs and board member, Peter Suwak for their service to the CLP Board of Directors.

THANK YOU ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH WHEELING, WV



CLP's new office in St. Mark Lutheran Church

In July of 2009, Community Lutheran Partners hired a new executive director and moved its office from Shepherdstown to Wheeling, WV. CLP is thankful for the years St. Peter in Shepherdstown allowed the office to be located on their site. CLP would also like to thank St. Mark Lutheran Church for so generously donating space for the new office in Wheeling. Anytime you are in the Wheeling area, please stop by and visit. St. Mark is located on Kruger St. in Elm Grove.

CHARITABLE GIFTS

By planning now, we can take steps to leave a legacy that endows the future ministry of CLP and other organizations we have supported during life. Please contact CLP's office for more details on how you can plan a gift for ministry.

FOOD PANTRY MANAGEMENT/GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP

On October 22 and 23, twenty-seven people gathered at the McLure Hotel in Wheeling, WV for a workshop CLP hosted on food pantry management and grant writing. Presenters for the workshops spoke on the following topics:

Harry Burch—Mountaineer Food Bank and pre-packaged pantries

Janet Gore—Choice pantries

Joe Young—Gardening initiatives and grant writing

Pastor Rob Schlak—Tour De Revs

Mary Woodward—Volunteer management and confidentiality

A special thank you to St. Mark Lutheran Church for their donation of \$1000 donation to help offset the costs of the speakers!



Registration table—Paul and Robert



Presentation of trinity Table T-shirts by Judy to Sherri and Joe



Hoover, our mascot: Sorry - inside joke for those in attendance



Pastor Ron and Tour de Revs presentation