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2019 NAWC Letter From the President

Dear NAWC Friends and Neighbors,

NAWC has been helping neighbors in need since the depression in the 1930's. Yes - we have been around that long! I'm proud to report that in **2019 we helped more than 1,000 neighbors**, including seniors, children and families.

We helped to bridge the gap for many experiencing a need during a time of crisis. Our hope is to provide support, so our neighbors continue living in secure housing, with electricity, heat and food. In 2019, because of your generosity, we were able to embark on several special projects. We paid off the lunch debt due by children in need in many schools and we opened outreach closets in 2 area schools – Downes and West Park Elementary. These closets are stocked with school supplies, socks and other necessary items children may need. NAWC also donated funds to the Newark Bike Project to provide bicycles to children who would not otherwise have one to ride.

Of course, our success would not be possible without the helping hands of our **250-strong volunteer force**, donors, community partners, businesses and faith-based communities – all who make up the support programs provided by NAWC.

The following pages of our annual report will show you why it matters to help our Newark area neighbors who need some additional support services.

On a personal note, I have been volunteering with NAWC for over 15 years. My longevity with NAWC is directly related, not only to my passion for serving others, but my belief in the organization. We truly help so many folks in the Newark area who really need our assistance. It is an honor to be a part of an organization that is doing great things for members of our community. I encourage you to get involved in NAWC too!

Fondly,

Polly Sierer

President, Newark Area Welfare Committee (NAWC)

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Our Mission

Newark Area Welfare Committee (NAWC) is an all-volunteer organization and in cooperation with community partners, is committed to helping Newark-area families in crisis regain balance by providing them the necessities of life.

NAWC envisions a community where no one goes without food, shelter, heat and the other essentials of life.

We are committed to being a trusted resource that establishes and supports diverse programs to provide the services our neighbors in crisis need. To meet this challenge, we strive to extend our reach and effectiveness through new initiatives.

2020 COVID Response

In these early months of 2020, we have seen an increased need for our services as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. NAWC has established a COVID Relief Fund where donations will provide support to Newark area individuals, children and families who are disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 and the economic consequences of this outbreak. As the State of Delaware lifts restrictions, we will determine if there are additional outreach programs and locations where we can help fund services and programs.

NAWC will also update our current protocols to incorporate safe distance and personal protective equipment policies for volunteers and clients.

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2019 Accomplishments

2019 NAWC Officers

Polly Sierer
President

Joe Brady
Treasurer

Jean Hedrich
Recording Secretary

Deb Seador
Corresponding Secretary

2019 NAWC Committee Chairs

Susan Gays
Debi Thomas
Shoe Program

Lyn Henshaw
Fundraising

Debi Thomas
Emergency Assistance

Tammy Sharp
Polly Sierer
Beverly Stoudt
Holiday Food Boxes

Laura Greene
Jean Hedrich
Food Cupboard

Katie Hughes
School Care Closet

Stephen Mangat
Website



NAWC Good Neighbor Award
2019 Recipient



The Emergency Assistance Program provided more than **\$41,000** in funds.



NAWC received a **\$24,000** grant from the Newark New Century Club to help neighbors in need.



The Food Cupboard distributed approximately **\$20,000** of food to more than **275** families.



The Shoe Program purchased more than **200** pairs of shoes.

Funded **~\$33,000** toward Special Projects.



The Annual NAWC Holiday Food Box Program provided holiday meals to more than **800** people.

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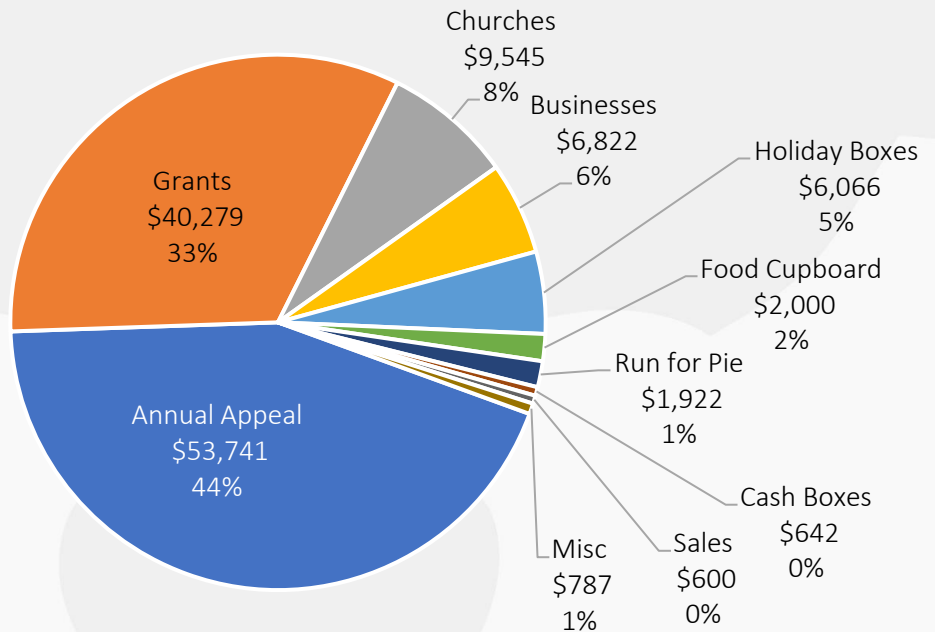
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Annual Treasurer's Report for 2019 (Unaudited)

