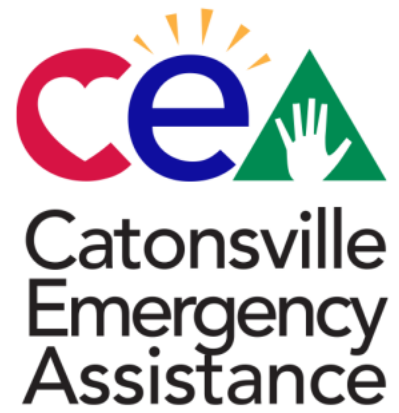




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### CEA RIBBON CUTTING

Celebrating our new name and logo for Catonsville Emergency Assistance (CEA). L to R: Deb Henkel, CEA Program Asst.; Cathy Schneider, GCCC Pres.; Kristen Leister, GCCC; Madelaine Fletcher and Maureen Parkhurst, CEA; Pastor Dave Asendorf, CEA VP; Megan Murduck, CEA Exec. Director; Joe Poisal, GCCC; Mary Kay Willing, CEA; Teal Cary, GCCC Exec. Director. Photo by Balance Photography, used with permission from GCCC.



Thanks to UMBC's Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, our new sign was installed. From L: Mark Minnis, Sam Kallab (Alex Spafford is behind the sign).

## Neighbors helping neighbors

We are open for clients just three-and-a-half hours four days a week due to our financial restrictions. During that time, Deb and Megan are very busy!

With the help of hundreds of hours from volunteers, our Executive Director and Assistant make a great team who accomplished the following in 2015:

A week's supply of food	1,168
Eviction preventions	36
Utilities assistance	22
Easter baskets	24
School supplies	49
Holiday food	207
Holiday Toy Shop gifts	113

These numbers do not properly express the amount of volunteer hours given by our community contributors. Every school bag plus supplies was donated by you, our neighbors. All of the food given out comes from you, our neighbors. Even frozen meats purchased at the Maryland Food Bank at a discount, are paid for by donors like you, our neighbors!

Our volunteer high school students have just collected and delivered to our door over a ton of food from their neighbors. The Catonsville High School Food Drive seems to start the overwhelming arrival of good will that we are receiving from you... Yes, this work is neighbors helping neighbors!!



Megan Murduck,  
Executive Director

**The holidays** can be a time of joy, bringing to mind celebrations with family and friends. But for some, this time of year can be particularly difficult.

Like one woman who lives alone in Catonsville and recently underwent surgery. She was unable to work while recovering, and she was facing eviction.

*"[I'm] very thankful for the help from this organization in my time of need when being turned away by so many others."*

With the help of CEA, she was able to stay in her home. Now, her doctor has released her to go back to work and she is able to support herself once again. "[I'm] very thankful for the help from this organization in my time of need when being turned away by so many others," she said.

Your donations are crucial so that CEA can continue to assist those in need this holiday season. **Please consider a donation to CEA today!**

### We need your e-mail!

Your e-mail is essential for receiving our newsletter. Copies can be found in some local businesses. Upon request, donors may receive a mailed copy.

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## CEA FUNDRAISER DURING THE HOLIDAYS



Jane Byers, artist

The perfect gift for a relative, a garden lover friend, hostess, or someone who just needs cheering up.

**"Gardens of Catonsville"** is a beautiful hard cover celebration of thirty local gardens that caught the eye of our very own author and artist, Jane Byers. For sale at Blue Iris Flowers located at 809 Frederick Road. All proceeds donated to CEA.



Mary Kay Willing, CEA

2014 Toy Shop table.



L-Megan Murduck,  
 Executive Director  
 Martha Lochary, CEA

## Toys and games needed for CEA's holiday Toy Shop

The holidays will be a little brighter for local children in need thanks to CEA's December Holiday Toy Shop. We welcome your donation of new toys, gift cards and educational games for boys and girls ages 5 to 17.

The new unwrapped toys can be dropped off through December 10<sup>th</sup> at the CEA office at 25 Bloomsbury Avenue from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday, or at the Greater Catonsville Chamber of Commerce at 924 Frederick Road 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. A special thanks to the Chamber for being collection point.



## Expenses versus income

*We are asking for ongoing financial help*

Thank you to all of our 2015 financial donors, whom we will recognize in the first CEA Newsletter of 2016. And those who sent in checks of any amount last year are still recognized on our website.

Next year, we will need those same names and many more to be added to that list. As a non-profit, we depend on you, and our expenses have gone up as the demand for our services increases!

Donations can be made online with Paypal through our website, [www.CatonsvilleHelp.org](http://www.CatonsvilleHelp.org), or checks can be sent directly to Catonsville Emergency Assistance at 25 Bloomsbury Ave, 21228. All donations are tax deductible.

And there is another way in which you can help us financially. **Please look for and use our expanding number of donation boxes in area businesses!** We are grateful for every quarter and dollar bill. The original boxes were built in a carpentry class at the Catonsville High School in 2005 and look like bird houses. These have our new logo on them.

Other plastic boxes are located at four 7- Eleven stores and wear the heart shaped "C" of our new name as well. In fact, the 7-Eleven stores' donations have been helping us for years, as has the donation box at the Catonsville Pharmacy.

This year, new boxes were placed in Peace of Pizza, Catonsville Pharmacy, US 40 Diner, and just recently, Narcissus Salon and Edible Arrangements. Think of these businesses as our friends, and yours, and drop your change in a box when you are visiting there. **Thank you! Thank you!**

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