



Glade Valley Community Services Newsletter
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Our Mission

**To meet the needs of families and individuals in the Glade Valley area through the coordination of donations of time, talent, money and other resources.
 Neighbors Helping Neighbors**

Glade Valley Community Services (GVCS) is an umbrella non-profit organization serving the Walkersville feeder school area. Its programs include the Food Bank, the Thrift Shop, the Back to School supplies distribution and the Holiday Toy Shoppe. We provide some funding to SOWAC for the summer lunch program. All programs are run entirely by volunteers and donations.

Please help us continue to make a difference in 2017. For your consideration and convenience, a contribution envelope is enclosed. You may designate your donation for a specific program or allow GVCS to use it where it is most needed. Thank you!

SUPPORT THE GLADE VALLEY FOOD BANK THROUGH THE SCOUTING FOR FOOD DRIVE NOVEMBER 11



The Glade Valley Food Bank is counting on the community to support them through the Walkersville/Woodsboro/Mt Pleasant area **Boy Scout annual Scouting for Food drive on Saturday, November 11**. Boy Scout Troops 1011, 1636, 1070 and Cub Pack 1070 will be participating. This is the major food drive of the year for the Food Bank. The Scouts will leave an empty food bag on your front door or mailbox on Saturday, November 4. **Please place your bag(s) filled with nonperishable food outside on Saturday, November 11, by 9:00 am for pickup.**

November 11, Veterans Day, is a day set aside to honor our veterans and thank them for their service to our country. Glade Valley Food Bank and Glade Valley Community Services have many volunteers, donors and recipients who are veterans, and we thank each one for their service.

All food collected will be delivered to the Glade Valley Food Bank that day. This is a chance for the entire community to make a difference. Our community is growing, and there are not always enough Scouts to cover all the neighborhoods. If the Scouts don't distribute bags to your neighborhood, you can still participate in the food drive on Saturday, November 11. Fill a bag with nonperishable food, (collect one from your neighbors, too) and deliver them to the parking lot behind the Walkersville Town Hall, 21 W. Frederick St., between 9am and noon on November 11. Volunteers will be there along with the Scouts, their leaders and parents, sorting, boxing and storing the food collected.

The Glade Valley Food Bank and the Scouts are hoping for very generous support from the community this year. On November 11, remind all your neighbors to display their flag in honor of our veterans and to put their bags filled with food outside to help our neighbors who are experiencing difficult times.

Most needed items. The Food Bank co-managers, Donna Swanson and Brenda Haines, list the following as the most needed food items:

Hamburger/Chicken Helper	Canned Tuna	Cereal	Rice
Canned Pasta (spaghetti-O's, etc.)	Baked Beans	Toilet Paper	Applesauce
Boxes Potatoes (mashed, scalloped)	Canned Fruit		



All non-perishable food items are welcome. Clean plastic grocery bags are always welcome. Please check the "Use by Date" on items you are taking out of your cupboards.

Please support the Food Bank in this very important food drive which provides a significant amount of food. Last year the Scouts collected about 7,000 pounds of food. Everyone is hoping that amount increases substantially this year. New families come to the Food Bank each week. Last year, about 70,000 pounds of community donated food were distributed, plus bread, bakery and produce. About 125 families are served each month. Our clients may be senior citizens, or may be facing such problems as serious health issues, recent job loss, domestic issues, disabilities or many other situations which make it difficult to afford food.

The Food Bank, like all the programs in Glade Valley Community Services, is run entirely by volunteers and donations. The dedicated co-managers, Donna Swanson and Brenda Haines, work countless hours each week to be sure there is a variety of healthy foods for the clients.

The generosity of local gardeners who shared their produce with the Food Bank this summer is most appreciated. Our community grocery stores donate thousands of bread and bakery items, produce and other food items.

Donations are always much appreciated. There were a number of food drives this summer which helped stock our shelves. Many churches, schools and other organizations have collection boxes for Food Bank items. If yours does not, why not start one? **Food Drive sponsors** are needed throughout the year. If your organization is planning an event this fall or winter, why not include a collection for the Food Bank during the event? Many organizations include a note in their announcement asking attendees to bring an item for the Food Bank.

