



## Annual Summary 2013

*The mission of T&E Care is to maintain a network of people providing financial and other material assistance to persons in need in and around the Tredyffrin and Easttown township area.*

Once again the generosity of our community made it possible for T&E Care to remain focused on giving assistance to families living in or around Tredyffrin and Easttown Townships who were struggling with difficult or emergency situations. In 2013, almost 650 community members, businesses or groups made donations of one type or another to T&E Care, with hundreds of people volunteering for our various drives and programs. This community support in the form of financial donations, time and talents made a difference in the lives of over 200 local families in need.

Almost 300 general support payments were made in 2013, totaling almost \$155,000 in monetary assistance to local families. The biggest areas of financial assistance included housing, utilities, education and transportation. Additional assistance was provided to pay for medical bills, food, job-related fees (application fees, etc.), baby and child supplies, and emergency support (such as medical emergencies). T&E Care also provided around \$4000 in general gift card support throughout the year (not counting the cards from the school supply and holiday drives detailed below). Additional help was provided for budgeting advice, legal advice, college mentoring, resume review and job placement. Some families received furniture, household items, clothes, baby items, food and even cars.

### **Program assistance to families**

In order to respond to the individual needs of families in 2013, T&E Care offered a number of programs for families in the community. Some of these programs follow a school-year calendar so they span more than one calendar year.

- **Home and Hearth:** T&E Care gave approximately \$42,000 of housing assistance to over 40 families. Most of this assistance was for rent or mortgage payments, but some was for home repairs and furnishings. Utilities payments of approximately \$19,000 covered over 60 bills such as oil, PECO, water, Verizon, Comcast, etc. In addition approximately \$9000 of assistance in food, clothing, and household goods was distributed to families.
- **Transportation Assistance Program:** Over \$18,500 in bills were paid for car repairs, inspections, car tag transfers, and insurance. In addition, three cars were donated in 2013, which we transferred to local families. Access to transportation is one of the most significant ways that we are able to positively impact families.
- **College Assistance Program:** In 2013 T&E Care made payments to support 28 students in the CAP program, totaling approximately \$31,000. Payments covered college related expenses including SAT fees, tuition, room & board, textbooks, admission and other required college fees. T&E Care also awarded \$500 book scholarships to two college-bound Conestoga High School seniors. High school juniors and seniors who meet eligibility criteria can apply for CAP assistance. Students can continue to receive this support throughout their college years, as long as their grades and activities reflect their efforts to be successful. Volunteer mentors work with many students in our desire to provide more than just financial support.
- **Computers For Kids Program:** We provided over 50 computers or related equipment to students in 2013. Sixteen college-bound students received new laptops, and approximately 35 refurbished computers and/or printers were distributed within the community. Over \$9500 was spent on computers or computer-related supplies, \$6000 of which was covered by a grant from FLITE, the local education foundation. (The grant covered the 2012/2013 school year.)

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- Meal Assistance Program: Ten to fifteen students were supported during the 2012/2013 school year as a result of this program (the number can vary monthly). Students are eligible if their parents make just over the federal guidelines for free/reduced lunch assistance. Each student received \$30-\$40 per month in his/her lunch account, totaling approximately \$3400 in assistance for calendar year 2013.
- Summer Camp Program: Fifty-eight youngsters were provided with a week or two of summer camp in 2013, and volunteers provided transportation for 5 of them. T&E Care spent almost \$7000 covering camp tuition fees, and many area camps also donated over 20 scholarships to help us reach even more children.
- School Supply Drive: Assistance was given in August 2013 to over 200 students (from about 100 families). Book bags and supplies (with a value of approximately \$13,000) and \$7000 in gift cards (for clothing or food) were distributed to these students. Community members or local businesses donated almost all of the items requested for this drive directly or through cash donations. Most of the book bags and flash drives were purchased with a \$3500 grant from FLITE.
- Holiday Drive: Over 80 families were given approximately \$38,000 in assistance, including \$22,000 of gifts, food, cleaning supplies, and toiletries, as well as over \$16,000 in gift cards. Community members and local businesses donated almost all of the items requested for this drive, directly or with cash donations.
- Special dinners: Nine local families received food for the Thanksgiving holiday dinner, and 10 more families were offered similar assistance for Christmas meals. Food and other assistance were provided by many local community members, The Kitchen Workshop, and students in the Amana Foundation. No T&E Care funds were required for this program.
- Kids Clothing Grab Bag: After collecting donations of children's clothing from all over the community, we sorted the items and displayed them for people to come and "fill a bag" at our second annual "Grab Bag". Donations of \$5/bag were requested. Many families supported by T&E Care were offered bags of clothes at no charge. Approximately \$2500 was raised through this event, but even more importantly it was a great way to help families needing clothing. This was also a wonderful opportunity for anyone in the community (individuals, scout groups, school clubs, and families we support) to volunteer to help out. Hundreds of volunteers participated in one way or the other.

### **Administrative expenses**

Administrative expenses for 2013 totaled approximately \$3600, or 1.7% of our total expenses. These costs included expenses such as insurance, our post-office box, state filing fees, Pay Pal fees, and a local business association membership. T&E Care continues to have no paid employees and no office expenses. Most of the supplies, including printing and postage costs, are donated. There is no official office, so there are no rent or utility fees associated with the organization. Donations truly do go directly to the families T&E Care supports.

