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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**

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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 Emergency Relief Fund, 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 2019. You may designate your donation for a specific program or allow GVCS to use it where it is most needed. Thank you!

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Food for 1637  
household  
visits

Emergency  
financial help  
for 38 families

About 1370 bags  
of low cost  
clothing were  
sold

### Thank you for supporting Glade Valley Community Services in 2018

Back to School  
Supplies for 85  
families

Holiday clothing  
and toys for 82  
families

Some funding  
for summer  
lunch program

Thank you to all the individuals, churches, schools, businesses, and organizations who have so generously donated resources, time and energy to GVCS. The Town of Walkersville donates space for the Food Bank, the Community Room for the Holiday Toy Shoppe and office space at Heritage Farm Park. St. Paul's Lutheran Church donates space for the Community Thrift Shop. Your donations have helped families and individuals in our community who are facing emergency situations. This is a very giving and caring community. GVCS and the families we serve thank you for your generous support. Together we make a difference in the lives of many individuals and families who are our community neighbors. This is truly a community where "Neighbors Help Neighbors".

## 2019 Glade Valley Community Services Board of Directors

Glade Valley Community Services is a nonprofit umbrella organization, run entirely by volunteers and donations, which operates the programs mentioned in this newsletter to help those who are struggling financially. The wheels of the organization are the volunteer members of the Board of Directors, who spend countless hours coordinating, managing, and operating each of the programs. They are dedicated, energetic, selfless, creative people who care deeply for the community. A heartfelt **THANK YOU** for a job well done.

### 2019 Board of Directors

|                |                                               |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Donald Boos    | President, Back-to-School, Holiday Toy Shoppe |
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| Ann Wadding    | Emergency Relief Fund, Holiday Toy Shoppe     |
| Kathy Fenimore | Newsletter                                    |

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### "Snallygaster" Ship was fundraiser for GVCS this winter



The **Snallygaster** is a Viking-themed sailboat that could be seen floating on Carroll Creek in downtown Frederick this winter as part of the "Sailing Through the Winter Solstice" fundraiser by the Color on the Creek charity organization. The **Snallygaster** was one of 10 lighted sailboats in the water display (and 1 or 2 on land) from Thanksgiving through February 9. They are a beautiful sight at night. Its proceeds benefited **GVCS** programs. The **Snallygaster** is sponsored, built and funded by Ed and Vicki Poole and Thom and Teresa Beckley.

Mark your calendar for next winter to see the **Snallygaster** on Carroll Creek! Thanks to all the donors who voted for the **Snallygaster** this year.

There is a large green sea serpent aboard the **Snallygaster**. The name, "Snallygaster", according to American folklore, was storied to have been a large "dragon-like beast that inhabited Central Maryland and particularly Frederick County." (Wikipedia)

## Emergency Relief Fund

### 2018 Year End Report: January 1 – December 31, 2018

The ERF Coordinators fielded over 170 calls for assistance throughout 2018. Though many calls were for information about using our programs or from outside of the Walkersville feeder area or follow up/continued support/referral, 58 families met the criteria for ERF assistance. Many of these eligible families received enough assistance from other agencies or sources that the ERF help was not needed. The Emergency Relief Fund dispersed \$7498.48 in assistance for 2018. In total, 38 families (comprised of 59 adults and 61 children) received financial assistance in the following areas:

Utilities	\$2990.17	(16 families)
Rent	\$2327.00	(9 families)
Rx/Medical	\$612.34	(3 families)
Homelessness	\$167.58	(1 family)
Other Needs as deemed necessary	\$1401.39	(9 families)

The GVCS Emergency Relief Fund helps bridge the gap in necessary financial commitments (utilities, rent, Rx, etc.) for folks with demonstrated need. In order to receive assistance from ERF, individuals must reside in the Walkersville /Woodsboro feeder school district and not have received assistance from the ERF in the last 18 months. Each caller's request for assistance is determined by the intake Coordinators on a case by case basis.

The ERF Coordinators work closely with the other county agencies who provide financial assistance. Each caller requesting monies for a specific need is required to contact and follow through with other local agencies before receiving a pledge from the Emergency Relief Fund. Families are also required to pay an agreed upon portion of the bill themselves and have pledges totaling the entirety of the bill before the ERF releases the funding to the vendor toward the family's account.

