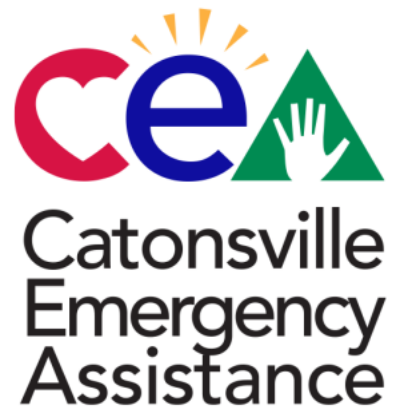




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Upcoming fundraisers

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FEB. 3, 2016

Peace A Pizza fundraiser. 20% of all proceeds from 4:00 – 8:00 pm are

donated to CEA when you mention us at time of purchase. (See article right bottom.)

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FEB. 21, 2016

All are welcome at "A Chili Response" on Sunday, February 21,

12-1:15 pm. A chili luncheon in Christian Temple Fellowship Hall. Suggested donation is \$5. All proceeds to benefit CEA.

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APRIL 24, 2016

Be sure to watch for more information for the upcoming afternoon tea

fundraiser "Plen-TEA" to be held Sunday, April 24 at 2:00 pm at Christian Temple, 5609 Edmondson Ave., Catonsville, MD. Enjoy savory and sweet treats while ensuring "plenty" for the well being of Catonsville residents in need.

The CEA Mission

To provide area residents with the necessities for living in times of need: emergency food, eviction prevention, utility cut-off intervention, and other essential aid and services.

2015-16

Looking backward and forward

Catonsville Emergency Assistance made a difference this past year -- thanks to you, our donors and volunteers!

In particular, at the annual holiday Toy Shop last month we gave two brand new toys, clothes, and other goodies to 109 children. We couldn't have done this without our generous donors- St. Marks, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, The Chamber of Commerce, and many others from the community.

With your help we were able to give away toys such as telescopes, rock tumblers, soccer balls, and art kits, which give kids the ability to play and learn. And a big thank you to the 13 volunteers who ran our shop!

We were also able to help families keep their homes in 2015. One family came to CEA in December faced with eviction because the father had recently lost his job.



Megan Murduck,
Executive Director

When he arrived in our office he was wearing a dress shirt and tie and was very excited, because he had just come from a job interview and had been hired. However, his excitement was mixed with worry because the job did not start for two weeks, and rent was due.

Fortunately, we were able to help this father, and the family was able to stay in their home for the holidays.

Thank you to all who have supported CEA and made it possible for us to help this family, as well as give gifts to the children at our Toy Shop, and serve all of the other families who come to us for help each year. We appreciate your ongoing support of CEA and are excited to see what the new year will bring!

Fundraiser at "Peace A Pizza"

Eat in or take out! Bring your family and friends!



Wednesday

Feb. 3, 2016

4:00-8:00 pm

When you mention **Catonsville Emergency Assistance** at the time of purchase, we will receive 20% of the proceeds.



Peace A Pizza
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Long time board member steps down

After nearly 25 years on CEA's board, Pat Smidt, representing Catonsville United Methodist Church, is leaving the board. "I'll be around, and happy to help, but I thought it was time for someone new," she said at her last board meeting in December 2015. Thanks to Edwin Hostetter, who will replace her.



Pat Smidt

Fundraising was Pat's particular focus. "One of the fun things we did was the Westview Thursday evening concerts," she said. Other events included bingo nights, dances, and pancake breakfasts. And Pat was on the board through several moves the organization made before settling at 25 Bloomsbury Avenue.

This will be a year of change for Pat as she also retires in the spring as a public health nurse case manager from the Baltimore County Department of Health where she has worked for more than 30 years. Not content to do just one thing, she also teaches medical technologist classes for assisted living facilities and is a consultant for Project Home. "I'll keep both of those jobs," she said.

However, Pat is looking forward to spending more time at a home she and her husband have in Delaware. "This will be a time for some new adventures," she says of her pending retirement.

The CEA board wished her well with refreshments and a gift at its December meeting, noting her long and extremely dedicated service to CEA, and the sentiment was clear that she'll be missed.

Please spread the news about CEA!

Please forward our e-news to family and friends, and quarterly newsletter can be requested from our website or by e-mailing news@catonsvillehelp.org. And remember, we won't sell or share your contact information.

Donating non-food items saves us \$\$

- Stamps
- Packing tape (for boxes)
- Envelopes
- Inkjet labels (Avery 5160)
- Dish soap
- Sharpies
- Paper towels
- Manila folders
- Plastic gloves
- Heavy duty garbage bags

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Financial dip in 2015

There are many ways for you to help CEA

Unfortunately, this past year our organization received fewer financial donations than in recent years. This is a serious problem. The food donations keep rolling in, but food doesn't keep the lights on or pay for utility or rent assistance.

And so we are asking, again, for your financial support. There are many ways to pitch in. You could organize your own fundraiser, or, if you know of other fundraisers, let us offer a 50/50 Raffle to help CEA and others. You can also donate directly to CEA through Paypal on our website at catonsvillehelp.org, and help us get the word out about our many fundraisers scheduled for 2016. So let's start by eating pizza at Peace a Pizza on Wednesday, February 3, 2016!



Remember us throughout the year!

Meet our newest board member



Edwin Hostetter recalls that while he was discussing with his philosophy students Amartya Sen's essay about the right not to be

hungry, he became convinced to spend more of his efforts helping to provide food and basic necessities to those in need.

As a result, he has worked at various nonprofits including 40 West Assistance & Referral Center, the Fuel Fund of Maryland, and now, for CEA as Catonsville United Methodist Church's representative.

Outside such ventures, Edwin and his wife enjoy cycling on the many paths throughout Maryland, meals with good friends, and reading-- especially in religion and philosophy--which he continues to teach as an adjunct at Coppin State and George Washington Universities. And the older of his two daughters has made him a grandpa!

CEA hall of fame!



Catonsville High School volunteers.
L to R: Anna Wachsmuth, Jen Davis, and Emily Sadler.



Monday volunteers
(L-R): Andre Wilson, Pat Dempsey, and Mike Hilditch.



CEA Toy Shop 2015



2015 Toy Shop (L-R)
Patti Palattella
(Volunteer
Coordinator), Gene
Cashour (CEA board),
and client.



Bert Collins, CEA board member (center),
helping clients at CEA Toy Shop.



OCCA volunteers (L-R), Evie
Fielding, Mandy Zivin, Edan
Fielding, and Carole Marcotpe.

Many thanks to the Oak Crest Community Association (OCCA)! Under the direction of Mandy Zivin, CEA received over 1,200 pounds of food in one delivery! OCCA distributed paper bags (a super big help to CEA) and notices to the community, and picked up all the food. Most of it was delivered about 10:00 in the morning, and volunteers stayed for up to three hours weighing and sorting several hundred pounds of food.