



CHO

Newsletter

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Organized in 1969 and supported by churches, civic organizations, and 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.

November 2018

THOUGHTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN, OLLIE FOWLER:

As I approach Thanksgiving this year, I am reflecting on all the blessings bestowed on me and my family. First, at my age, I am grateful I have my mobility, and although I do forget some things, my mind is still functioning (well, maybe not as well as it used to) adequately. I have a wonderful wife, JoAn, and together we celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary this year. When I was young I thought I'd be long gone by my early 60's, and I certainly wouldn't have believed I might actually be married 50 years, yet here we are. I also have two adult children who fortunately live close by and two grandchildren, all with good health. We have a roof over our heads and are financially secure enough to take occasional trips. Truly JoAn and I are grateful for all these blessings, and thank God who provided us the opportunity to enjoy these things today.

I am also blessed to have an opportunity to work with CHO and the wonderful, dedicated volunteers who truly make the organization function efficiently, and without pay. Who would have thought almost 50 years ago that when Peg Boag and others started this charity, that it still would be functioning today? The total credit goes to the talented volunteers and their willingness to give their time and talents over the years to this cause. I'm grateful to be part of it today.

But, while I give thanks for everything mentioned above, I'm also reflecting on the poor souls who lost all their possessions in Hurricane Florence and Hurricane Michael. We have friends in Wilmington, N.C. whose daughter-in-law had seven feet of water in her house. It will take months, if not years, to recover from this disaster. It's hard to believe, but it was only one year ago that I was writing about the horrors of Hurricane Harvey and the impact of hurricanes on Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. So, while giving thanks for all we have, please remember these folks and direct your donations to charities that can have the biggest impact of providing for their recovery. I will do the same.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!
Ollie

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SPOTLIGHT ON THE GOLDEN GIRLS



The Golden Girls Senior Women's Softball teams have been playing softball for 29 years in Vienna, VA. They play their local games at Southside Fields in Vienna on Wednesday nights and Saturday mornings.

The Golden Girls have been a consistent and tremendous supporter of CHO. They organize a spring hygiene and baby products drive, and during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, a food drive and Christmas gifts for teenagers. They also collect cash and checks (last year we received over \$1700 in November and over \$1000 this spring), as well as gift certificates at the events. CHO is grateful for their long-time support.

The athletes have traveling teams that play tournaments in many states, including Georgia, Florida and the Senior Games in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

If you are age 40 and up and would like to play, check them out and see what they are all about. You will find all the information you need to join at goldengirls.org.

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday November 18 INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The 20th Annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service takes place on Sunday, November 18 at 6 pm at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Rd., Vienna. Offerings benefit the Lamb Center and the Shepherd's Center. A pie social follows the service.

N E E D S

The CHO Food Closet needs soap, dishwashing detergent (small bottles) canned soup and fruit, tomato sauce and tuna fish. We can also use diapers, sizes 5 and 6. Please call the main CHO phone number, 703-281-7614, to make an appointment to drop off food.

The Northeast Vienna Citizens Association is sponsoring a food drive for CHO - November 1 through December 31. Our "*Shopping List*" includes cooking oil, peanut butter/jelly, canned meats/fish, tomato sauce, shampoo, laundry detergent, dish and bar soap, toothpaste, toilet paper & diapers.

During November and December, donations can be dropped off at various sites in Vienna: the Patrick Henry Library (Center Street), Vienna Town Hall (127 Center Street), Bikes@Vienna (128-A Church St. NW), Caffe Amouri (107 Church Street NE), Evolution Fitness (216 Dominion Road NE), Doctors Covel, Stack & Henon (120 Beulah Road), Drs. Rudolph & Paino (307 Maple Ave. W), SourceCore (901 Glyndon St. SE), Vienna Rexall Drug Center (150 Maple Ave. W), and the Vienna Arts Society (243 Church St. NW).

The CHO Clothes Closet needs winter clothing for men, women and children. Winter jackets in all sizes are our greatest need. Please visit our website for other current needs. If any organizations are sponsoring extended clothing drives, please consider delivering some of your contributions part way through the drive, as the need for clothing is most urgent this month. The Closet is open to receive deliveries at the VPC Condos on Park Street on Monday mornings, or you can make an appointment by texting or calling the Clothes Closet number, 703-679-8966. Because of space limits, we can only accept winter clothing at this time.

