



Emergency Fund
Helping people today for tomorrow

Spring Snapshot

The Emergency Fund is going green. We're using less paper in order to be environmentally friendly and cost effective. Here is our one page update; to find more information, go to: www.emergencyfund.org/springsnapshot.html

Spring 2009



Steve Sherman, with wife, Pam
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Our Volunteers

Steve Sherman is a big believer in supporting his community. In both his professional and personal life, Steve makes an effort to promote positive long-term success in the local community. Steve is the COO and co-founder of GreenChoice Bank, the first "green" community bank in the Midwest that is scheduled to open later this year. The bank

will minimize waste through paperless processes, online banking, and rewards to customers for making sustainable choices. Steve's interest in helping his community doesn't stop at work; for over 13 years he has been a part of the Emergency Fund. After attending a recruiting event, Steve saw an organization that matched his desire to help build a better community; he was very attracted by the Emergency Fund's efficient use of every donated dollar and high level impact in our community.

New Donor Levels

We have updated our donor acknowledgement levels to provide more gifting options for you! Call us with questions or to discuss methods for achieving a new level of giving to meet your charitable goals. The new levels are effective retroactively to January 1, 2009.

- Up to \$249:** Circle of Friends **\$1,500-\$4,999:** Leader Circle
- \$249-\$499:** Good Will Circle **\$5,000-\$9,999:** President's Circle
- \$500-\$749:** Fund Circle **\$10,000-\$24,999:** Founder's Circle
- \$750-\$1,499:** Partner Circle **\$25,000 and up:** Stone Circle

Legacy Society










The Emergency Fund Legacy Society was created to recognize those individuals who have made a significant commitment to supporting our mission by naming the Emergency Fund as a beneficiary in their estate plans. If you have included us in your estate plans, we want to know! Call us or visit us online.

The Emergency Fund wants to be your Facebook friend! Join our online cause today and help share our mission!

www.emergencyfund.org/socialnetworking.html

2008 Statistic Snapshot

In 2008, we provided \$4.7 million to help 8,868 families, which benefited 20,373 individuals. Here is a breakdown of how our financial assistance was distributed:

-  Housing: \$3,271,468
-  Utilities: \$1,157,070
-  Home Items: \$109,863
-  Child Items: \$16,155
-  Transportation: \$59,765
-  Food: \$10,708
-  Medical Items: \$18,835
-  Other: \$23,559
-  Employment Support: \$36,257

2009 Outlook & Strategic Goals

Within the past year, the Emergency Fund has seen a 30% increase in the number of individuals and families seeking help. This number is expected to rise during 2009. For more than 35 years, your support has enabled us to provide the financial assistance so critical to helping people overcome obstacles that lead to homelessness. Our assistance is needed now more than ever, yet we remain optimistic because we know that during times of crisis, communities pull together to help one another. As Chicago's leader in preventing homelessness, it is important that the Emergency Fund be at the forefront of this effort. In preparation for this leadership role, our Board of Directors recently set new strategic goals that will position our organization for growth to meet the need in our community, and leverage our expertise in order to secure opportunities that will benefit the entire sector.