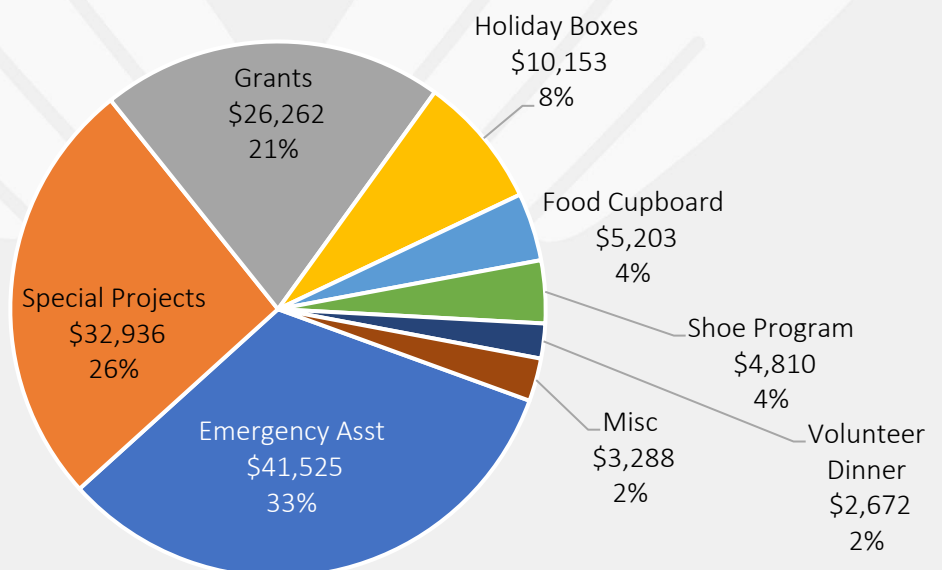
TOTAL CASH AT DECEMBER 31, 2018			\$ 95,410
RECEIPTS DURING YEAR			\$ 122,405
ANNUAL APPEAL		\$ 53,741	
<u>GRANTS</u>		\$ 40,279	
CITY OF NEWARK	\$ 7,179		
NEW CENTURY CLUB, 2019	\$ 24,000		
FLOWER MARKET	\$ 2,000		
NEWARK CHARITABLE & SOCIAL	\$ 3,600		
CHRISTMAS SHOP	\$ 3,500		
CHURCHES		\$ 9,545	
BUSINESSES		\$ 6,822	
DONATIONS FOR HOLIDAY BOXES		\$ 6,066	
DONATIONS FOR FOOD CUPBOARD		\$ 2,000	
RUN FOR PIE		\$ 1,922	
CASH BOXES		\$ 642	
SALE OF COOKBOOKS AND BEANS		\$ 600	
MISC. RECEIPTS		\$ 787	
EXPENDITURES DURING YEAR			\$ 126,849
CASH EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE		\$ 41,525	
SPECIAL PROJECTS		\$ 32,936	
2018, 2019 NEW CENTURY CLUB GRANTS		\$ 26,262	
FOOD FOR HOLIDAY FOOD BOXES		\$ 10,153	
FOOD FOR FOOD CUPBOARD		\$ 5,203	
SHOE PROGRAM		\$ 4,810	
VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DINNER		\$ 2,672	
POSTAGE & PRINTING		\$ 1,703	
MISC. ADMINISTRATIVE		\$ 1,585	
TOTAL CASH AT DECEMBER 31, 2019			\$ 90,966

