



CHO Newsletter

Serving DUNN LORING, MERRIFIELD, OAKTON & VIENNA areas

Organized in 1969 and supported by churches, civic organizations, businesses, & individuals, CHO - The Committee for Helping Others -- provides simple, loving charity to persons in need of goods and services which they are unable to provide for themselves or obtain from government services.

May 2014

George's Corner:

THE NEW GUY ON THE BLOCK: When I became Vice Chair of CHO in June 2013, I assumed I would be a utility-infielder - stepping in when Jim Larson could not. But life is unpredictable Jim and Betty are now doing well in Atlanta per their recent correspondence. Thank you Lord. And although I was comfortable as a Meals on Wheels, Shepherd's Center, and furniture-truck driver, stepping out of my comfort zone to be the "team manager" has not been as overwhelming as I expected. Again, thank you, Lord.

After a year, I more fully appreciate and understand the required dedication, sensitivity, time-commitment, and heart and soul of the CHO servants who woman or man the food and clothing closets, furniture-moving, and Emergency Services operations day-in and day-out. CHO lets our clients, who but for the grace of God could be us, know that someone cares. I want to be a part of that and find others to follow in our (aging) footsteps. I hope that I can make a meaningful contribution.

CHO CASH IS DECLINING SIGNIFICANTLY: For the past 5 years, CHO contributions have been essentially level. However, CHO outlays to pay for clients' Emergency Services (primarily rent and utilities) have been increasing each year. Based on the first 6 months of this fiscal year, Emergency Services' annual requirements have increased nearly \$35,000 from 5 years ago. As a result, CHO cash is decreasing at a pace that cannot be sustained much longer. As CHO has neither personnel costs nor rent or mortgage payments, and our only other expenses (insurance, furniture-truck operation and maintenance, and postage) are essentially fixed, Emergency Services is the only variable outlay. If CHO contributions do not increase, Emergency Service payments may have to be rationed or capped. CHO NEEDS SOME INTENSIVE CARE (with donations to: CHO, PO Box 233, Vienna, VA, 22183). Thanks.

OUR TRUCK: The Town of Vienna, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, and several private companies have been solicited

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Services)**

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1969-2014*

DIESEL FUEL	\$107.95		
PROP. TAX	<u>\$185.16</u>		
TOTAL FURNITURE PROGRAM		\$293.11	
MEDICAL		\$3,051.07	
MISCELLANEOUS ASS'T			
AUTO REPAIR	\$899.46		
DENTAL BILL	\$410.00		
FUNERAL	\$400.00		
FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT	\$156.00		
GASOLINE	\$300.00		
HEATER	\$94.79		
TAXI VOUCHERS	<u>\$180.00</u>		
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS ASS'T		\$2,440.25	
RENTAL ASS'T		\$37,461.49	
UTILITY ASS'T			
ELECTRIC	\$18,053.95		
FUEL OIL	\$889.90		
GAS	\$2,427.59		
Water	<u>\$4,059.11</u>		
TOTAL UTILITY ASS'T		\$25,430.55	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			<u>72575.38</u>
OVERALL TOTAL			(11296.85)

		BALANCE	BALANCE
		<u>7/1/2013</u>	<u>12/31/2013</u>
MORELAND FUND		\$88,995.02	88997.18
			2.16

The amount described as "Moreland Fund" was left to CHO as an endowment by one of our co-founders, Dan Moreland. Mr. Moreland was very specific as to the use of these funds. For that reason, this endowment cannot be and is not considered part of CHO's day to day or emergency operations account.

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My name and address are:

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