The Food Bank depends on donations all year. Food drives are essential to keeping the shelves stocked. Donations of food can be dropped off throughout the year at the Food Bank, lower level of Town Hall, 21 West Frederick St, in Walkersville on Mondays, 6:30 to 8:00 pm and Thursdays, 1:00 to 3:00 pm. The phone number is 301-845-4229. Food Bank email: gxfb21w@gmail.com

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### In Memory of Gloria Werking

GVCS wishes to extend our sincere sympathy to the Werking family on the death of Gloria Werking. Gloria was a Glade Valley Food Bank co-founder in 1990 and helped manage it for many years. In addition to her volunteer work at the Food Bank, she was active in many other community and church programs, such as the Walkersville Rescue Company, the Homemakers Club, Frederick Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and Rose Hill Garden club. Gloria loved reading to elementary school children and volunteered at several area schools for many years. Gloria Werking will be greatly missed by all, and remembered for her kindness and service to the community.



## Holiday Toy Shoppe Elves Are Busy



Glade Valley Community Services Holiday Toy Shoppe is preparing to help provide a wonderful Christmas for many children in our community whose families are struggling to make ends meet. Last year the Holiday Toy Shoppe provided new clothes, toys and books to 181 children and gift cards and books to 71 teens. This program is supported by the generosity of the churches, schools, businesses, organizations and individuals in our community. All the gifts the children and teens receive, and the door prizes the parents receive are donated. The families do go through a screening process to ensure that help is provided to those who need it, and that they live in the Walkersville Feeder School District. Applications were accepted from the families in October. During November we provide all our donors with information regarding what specific items are needed for these children. All the donations will be dropped off at Walkersville Town Hall on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> with the families coming to Town Hall on December 6<sup>th</sup> to collect their gifts. This year, the co-chairs of the Holiday Toy Shoppe are Ann Wadding, Mary Ann Brodie-Enis, and Sally Walton. Many volunteers work hard to make this program such a success. Our committee is always looking for new volunteers to join us. If you are interested in joining this wonderful project, please contact Ann at 301-845-0213 and leave a message.



### Glade Valley Community Services Emergency Relief Fund 3rd Quarter Report 2017 (July 1 - September 30, 2017)

|                                                                    |    |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| All Calls to GVCS and Emergency Relief Fund - Total Calls/Contacts | 41 |
| July - 12    August - 13    September - 16                         |    |
| Emergency Relief Fund Calls or related to Assistance of Any Kind   | 35 |
| July - 9    August - 13    September - 13                          |    |

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|-------------------------------------------------------|-------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Callers who Received Emergency Relief Fund Assistance | 11    | <u>Assistance Provided for these 11 Families' Needs*</u> |                             |
| Adults living in household                            | 19    | Electric                                                 | (2 cases)    \$362.52       |
| Children living in household (under age 18)           | 17    | Rent/Eviction                                            | (2 cases)    \$415.00       |
| Approx. Number <i>Direct Contact</i> Volunteer Hours  | 34.25 | Water                                                    | (5 cases)    \$807.78       |
|                                                       |       | Sewer                                                    | (1 case)    \$95.50         |
|                                                       |       | Rx/Medical                                               | (2 cases)    \$64.52        |
|                                                       |       | Vehicle/Gas                                              | (1 case)    \$200.00        |
|                                                       |       | <u>Motel</u>                                             | <u>(1 case)    \$294.00</u> |
|                                                       |       | Total Assistance Provided                                | \$2239.32                   |



\*2 callers received assistance for more than 1 bill  
(1 caller-2 bills; 1 caller 3 bills)

Total ERF Assistance for Year to Date \$6819.47

## Community Thrift Shop Looking for Volunteers on Saturdays

The Community Thrift Shop has its fall and winter clothes ready and waiting for cooler weather. As you clean out summer clothes and bring out the fall and winter items, remember the Thrift Shop. Donate your unwanted clothes now.