The CHO Furniture Program will not be accepting donations during November and December so its volunteers can concentrate on the bike drive.

E V E N T S

Day to Serve

CHO was among the beneficiaries of the annual Day to Serve events on September 22. Our thanks to those who participated - the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Oakton United Methodist Church, and Oakton Church of the Brethren.

OLGC's Ghoulish Giving to CHO

On October 25, pre-schoolers to 8th graders celebrated Trunk or Treat at Our Lady of Good Counsel as they and their families dressed up, decorated their cars and gathered candy. Part of this traditional event is Ghoulish Giving, which collected over 600 items of food and diapers for CHO. Many thanks to all, especially to the McCarthy, Wickham, Provost and Bocock families, who collected the donations and sorted them all at CHO.

Navy Federal Credit Union 5K

The autumn rains finally stopped for the Navy Federal Credit Union 5K race held on September 29. All proceeds from that race benefit CHO. JoAn Fowler, wife of CHO Chair Ollie Fowler, was a medal winner in her age bracket, and CHO's Peg Boag's daughter, Jean Reese, who travels each year from Tennessee to participate, was a repeat medal winner in her age bracket.

CROP Walk

This year's CROP Walk for hunger relief was held on October 7. The Walk raised over \$16,000 and had over 80 walkers from a variety of organizations and churches. Ledo Pizza on Park Street in Vienna and Foster's Grill on West Maple Avenue contributed part of their proceeds for a day to the Walk, and Dr. Trang Le, DDS, also made a contribution. One quarter of the proceeds of the CROP Walk go to CHO; the rest is used by Church World Service for international disaster and hunger relief and education efforts.

Halloween Parade

CHO's Ollie & JoAn Fowler and Nancy and David Cartier joined County Supervisor Catherine Hudgins on a float sponsored by Frying Pan Park, celebrating volunteers.



Ghoulish Giving at OLGC



Marshall High School cross-country team members at the Navy Federal 5K



CROP Walkers from Emmaus. In the center in sunglasses is Emmaus' Rev. Kristen McBrayer, who headed the CROP Walk Committee.



Ollie & JoAn Fowler and David & Nancy Cartier at the Halloween Parade

Annual Committee Reports

The reports for each CHO subcommittee for the July 2017 through June 2018 fiscal year follow, with CHO's Annual Report at the end of this Newsletter. The amounts provided to our neighbors increased significantly. For example, there was about a 15% increase in emergency services relief. The aid provided includes, but is not limited to:

EMERGENCY SERVICES: Supplies aid to individuals and families in meeting emergency rent, fuel, utility, dental, and medical bills and other miscellaneous aid.

- During the last fiscal year, 439 people and families were helped with payments of approximately \$76,813 for housing and rent, \$34,297 for utility bills, \$4,588 for medical bills as well as \$2,710 in miscellaneous bills, for a total of \$118,408.

FOOD CLOSET: Distributes food and food certificates primarily to persons and families requiring immediate assistance. In addition, Christmas food certificates are distributed.

- In this reporting period, 249 families were helped; over 800 people were helped as part of CHO's annual Christmas program. Excluding gift cards, dollar costs for this effort (Christmas/bike programs/food supplies) were \$2,976.

CLOTHES CLOSET: Collects and distributes clothing to the needy.

- During the 2017-18 season, the CHO Clothes Closet served 835 families (3639 individuals) during our regular hours. Volunteers spent 958 hours serving and gave away over 4 tons of clothes. Program dollar costs were \$481.

FURNITURE: Provides pick up of donated furniture and distribution to families in need.

- During this reporting period, we distributed approximately \$7,100 worth of household furnishings and appliances to about 70 households. Costs (rent, insurance) were \$5,119.

MEALS ON WHEELS: Provides meal deliveries from Vienna Presbyterian Church to persons having difficulty preparing their own food.

- During this reporting period, approximately 6,995 meals were delivered, with meals for six days a week, including Saturdays.

Help Brighten the Holidays at the CHO Christmas Store !