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2019 Revenue



2019 Expenditures



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NAWC Working Programs

Emergency Assistance Program

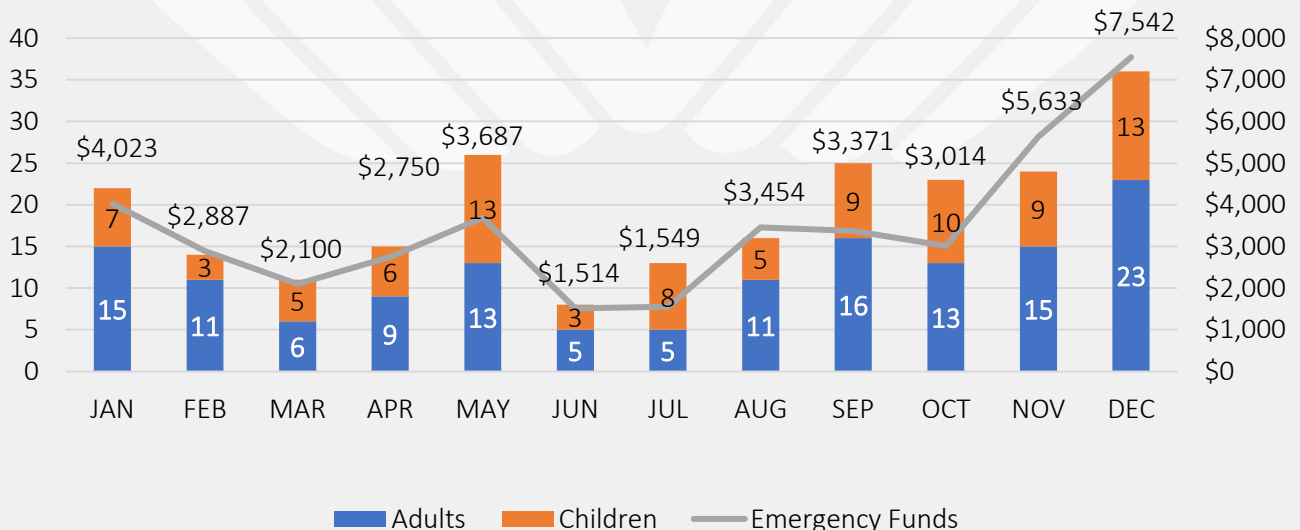
NAWC provides financial assistance to families or individuals in the Newark area who need immediate support. Most referrals for this program are provided by our friends at the Hudson State Service Center.

Our financial support provides neighbors in need with shelter and other critical needs, including utilities, rent, mortgage payment, prescription medicines, bedding and bus tickets.

In FY2019, the Emergency Assistance Program:

- Served **98** Families, comprising:
 - 91 Children
 - 142 Adults
 - **\$41,525** in Emergency Cash Funding
- A \$24,000 New Century Club Grant provided additional Emergency Relief:
 - Acme vouchers for food for residence of Main Towers and Alder Creek
 - Christina School District school lunch program

2019 Emergency Assistance Program



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NAWC Working Programs

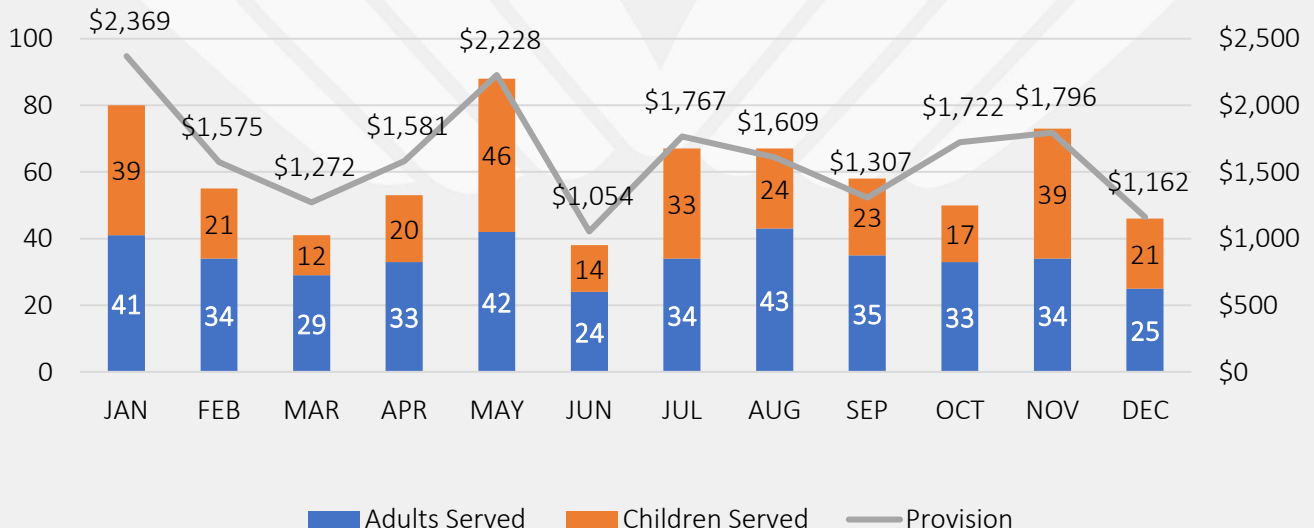
The Food Cupboard

NAWC maintains a well-stocked food cupboard, located at the Newark United Methodist Church, providing people in need with meals for a week.