The Community Thrift Shop is in great need of **Volunteers** to work when the Thrift Shop is open Saturdays 10:00am to 2:00pm or to help sort clothing during the week. Volunteers for Saturday hours have been in short supply during the summer. If there are not enough volunteers on a particular Saturday, the Thrift Shop may not be open that week. Please volunteer for a couple of hours or on a regular weekly or monthly schedule. Teens looking for community service hours are welcome. This is a wonderful opportunity for any group or organization looking for a service opportunity. To volunteer, contact MaryAnne at [maryanne.schouw@gmail.com](mailto:maryanne.schouw@gmail.com) or 301-845-4126.



**Children's clothing is always needed.** Please donate your clean, gently used clothes and books to the Thrift Shop to benefit local families. Look for the name Glade Valley Thrift Shop on the green clothing drop boxes. Please be sure to drop donations *inside* the green boxes. Clothes left outside the boxes are often damaged by rain and dirt. The donation boxes received a coat of new paint this year, thanks to several volunteers.

In Walkersville, the green clothing drop boxes are located at the entrance to the St. Paul's Parish Hall parking lot at 19 West Pennsylvania Ave. near Fulton Ave., and at the Walkersville Community Church, 207 Braeburn Drive. In Woodsboro, there is a clothing drop box located in the upper parking lot at Woodsboro Evangelical Lutheran church, 101 S. Main St. Entrance to the upper parking lot is by way of Church Alley.

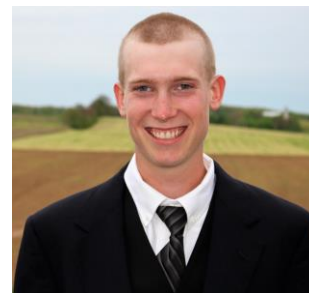
The GVCS Community Thrift Shop is located in the basement of St. Paul's Lutheran Church Parish Hall at 19 West Pennsylvania Ave. near Fulton Ave. in Walkersville. The entrance is in the rear of the building. The shop is open most Saturdays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. A bag of clothing is \$2.00, coats \$1.00 and shoes are free. All proceeds benefit GVCS programs.

Volunteers MaryAnne Schouw and Mel Palmer manage the Thrift Shop.



## Grant Zimmerman is awarded The Peg and Orley Bourland Scholarship

The 2017 Peg and Orley Bourland Educational Assistance Fund Scholarship was awarded to Grant Zimmerman, a 2017 graduate of Walkersville High School, to earn his Commercial Drivers' License through Montgomery College. Grant has started his own landscaping company and a CDL license will enable him to expand his business by being able to transport equipment and supplies to jobs with a heavy duty truck which requires the CDL. The Bourland's Scholarship, through The Community Foundation of Frederick County and in partnership with Glade Valley Community Services, provides funds for post-secondary education in trade or technical fields and helps underwrite the costs associated with tuition, fees, testing, trade tools and supplies.







## Back to School Supplies Distribution

To help ensure that no Walkersville area student starts school without the needed supplies, GVCS held a school supplies distribution Sunday, August 20, at the Glade Valley Food Bank. It can be very difficult for families to provide their children with the needed supplies when they are having difficulty making ends meet every month. Students who start school without the basic supplies quickly lose the excitement and motivation to learn and soon fall behind. Excitement was high as families lined up several hours before opening time. School supplies that were not used in the distribution were delivered to the schools the week of August 28<sup>th</sup>.

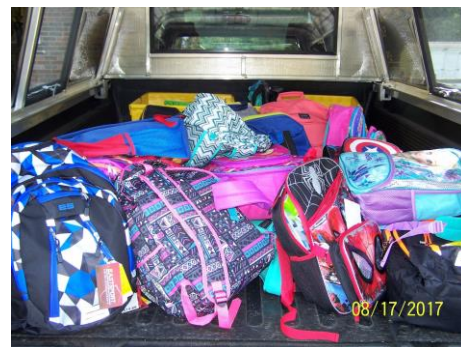
When the doors closed that afternoon, 167 students from 75 families attending the Walkersville and Walkersville feeder schools had received school supplies. Supplies were also provided to 13 students from Walkersville attending special schools outside of the Walkersville school district. Each student received the needed school supplies from the list provided by each school, and a backpack.