### **Fund Raising Efforts**

All the assistance given requires financial resources. In total, T&E Care raised over \$200,000 (not including gift cards and non-cash donations) to fund T&E Care programs and provide assistance in 2013. Our biggest source of financial support comes from members of our community who make cash donations throughout the year. In 2013 we received over \$56,000 in general donations, including 2 donations of stock.

The 6<sup>th</sup> annual Fall Fest was again our main fundraiser, raising over \$81,000, net of expenses, in 2013. (This far exceeded our expectations, with individual and business sponsorship at an all-time high!) As in the past, a few community members or groups also held fundraisers on behalf of T&E Care. For example, in 2013 there was a 5-K event and a student "Fun Run" with proceeds going to T&E Care, donations in lieu of gifts at a few parties, a shopping day at a local store, car wash discount coupons with proceeds for T&E Care, and a number of sports teams and school groups that ran special events for T&E Care (bringing in both cash donations and donations of items).

We had successful grant applications to a number of local foundations including the Connelly Foundation, CCRES, The Grace S. and W. Linton Nelson Foundation, the WW Smith Charitable Trust, PNC Foundation, the Kistler-Tiffany Foundation, and FLITE, totaling approximately \$48,000 in support. The TD Bank Affinity Program provided over \$10,000 in funding for our College Assistance Program (CAP). The support of many local churches, businesses, school groups, and PTOs was also important in funding the 2013 programs.

Additionally, gift card donations totaled over \$15,000 in 2013, coming from many individuals and groups, plus local businesses and foundations such as MoJo Fitness, Shire Pharmaceuticals, Wegmans, Johnson Matthey Inc., and the ReMax Main Line Charitable Foundation. These gift cards were used in conjunction with our school supply and our holiday drives, and for general assistance throughout the year.

### **Other types of donations**

T&E Care also received in-kind support from a number of local businesses in 2013, such as the annual financial statement review, discounted car repairs for local families, free tuition from a number of area camps, and food for the holiday dinners. Many area businesses and individuals donated prizes for the Fall Fest auction, or donated desserts for the event, the printing for the programs, or the photography for the event. The band even played at the Fall Fest at no cost. Local Girl Scout troops and sports teams donated time and goods for various efforts. One Girl Scout troop baked over 800 cookies for local families at the holidays, and various local high school teams sorted dozens of big bags of clothes for our clothing drive or helped at the event itself. The local high school crew team helped with a number of furniture moves and other high school students helped with the sorting of items at our school supply drive. Two retired IT gentlemen continue to do most of the computer refurbishing and new computer set-ups at no charge. A number of businesses donated food on our special sorting days for our hundreds of Grab Bag and School Supply Drive volunteers. Finally, many community members donated computers, furniture, clothing, baby supplies, and other items to help families when the need was announced. As stated earlier – three families even donated cars.

### **In 2014 and beyond**

T&E Care prides itself in its continuing ability to react quickly when family emergencies arise. Current programs are being updated for 2014 and beyond. Our job assistance will be refined and student budgeting is being developed for 2014. T&E Care will continue to mentor students in their college planning process as needed, including assistance with FAFSA preparation and college applications. The organization will continue to update its website with new information for both the donors (information about upcoming events and various needs) and those in need (information about local jobs, helpful links to local resources, available furniture, etc.), and to expand its presence on Facebook to help spread the word to an even broader group. We continue to be neighbors helping neighbors. As always, T&E Care thanks all those who contribute time, money, and goods to help out our neighbors in need.

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## Amount of Assistance

Below is a summary of the biggest areas of assistance offered to local families over the past 2 years.

Total assistance, including gift cards and value of "stuff".

	2012	2013
<b>TOTAL CASH ASSISTANCE</b>	\$122,000 (about 240 payments)	\$155,000 (about 300 payments)
<b>HOME &amp; HEARTH 34%</b>	\$37,000 in housing; \$14,000 in utilities	\$42,000 in housing, \$19,000 in utilities, \$9000 in other food, clothing, and other support
<b>TRANSPORTATION 9%</b>	\$13,000 (plus 9 car transfers)	Over \$18,500 (plus 3 car transfers)
<b>COLLEGE AND COMPUTERS 20%</b>	\$30,000 college related bills for 19 students, including 2 book scholarships for \$500 each; \$6000 for 7 new laptops and 30 other refurbished computers	Over \$32,000 college related bills for 28 students, including 2 book scholarships for \$500 each; \$9000 for 16 new laptops and 35 other refurbished computers
<b>LUNCH ASSISTANCE 2%</b>	\$2300 for 10 students (\$30/mo) for 2011/2012 school year	\$3400 for 10-15 students (\$30-\$40/mo) for the 2012/2012 school year
<b>SUMMER CAMPS 3%</b>	Over \$6000 + 20 camp scholarships for 50 students	Almost \$7000 + 20 camp scholarships for 58 kids
<b>SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE 10%</b>	180 students from 100 families got supplies including \$6600 in gift cards	Over 200 students from over 100 families got \$13,000 worth of supplies and over \$7100 in gift cards
<b>HOLIDAY DRIVE 18%</b>	Over 70 families received gifts, including over \$15,000 in gift cards	82 families received \$22,000 in gifts, food, and other items, and over \$16,100 in gift cards
<b>OTHER 4%</b>	Includes medical assistance, general education, childcare, and other assorted requests – totaling around \$3200.	Includes medical assistance, general education, childcare, and other assorted requests – totaling around \$8000.

**AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE 2013 - Biggest Categories**