In FY2019, the Food Cupboard:

- Served **276 Families**, comprising:
 - 309 Children
 - 407 Adults
- The value of food distributed was **\$19,442** of which \$5,203 of food was purchased. The remainder were donations to the food cupboard.
- Demonstrated a strong volunteer force – more than 20 people served families in need each month.
- Designated as a Delaware Healthy Pantry Partner.
- Coordinated with the Food Bank Mobile Pantry twice annual events.

2019 Food Cupboard Program



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NAWC Working Programs

Holiday Food Box Program

Every December, NAWC assembles and distributes food boxes for local families in need. This year's program distributed **more than 14 tons of food**. Each box contained staples including bread, fresh fruits & vegetables, pasta, frozen meats and canned goods. Also included were winter clothing accessories as a part of a 2019 NAWC Special Program.

The 2019 Holiday Food Box Program provided holiday cheer to our neighbors in need:

- **292 families** for a total of 815 people
 - 283 children
 - 532 adults
- **116 home bound residents** at Main Towers and Newark Senior Center (NSC) Meals on Wheels recipients.
- **400 "To Go" bags** were provided to the Newark Empowerment Center for distribution to our homeless neighbors.
- 18 schools, churches and local organizations collected food and provided monetary donations. Several Newark businesses donated services, products, money and employee time to support the program.



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NAWC Working Programs

Holiday Food Box Program Partners

Schools

Bear Early Education Center
Brennan School
Christina Networks School
The College School
Downes Elementary School
Gallaher Elementary School

Hodgson Vo-Tech High School
Newark Center for Creative Learning
Newark Charter Schools
Shue-Medill Middle School
St. George's Technical High School

Religious Organizations

First Presbyterian Church of Newark
Head of Christiana Presbyterian
New Castle Presbyterian
Newark Methodist Preschool
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Businesses

Bank of New York Mellon Trust
Business Move Solutions, Inc.
KG Lilly Fastener Company, Inc
Milburn Orchards
Newark Toyota World

Office Movers
Pro Foods
Season's Pizza
Walmart

Community Organizations

Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder
Boy Scout Troop 56
Newark Municipal Building staff
Newark Senior Center Tuesday Study Group

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NAWC Working Programs

Shoe Program

NAWC's Shoe Program purchases new shoes for children and adults in need.

In FY2019, the Shoe Program:

- Purchased **223 pairs of shoes** for
 - 81 children
 - 142 Adults
 - Valued at **\$5,000**
- Program partially funded by a **\$2,000 grant** from the Wilmington Flower Market.
- Due to the closure of Kmart and Payless Shoes a pilot program was implemented in the fall of 2019.
 - Shoe requirements (type, size, etc.) were collected weekly from the Newark Empowerment Center.
 - A committee member purchased the shoes from Amazon.
 - Shoes were delivered to the Empowerment Center for distribution.
- In 2020, the pilot program will expand to the Christina School District (CSD).
 - CSD School nurses will work in conjunction with the Shoe Committee to identify and provide shoes to children in the school district.

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2019 Special Projects

The generosity of our donors made it possible for us to fund ~\$33,000 toward Special Projects in 2019.

Newark Bike Project	\$8,000	Donates bicycles and safety accessories (helmets, locks, etc.) to Newark residents in need. FYI - \$200 funds a refurbished bicycle, with helmet, lights, and lock.
Support for Needy Families	\$7,398	Provided ACME food cards and funded Christmas for needy families.
Newark Senior Center Meals on Wheels	\$5,000	Provides meals to senior citizens, allowing them to “age in place” rather than moving to assisted living facilities. Our donation helped deliver 43,000 meals in 2019.
Holiday Boxes	\$4,455	Supplemented the Holiday Food Boxes with winter clothing items.
Support for Christina School District (CSD)	\$3,230	Helped buy school supplies, fund the Downes Elementary School after-school program and set up “care closets” at Downes and West Park Elementary Schools.
Police Athletic League (PAL) Building Fund	\$2,000	The Newark FOP #4 PAL chapter is helping to foster a relationship with the community and reduce juvenile crime. The group’s long-term goal is to build a PAL community center.
Newark Empowerment Center Support	\$1,494	Aids people who are homeless, living in transitional housing, or are otherwise in transition. Provided DART bus tickets and nutritious “to-go” lunches.
Exceptional Care for Children Program	\$1,360	Delaware’s only pediatric skilled nursing facility provides transitional, long term and palliative care to medically fragile and technology dependent children. Donated to the Program’s ‘wish list’ of items needed by the children served.