The co-chairs of this event, Don Boos and Ann Wadding, worked many hours planning and organizing the event. Many volunteers worked on Thursday, Friday and Saturday setting up, sorting and pre-packaging, as well as on Sunday, distribution day. Volunteers assisting over the course of the weekend include Jim Mullins, Tom Ritondo, Bonnie Blair, Lynn Ashe, Kaelyn Kelly, Mekala Humphries, Charles Ackers, Ann Thompson, Tina and Jordyn Miller, Erin, Grace and Claire McMurry, Ella Smith, Tammy, Austin, Logan and Kyra Rowland, Kathy and Alyssa Briske, Brenda Teach, Amy, Sean, Jessica, and Madelyn Queen, Jennifer and Ashley Goodman, Lynn Hawks, Christina Karzen, and Kathy Nicodemus.

Very generous donations of supplies and money were received from individuals in the community, and the members and employees of the following organizations: Mom's Club of Walkersville, Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church, St. Timothy's Catholic Church, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, St. John's United Church of Christ, Walkersville United Methodist Church, Glade United Church of Christ, Peace In Christ Lutheran Church, Lonza, Galaxy Controls, Kappa Psi Kappa Fraternity, Inc., TCC Frederick, and the McGuire Family.



*Volunteers packing bags of supplies for each student.*



*Delivery of donated backpacks*

## SOWAC Summer Lunch Program

With the help of many dedicated volunteers and community support, SOWAC celebrated another successful summer. The Summer Outreach of Walkersville Area Churches (SOWAC) provides lunch for kids 18 and under during the summer. In addition to lunch, activities include games, creative crafts, and a variety of visitors. This year over 2,000 meals were served between the two locations at Discovery and Creamery Park.

The Discovery site qualifies for a meal program through Frederick Community Action Agency (FCAA). FCAA provides hot lunches to areas where over 51% of the kids receive free or reduced cost meals at school. Every weekday FCAA delivered hot meals, milk, fruit and vegetables to the site. GVCS provided funds for supplemental food and drink, supplies, games, activities and visitors. The program ran for 10 weeks. Pastor Ken Mitchell hosted an end of summer celebration on August 26 that included pizza, prizes, a DJ and lots of fun.

The Discovery site was staffed by awesome volunteers from Calvary Assembly of God, Church of Latter Day Saints, Peace In Christ Lutheran Church, St. Timothy's Catholic Church, and Pastor Ken Mitchell who gathered volunteers from the community. Jennifer Goodman was at the site every day, and Doug Shoemaker and Paul Bombaci cleaned the pavilion each morning. Visitors from the community made the program fun and engaging for the kids at both Discovery and Creamery Park: Walkersville Library, Walkersville Elementary School teachers and staff, face painting by Vicki, Fountain Rock Park, WAGS, Kicks Karate, Dorie Simmons with IsReal Life Center and Walkersville Eyecare

The Creamery Park site was staffed for 6 weeks by a fantastic group of volunteers from Glade United Church of Christ, Walkersville Community Church and Fredericktowne Baptist Church. These volunteers shopped for food, prepared the meals in a commercial kitchen at one of the churches, transported the meals to the park, served the lunches, and then transported the leftovers back to the kitchen for storage. Volunteers engaged the kids in activities and games. Pizza Hut delivered hot pizzas on Fridays. GVCS provided funds for all food, supplies, games, activities and visitors for this site, as it does not qualify for the FCAA program.



Jennifer Goodman and Amy Queen, coordinators of SOWAC

There were many people who worked hard to make this program a success: Amy Queen, chairperson; Jennifer Goodman, activities coordinator and assistant chair; Don Boos, who worked behind the scenes; Sara McAleavy at FCAA; and the site coordinators who prepare months in advance - LaDona Fetty, Allison Rizzo, Marinda Anderson, Dave Weber, Ken Mitchell, Adriane Wodey, Bonnie Kauffman and Kimberly Clifford. St. Paul Lutheran Church and the Religious Life Committee provided generous financial support.