The **2018 Christmas Store** will be open for business on Saturday, December 8, at Vienna Presbyterian.

We need and welcome volunteers on both Friday, December 7, 9:30 am to noon, to help set up, and on Saturday, December 8, from 8:30 am to noon, to help take clients through the store. This is a great way to get to know CHO and its volunteers.

CHO will be accepting donations of new unwrapped gifts for young children, and gift cards for teens, as well as food gift certificates from Giant and Safeway. We also will be accepting new or like new jackets and coats. Please donate clothes as soon as possible so they can be sorted before the Christmas Store. Clothing and other donations can be dropped at the CHO Clothes Closet at Vienna Court Condos, 133 Park Street NE, across from the Vienna Presbyterian Church, any Monday morning or by appointment.

If you have questions, or to help with donations or volunteer for the event, please call [703-281-7614](tel:703-281-7614); [leave a message in Box # 1](#).

The "bike distribution program," which also occurs on Saturday December 8 at Vienna Presbyterian, has become very popular, and can use your help to continue its success. New or gently used bikes can be dropped off on Saturday, November 10th and Saturday, November 24th, between 9 am to noon, at Antioch Christian Church, 1860 Beulah Road, and at Vienna Presbyterian parking lot (Mill Street entrance). If you have questions about the bike program, or can volunteer to clean or collect, please contact danlarkins@verizon.net.

Many thanks in advance to all Christmas Store volunteers and donors. The Store makes a big difference for many families that would not otherwise be able to afford the little extras we take for granted during the holidays.



GET TO KNOW OUR CHO INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS *CHRIST CHURCH OF VIENNA*

During the last decade the Falls Church (Anglican) sent out ministers and groups to start several new churches, one of which is Christ Church of Vienna (CCV), which began its ministry in 2011.

They are a gospel driven church led by Reverend Johnny Kurcina, lead pastor, and Reverend Corky Eddins, Asst. Pastor. The good news is always proclaimed at their regular 10:00 am services conducted each Sunday at Madison High School, and Communion is served at the end of each service. The pastors want CCV to be an extended family, where people in all seasons of life can connect and benefit from friendships in Christ. They intend to be an externally focused church with emphasis on the community around them and on youth-centered activities.

CCV states that worship is a casual environment, where they encourage folks to wear what they want. They want people to feel free to enter and engage as they are comfortable. People should focus on the scripture message and not on what everyone is wearing. For older folks used to dressing up for going to church, coming to worship in jeans is hard to do, but the principle that CCV is promoting here is the right one.

CCV is very active in community affairs and very generous with their donations to local charities. The Committee for Helping Others has been a regular recipient of their generosity for many years. CHO recently received a donation from CCV along with a heartfelt hand-written note from Pastor Johnny Kurcina. We were all humbled by this unexpected and thoughtful gesture.

CHO is proud to be a partner of CCV, and we would encourage all to attend one of their services.

CHO USES CLOUDBREAK FOUNDATION GRANT FOR TRANSLATION SERVICES

CHO received a \$6,500 grant for translation services from the Cloudbreak Foundation, a foundation based in Arlington, Virginia funding organizations that provide immediate assistance to needy individuals in the Washington DC metropolitan area. CHO used the grant to revise its website to allow most of our information to be translated into over 90 languages/dialects. CHO is also creating written information materials in English/Spanish and English/Arabic that can be handed to clients so they can read about our services and the procedures for obtaining help. We appreciate the assistance from the Cloudbreak Foundation to help us serve our neighbors better.



NOTICES:

DONATION ADDRESS: Please send donations ONLY to CHO's post office box (P.O. Box 233, Vienna, VA 22183). DO NOT send donations to any other address that may have been provided to you. Thank you!

