

TOWNSHIP REPORT

QUARTER ONE, 2022

SERVICE OVERVIEW

The first three months of the fiscal year were overwhelmingly busy & productive for all three of our programs. Here's an overview of what we've provided to the community!

- \$23,070.80 provided in General Assistance Grants
- \$65,406.14 provided in Emergency Assistance Grants
- \$19,215.45 paid out to the CU at Work cohort



STAFFING UPDATE

The Township has hired its first employee of Strides - Carla Zarnsy. Carla comes to us with experience in building and maintaining policies, procedures and overseeing staff. She also has been a part of this community for over 7 years and has been a part of developing programming to suit the needs of our community members.

Direct service hours
Provided

345

This includes case management, phone calls, walk-ins, and other forms of communication

Number of
Households Served

106

Number of Calls for
Assistance Received

551

THE BREAKDOWN

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE (EA)

- 83% of Households served identified as African American
- 31 Households experienced a gap or change in pay, causing them to fall behind on their rent payment
- 46 referrals were made to other organizations in our communities such as LIHEAP, Salvation Army, and Empty Tomb

GENERAL-TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE (GTA)

- A partnership with Odyssey Project was formed, which is a free University of Illinois program that provides courses in humanities to low-income adults
- 9 bus passes were provided to clients
- 5 individuals were added to our GTA caseload and 4 clients successfully transitioned out of GTA - 1 individual was approved for disability compensation, 2 moved out of Township and 1 returned to work

CU AT WORK

- A total of 1,410 work hours were put into our North Street Farm & First Street Farm
- We sold at 12 farmer's markets in downtown Champaign and \$508 in SNAP payments were utilized by community members to purchase produce
- 4 employees secured and maintained stable housing with the assistance of CU at Home's case managers and Nicole, our program director

STRIDES SHELTER

- 21 interviews conducted so far for community relations coordinator, case manager and safety personnel positions
- 31 meetings held between partners and community organizations to determine how Strides fits into the current community organization model & what Strides can do to bridge gaps in services