

HELP FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

ST. RICHARD FOOD/FINANCIAL AID PROGRAM (FAP)

The Saint Richard's Financial Assistance Program (FAP) welcomes inquiries from parishioners who are having financial problems due to the current economic conditions. We may be able to help with food and provide limited assistance with utilities and other bills. Our parish also works in conjunction with *North Olmsted Community Services*, *LOVE Inc. (Love in the name of Christ)*, *ACTS (A Community That Serves)*-which is North Olmsted Area Churches outreach efforts, and various other agencies. Please call Mary Ogan at the rectory (777-5050) to set up a confidential interview.

NORTH OLMSTED UNITED METHODIST CHURCH COMMUNITY MEAL

NOUMC is sponsoring a community meal the last Thursday of each month. The church is located at 4600 Dover Center Road. Meals are served from 5-7 PM. Everyone and anyone is welcome! For further information or to assist at a meal please call: 440-779-6634.



NORTH OLMSTED FOOD PANTRY/COMMUNITY LIFE SERVICES

Eligibility for assistance through the department requires proven financial need and residency within the City of North Olmsted. The requirements are similar to those of other government assistance programs. To establish proof of residency and financial need, applicants will be asked to present a copy of some of the following documents at registration. These are the 8 most typical of documents required.: Current or recent month's utility bill, Lease agreement, Recent W-2 form or paycheck stub, Social Security Award Letter, Current Unemployment book, Child Support Statements, Photo Identification, Children's birth certificates, Most recent years tax return.

Perishable and Nonperishable food is usually distributed every Wednesday. **Appointments must be made** by calling Joanne Hanna, the pantry coordinator at 716-4165. The pantry is a member of the Cleveland Food Bank. Donations are provided through various churches and organizations throughout the city. ***Financial donations can be made directly to CFB-North Olmsted Food Pantry #1512.*** Much of the food can be purchased for \$.12 a pound! With a few extra dollars we can purchase a great deal of food!

The Emergency Food Pantry is located at Old Town Hall on the City Hall campus in between the police station and city hall. North Olmsted Community Life Services also help to coordinate various projects throughout the year such as; home repair and improvement, yard maintenance, emergency repair, tree removal, handicap ramp assistance and other assistance needs. These projects are for low/moderate income, senior and disabled residents.

The Ohio Benefit Bank

- **Every year Millions of Americans** go without because they are not receiving all of the benefits for which they are eligible.

- **Every year billions of dollars** in public funds go untouched and billions in tax credits go unclaimed.

- **Every year The Benefit Bank® closes the gap** between public funds and people in need.

Designed to bring people closer to stability and closer to self-sufficiency, this free web-based system simplifies and centralizes the process of applying for many state and federal benefits for low and moderate-income individuals and families.

Developed for use by a wide range of community based, faith-based, governmental, job-training, healthcare or social service agencies, The Benefit Bank can be part of a community-wide response to poverty.

Community and faith-based organizations, social service agencies, food pantries, job training programs, and homeless shelters are among the groups using The Benefit Bank to help people file Federal and State Income Taxes, and apply for publicly sponsored programs like CHIP, Food Stamps, LIHEAP, and more - at one convenient location and at no cost.

For more information log on to www.thebenefitbank.com and complete the “quick check” survey, or call Mary at St. Richard Parish 777-5050. North Olmsted Community Services 777-8000 and North Olmsted Senior Center, 777-8100 also have a trained counselor.

LEGAL AID SOCIETY

The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland’s Mission is:

To secure justice and resolve fundamental problems for those who are low income and vulnerable by providing high quality legal services and working for systemic solutions. Legal Aid lawyers and volunteers deter domestic violence, fight consumer fraud, protect the rights of children, protect the elderly and otherwise insure access to justice for all regardless of ability to pay. **Call 216-687-1900 for assistance or log on to: www.lasclev.org**

Love Inc.

(Love - In the Name of Christ)

Love In the Name of Christ (Love INC) brings Christian churches together, across denominational lines, to help the poor by meeting immediate needs such as food and clothing, to longer-term responses through relational ministries such as life skills training and transitional housing.

Over 135 Love INC affiliates in 30 states are helping over 1 million people in need each year through more than 9,000 churches, 6,000 community agencies, and 300,000 volunteers. Through Love INC, caring Christians are providing help, hope, and God’s love to neighbors in need.

Our parish financially supports the efforts of Love Inc. through our community outreach envelopes! For assistance please contact a representative at: Love Inc. Of Western Cuyahoga County 216-459-0405

Directory of public service agencies for Cuyahoga County

Child & Family Resources for when your family needs services or support

www.fcfc.cuyahogacounty.us/pdf_fcfc/en-US/FCFC_directory_rev0609.pdf