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CHO TREASURERS REPORT
12 MONTHS: JUL2017-JUN2018

BANK ACCOUNTS	1 JUL	30 JUN	INCREASE OR DECREASE
CHECKING	\$94,457.45	\$99,801.90	\$5,344.45
EMERGENCY FUND	\$21,185.97	\$21,195.15	\$9.18
MORELAND FUND (restricted)	\$84,885.02	\$83,971.48	-\$913.54
TOTAL BANK ACCOUNTS	\$200,528.44	\$204,968.53	\$4,440.09

RECEIPTS

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS & CHURCHES

VIENNA PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN	\$500.00	
WOMAN OF HOLY COMFORTER	\$1,500.00	
ANDREWS CHAPEL	\$800.00	
ANTIOCH CHRISTAIN	\$500.00	
CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTOR	\$3,500.00	
CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS	\$500.00	
CHRIST CHURCH OF VIENNA	\$5,000.00	
EMMANUAL LUTHERAN	\$2,850.00	
EPIPHANY METHODIST	\$500.00	
OAKTON CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN	\$631.30	
PRIMITIVE METHODIST	\$300.00	
PROVIDENT BAPTIST	\$2,322.00	
ST.MARKS	\$3,500.00	
VIENNA PRESBYTERIAN	\$19,090.00	
TOTAL CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS AND CHURCHES		\$41,419.13

INDIVIDUALS	\$43,922.14	
VANCO PAYMENTS BY INDIVIDUALS	\$6,347.39	
TOTAL PAYMENTS BY INDIVIDUALS		\$50,269.53

INTEREST CHECKING	\$7.75	
INTEREST EMERGENCY FUND	\$9.19	
INTERESTMORELAND FUND	\$90.45	

TOTAL INTEREST **\$107.39**

CLOUDBREAK FOUNDATION	\$6,500.00	
CROP WALK	\$3,558.69	
LIONS CLUB	\$500.00	
OPTIMIST CLUB	\$500.00	
ROTARY CLUB OF VIENNA	\$4,000.00	
AMAZONSMILE	\$27.31	
EXXON-MOBIL CORPORATION	\$2,500.00	
NAVY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION	\$20,000.00	
NORTHERN VA MODEL RR	\$200.00	
TOWN OF VIENNA	\$1,500.00	
VIENNA DRUG CENTER	\$300.00	
TOTAL OTHER ORGANIZATION		\$39,586.00

RETURNS & CREDITS **\$1,215.72**

TOTAL RECEIPTS **\$132,671.77**

DISBURSEMENTS

ADMINISTRATION

BANK FEE	\$502.63	
ADMINISTRATION: CHO TELEPHONE	\$873.79	
ADMINISTRATON: BROCHURES AND NEWSLETTERS	\$1,538.47	
ADMINISTRATION:POSTAGE	\$249.00	
ADMINISTRATION : INSURANCE (LIABILITY)	\$1,964.00	
ADMINISTRATION SUPPLIES	\$66.80	
ADMINISTRATION;CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DUES	\$150.00	
ADMINISTRATION: FEES	\$ 55.23	
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION		\$5,399.92

FURNITURE PROGRAM

AUTO REGISTRATION	\$501.56	
AUTO INSURANCE	\$1,347.00	
AUTO SERVICE	\$525.00	
DIESEL FUEL	\$84.12	
TRUCK REPAIR	\$2,661.22	
TOTAL FURNITURE PROGRAM		\$5,118.90

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM /BIKE PROGRAM **\$2,598.36**

FOOD:SUPPLIES **\$198.96**

CLOTHING & CLOTHES CLOSET **\$481.45**

MEDICAL **\$4,588.23**

MISCELLANEOUS ASS'T		
DENTAL BILLS	\$2,250.00	
WORK TOOLS, TUITION, FEE REIMBURSEMENT	\$370.00	
TAXI VOUCHERS/TRANSPORTATION	\$65.00	
GASOLINE	\$25.00	
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS ASS'T		\$2,710.00

HOUSING ASS'T		
MORTGAGE PAYMENTS	\$1,450.00	
RENTAL ASS'T	\$75,362.98	
TOTAL HOUSING ASS'T		\$76,812.98

UTILITY ASS'T		
UTILITY ASS'T: ELECTRIC:	\$25,980.46	
UTILILTY ASS'T: TELEPHONE	\$163.25	
UTILITY ASS'T: FUEL OIL	\$1,080.15	
UTILITY ASS'T; GAS	\$4,641.24	
UTILITY ASS'T: WATER	\$2,431.88	

TOTAL UTILITY ASS'T **\$34,296.98**

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS **\$132,205.78**

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