If you or your church, business or organization would like to be part of this program, please contact Amy Queen at [aqueen12@aol.com](mailto:aqueen12@aol.com) or call 240-405-2722.



Stuffed owl, one of many exhibits and live animals Fountain Rock Nature Center brought to Discovery

Keyote and volunteer with origami activity at Creamery Park



## GVCS Board of Directors

Recently, two Board members assumed new positions on the Board. **Vicki Poole**, in addition to being an Emergency Relief Fund counselor, accepted the responsibilities of Vice President of GVCS. **Mitzi Smith** accepted the position of Secretary for GVCS. The other members of the Board of Directors of GVCS are: **Don Boos**, President; **Sue Richter**, Treasurer; **Ann Wadding**, Emergency Relief Fund; **Donna Swanson**, Food Bank Co-manager; **Pastor Dave Weber**; and **Carl Tepper**. This group of people, all volunteers, are the backbone of Glade Valley Community Services and are the ones who organize and coordinate many of the programs, often without recognition for all they do.

## Partnership with CASS

Glade Valley Community Services (GVCS) participates in a partnership with Community Agency School Services (CASS) of the Frederick County Public Schools. GVCS got its start over 13 years ago as a way to meet the needs of the families in the Walkersville area schools that CASS had identified through its work in the schools. Christina Karszen is the CASS coordinator with Frederick County Public Schools working in the Walkersville and Thurmont area. She attends GVCS Board meetings and often attends GVCS events such as the Back to School supplies distribution and the Toy Shoppe.

## THANK YOU

**Thank you** to every volunteer and donor who help us serve the needs of the community in so many different ways. Just a small fraction of them are mentioned in this newsletter. Their donations of time, talent and resources enable us to provide invaluable service to our community. Together, hundreds of our neighbors are making a difference for their neighbors. Many thanks to all for your service and generosity to our community.

- ❖ **Special thanks** this month to the Boy Scouts, leaders and parents for supporting the Food Bank through the Scouting for Food drive.

## GVCS current needs:

**Contributions are Welcome:** GVCS, PO Box 655, Walkersville, MD 21793

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**Other Ways to Support GVCS:** Do you have another way you would like to support the work of GVCS? Please share your ideas with us. Call 301-845-0213 and leave a message.

**Please support local businesses** who support Glade Valley Community Services:

- ❖ Area grocery stores who donate so much to the Food Bank: Giant, Trout's Market, Walmart, Wegmans
- ❖ Leslie Baker, local Cruise Planner and Travel Consultant, will make a donation to Glade Valley Community Services for any travel booked through her agency when you reference GVCS during the booking process. Please email Leslie at [labbaker@gmail.com](mailto:labbaker@gmail.com) or call 240-415-0978.

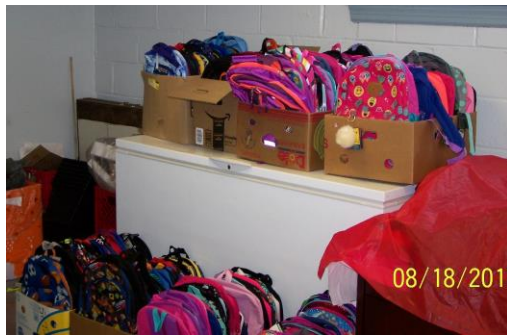


## More Photos

### SOWAC visit from Fountain Rock Nature Center



### Back to School Supplies Distribution



#### Contributions Welcome

You may designate your donations for a specific program or allow GVCS to use it where it is most needed. Contributions are tax-deductible. GVCS is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization which is funded solely by contributions and run by volunteers.

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#### Dates to remember

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|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| November 11                   | Scouting for Food Drive                |
| December 3                    | Deliver Toy Shoppe donations           |
| December 6                    | Toy Shoppe volunteers needed           |
| Saturdays throughout the year | 10am-2pm Thrift Shop volunteers needed |