Even if the ERF cannot help financially, the callers always talk with someone with a compassionate ear and receive as much information as the Coordinators can provide. The ERF Coordinators, volunteer social workers, spend much time working with each client. The ERF may be able to provide some financial help to furloughed/unpaid government employees or contract workers - just call to find out. To donate to the ERF, make checks payable to GVCS and write ERF in memo line. The Food Bank is also available to help with food during this uncertain time.

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### Scholarship Offered for Trade School / Vocational / 2 Year Programs

The Peg and Orley Bourland Educational Assistance Fund is awarded annually through the Community Foundation of Frederick and Glade Valley Community Services. Its purpose is to provide need-based funds for post-secondary education in trade or technical fields (such as Cosmetology, HVAC, Culinary, Mechanical, Computer, Construction, etc.) to help with expenses such as trade tools, tuition, testing, tutoring, supplies, etc. To be eligible, applicants must live in the Walkersville / Woodsboro feeder school district, provide a description of financial need, career goals, how the money will be used, and be enrolled in an accredited, post-secondary education program. Applicants do not need to be a graduate of Walkersville High School. *Preference is given to applicants who are entering a trade field (not 4 year degrees).* The award will either be one \$1000 or two \$500 scholarships paid to the program. Previous recipients and adults are encouraged to apply as well as high school seniors. Applications are due in The Community Foundation's office by Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> by 4:00pm (not post-marked but *received*). Applications will be available for pick up at the following locations: Walkersville High School Career Center; Career and Technology Center (CTC); Glade Valley Food Bank; Walkersville Public Library; Walkersville Town Hall; Woodsboro Town Hall; FCC Career Office; and The Community Foundation of Frederick. The application can also be downloaded from the GVCS website at [www.GladeValley.org](http://www.GladeValley.org), click "About GVCS", and [www.FrederickCountyGives.org](http://www.FrederickCountyGives.org). For more information, call the GVCS office at 301-845-0213.

## Glade Valley Food Bank needs volunteers to work behind the scenes

The Food Bank encourages furloughed/unpaid government employees or contract workers to come in for food to help them through this uncertain time. Location and hours are at the end of this article. GVCS Emergency Relief Fund may be able to provide some financial help also.

The Food Bank saw an increase in the number of families served in 2018. There were 1637 family visits to the Food Bank; each visit provides 7 to 10 days of food. Approximately 95,700 pounds (about 48 tons!) of donated food including bread and bakery items, produce, turkeys, dairy, eggs and miscellaneous items were distributed. In addition, thousands of pounds of food provided by the government through the Maryland Food Bank were distributed. All that food was handled/moved by our volunteers at least 6 times from its delivery to the Food Bank to pick up by the clients. **Yes, they need more volunteers to help for several hours at various times Monday to Friday during the day. Several volunteers with pickup trucks are also needed to pick up donations from grocery stores during the week.**

The community has been generous with food donations this year. The Boy Scouts, leaders and parents collected and sorted about 7,000 pounds of food in early November during the Scouting for Food Drive. Their hard work that day and the generosity of the community are greatly appreciated. Many other groups including schools, churches and civic groups collect food throughout the year which helps maintain a steady inventory and is always much appreciated. Funds donated to the Food Bank are used to purchase perishable food such as eggs and turkeys, and other items needed to supplement our inventory when supplies run low, so that the clients always get a full, well balanced order of food.

**Donations** are always much appreciated. Many churches, schools and other organizations have collection boxes for Food Bank items. If yours does not, why not start one? If your organization is planning an event this year, 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. **Food Drive sponsors** are needed throughout the year. Think small (collect from a small group or class you are part of), or think big (collect from your neighborhood, business, church or school). **Search online for "food drive ideas" for fun themes, posters, collection boxes, slogans, etc.**

Volunteer co-managers Donna Swanson and Brenda Haines list the following items as **most needed**:

**Cereal**

**Hamburger/Chicken Helper**

**Baked Beans**

**Boxed Potatoes (mashed, scalloped)**

**Canned Peas**

**Spaghetti**

**Spaghetti Sauce**



All non-perishable food items are appreciated. Clean plastic grocery bags are always needed. Please check the "Use by Date" on items you are taking out of your cupboards; the Food Bank cannot use items with a "use by date" earlier than 2019. At this time, the Food Bank does not need green beans or corn due to generous donations of these items.

**Volunteers** are always welcome. **Donations of food** can be left in the new outdoor blue and gold donation box located toward the rear of the building at the Food Bank, lower level of Town Hall, 21 West Frederick St, in Walkersville. The Food Bank is open 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: [gvfb21w@gmail.com](mailto:gvfb21w@gmail.com)



## Community Thrift Shop is over 20 years old

*Thank you to all who contributed to this article*



The Community Thrift Shop was started over 20 years ago, about 1997. Kristen Spear, then coordinator for the Community Agency for School Services (CASS), saw a need for a thrift shop in the area. With the help of Pastor Tim Hampton, she started to collect and distribute clothes from a closet in her office in the Faith Community Mennonite Church on West Frederick St (the old Walkersville Town Hall and currently the Life and Liberty Baptist Church).

Hannah Gaffigan of Woodsboro was recruited to help as the shop grew. When the shop was open, volunteers would move the clothes from the closet to the main room, and back to the closet when it closed. A lot of work!

Hannah talked with the Walkersville ministers, who agreed that the churches could help staff the Thrift Shop. A different church volunteered to run the shop each month. This model is still followed, but some churches have dropped out, and they are looking for volunteers to fill in the gaps.

Pastor Mark Foucart and St. Paul's Lutheran Church offered the basement of their Parish Hall in the summer of 2004. Belinda Burriss was the coordinator then. Everyone was excited with the larger space that offered a permanent home for the clothes, no need to pack things up when the shop closed.

Around 2006 or 2007, when Kathy and Barry Malonis were coordinators, Tim Dinterman built the 3 green drop boxes for clothing donations. 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.



In addition to those already mentioned, some of the folks who also helped in earlier years were Sandra Coakley, Peg Bourland, Betty Hooper, Gloria Werking and the many volunteers from area churches.



*Thrift Shop is located in basement of St. Paul's Parish Hall, 19 W Pennsylvania Ave, Walkersville. Entrance is from the rear parking lot.*

MaryAnne Schouw and Mel Palmer became the coordinators in 2014. In 2018, generous donations of gently used clothing to the Community Thrift Shop provided enough clothing for those in need to purchase about 1370 bags of clothing at minimal cost and 290 coats, and the racks are still full. Volunteers sort all the clothing during the week and staff the shop during Saturday hours when the shop is open 10am to 2pm.

Whether you can volunteer for one Saturday, every Saturday for a month, or on a regular monthly schedule (every first Saturday, etc.) you will make a difference. Teens who need community service hours are welcome. Groups are welcome to sponsor a month. To volunteer, contact MaryAnne at [maryanne.schouw@gmail.com](mailto:maryanne.schouw@gmail.com).



## Volunteers Deliver Christmas Cheer at Holiday Toy Shoppe



The GVCS Toy Shoppe Chairs and committee would like to thank the wonderful Walkersville/Woodsboro (and beyond) community for another very successful Holiday Toy Shoppe! The holiday spirit was alive at Walkersville Town Hall during the Holiday Toy Shoppe in December. This year, 82 families with 171 children 10 years and younger, received gifts which consisted of clothing, socks, underwear, coats, hats, gloves, toys, and books, along with homemade stockings, made by Phyllis Dayhoff, filled with age appropriate toys. 30 middle schoolers and 59 teens received coats, books and gift cards. We also provided the gift wrap, tape, and batteries for the families to wrap their gifts.

Thanks to our great donors who collected coats, we were once again able to offer every family member a gently used coat.

The Toy Shoppe was chaired by Ann Wadding and Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis. Over 25 volunteers worked for months on the Toy Shoppe. Many hours of work and our generous donors brought smiles to the children of our community who would otherwise not have presents under their tree. Parents at the Toy Shoppe were very appreciative and grateful, some with tears in their eyes.

Next year's signups will be throughout the month of October (details will follow later this year), and the distribution date for 2019 is December 4<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed for next year, planning starts in early fall; call Ann at 301-845-0213.

### A letter from one of the families:

To Glade Valley Community Services,  
I want to thank you so very much for such a wonderful Christmas program. We just moved to the area, and I was blown away by the awesome welcome we received when applying for the program to the fun pickup day. Everyone was so nice and helpful. My children will love the gifts, and I loved the new socks and underwear they got. You thought of every detail from coats, books, gift wrap, tape to the batteries! This all came at a very needed time for our family so thank you all. You are a true blessing. May God bless each of you.



### Volunteers at the Toy Shoppe:

L to R: Vicki Poole, Silvina Etchegoyen, Sheri Jacobs, Ann Wadding, Mel Palmer, Mitzi Smith, Darlene Grimes, Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis, Erin McMurtry, Tina Miller, Pat Douglas, Cara Boledovic, Jenny Heller, Sara Simmons and Kathy Briske. Not pictured Don Boos, Tommy Ritondo



## Thank you

**Thank you** to every volunteer and donor who help us meet some of the needs of our neighbors who are experiencing difficulty providing for their families. 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, we are neighbors helping neighbors and are making a difference in our community. Many thanks to all for your service and generosity to our community.

- ❖ **Special thanks** to all the volunteers and donors who made the Holiday Toy Shoppe a success. The list of organizations and businesses who donated is on page 9 of this newsletter and is also posted on our website [www.gladevalley.org](http://www.gladevalley.org). Many generous members and employees of these organizations and businesses donated clothes, toys and gift cards.
- ❖ **Special thanks** to the GVCS Board members and program managers and coordinators who work year round on helping neighbors in our community who are facing difficult times.
- ❖ **Many thanks** to the Pooles and Beckleys for their hard work on the **Snallygaster** and for designating GVCS as the charity to benefit from the money raised.
- ❖ **Thank you** Walkersville Library for the use of the display cases in November to display information about Glade Valley Community Services.
- ❖ **Thank you to the Walkersville Senior Citizens** for preparing the newsletter for mailing. We appreciate their support of GVCS. The Walkersville Senior Citizens meet each Tuesday and Thursday in the Walkersville Town Hall community room for a program and lunch at 11 am. New members are welcome! An elevator is available. Linda Spears coordinates this service project.

## What You Can Do To Make a Difference

**Volunteer:** Phone 301-845-0213 and leave a message.

Especially needed are Thrift Shop volunteers.

Other volunteer opportunities include food pickup and stocking inventory at the Food Bank, organize/sponsor a food drive for the Food Bank, Back to School distribution program, Holiday Toy Shoppe and the summer lunch program.

**Donate:** Nonperishable food items, clean plastic grocery bags, and clean egg cartons to the Food Bank.

Gently used clean clothing (especially children's), books and plastic hangers to the Community Thrift Shop.

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

You may designate your donation for a specific program or allow GVCS to use it where it is most needed.

**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
- ❖ Local businesses who contributed to the holiday Toy Shoppe. A list is on page 9 and also on the GVCS website.
- ❖ 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.

Life's most persistent and urgent question is,  
"What are you doing for others?"

*Martin Luther King, Jr.*



#### 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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GVCS Offices / Emergency Relief Fund

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*Look up at the stars, not down at your feet.*

*--Stephen Hawking*



*The GVCS Toy Shoppe Committee would like to thank you for your generous support in making many spirits  
brighter for those in need this Holiday Season!*

- A Bloom
- Alverdi's Italian Restaurant
- All About Men
- American Legion Auxiliary
- Aristocrat Beauty Shop
- Brownies Garage
- Calvary Assembly of God
- Chapel Lutheran Church
- Children's Center Daycare
- David's Salon
- Dr Amy Killeen and staff
- Employees of Leidos Biomedical Research-Frederick
- Excellent Clips
- Firehouse Subs
- Fogle Electric
- Frederick County Bank
- Frederick County Young Farmers
- Fredericktown Baptist Church
- Fusion Fitness and Health
- Galaxy Controls
- Gary W Smith CPA
- Glade Elementary School PTA and Staff
- Glade United Church of Christ
- Glade Valley Church of the Brethren
- Glade Valley Cub & Boy Scout Troop 1070
- Glade Valley Lions Club
- Gladhill Plumbing
- Holly Hills Book club
- Italia's Pizza
- Johnsville 4H
- Johnsville United Methodist Church
- Ken's Home Improvement and Repair
- Learning Bee Daycare
- Matan Co.
- Mount Pleasant Ruritan
- Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church
- Mount Zion United Methodist Church
- NZ Cramer Hardware
- Panera Bread
- Peace in Christ Lutheran Church
- Pizza Hut
- Salon Allure
- Shepherds Staff
- St John's United Church of Christ
- St Paul's Lutheran Church
- St Timothy's Roman Catholic Church and Youth group
- Vinyl Crafters
- Walkersville Community Church
- Walkersville Elementary PTA & Staff
- Walkersville Middle School Staff
- Walkersville High School Clubs
- Walkersville Mom's Club
- Walkersville Pharmacy
- Walkersville Public Library Staff
- Walkersville Town Hall
- Walkersville United Methodist Church
- Walkersville United Methodist Preschool
- Walkersville Vet Clinic
- Wegmans
- Woodsboro Evangelical Lutheran Church
- Woodsboro/New Midway Elementary Staff
- Private donors