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# Rainbow News

Worcester County

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Giving Other Lives Dignity

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**MISSION:** Worcester County G.O.L.D. improves the quality of life of local citizens for whom traditional means of well-being support is not fully available. A non-profit organization staffed by volunteers, Worcester County G.O.L.D. provides financial aid to families in crisis, vulnerable children and adults and children in foster care.

## Your donations at work

Donations to Worcester County GOLD are used in many ways that donors may expect: food, utilities, rent and other essential services.

### In the past year:

- 1613 people received emergency services through the Rainbow fund for utilities, rent, medication, food, clothing, dentures, transportation, etc.
- 480 children assisted with supplies requested by Worcester County schools
- 125 turkey baskets distributed at Thanksgiving
- 930 people sponsored at Christmas with clothes, toys and food, 63 bikes distributed
- 100+ coats distributed to area children and adults
- 280 Easter baskets distributed to young children
- baby and adult supplies available in Berlin and Snow Hill for family and adult emergencies
- \$8,000 given out for food to needy families
- 295 disconnects of utilities avoided
- 195 families assisted with housing expenses
- \$200 "Principal's Fund" supplied to each of the 14 Worcester County public schools for immediate services to needy students
- 50 children in foster care were helped with gifts and extracurricular activities
- assisted Adult Protective Services to serve the needs of vulnerable seniors and the handicapped

Sometimes your generosity helps in ways you might never have imagined. For example,  
 ☞ You paid for professional hair care for an 8-year old child with extreme eczema. This condition caused itchy scalp and matted hair, but a haircut and medicated shampoo brought relief. The social worker reported that this little girl's father with whom she lives is grateful and his daughter's self esteem is much improved.

☞ You secured child care for woman who is completing her studies to become a Spanish teacher and a U.S. citizen. This mom and three children have no relatives, but they have hope of a better future.

## LOCAL GROUPS FILL A VARIETY OF NEEDS



*Ocean City Elks Club donates coats; The Worcester County Bar Association helps deliver turkeys; dozens of donated bikes; Hibernians "shower" GOLD's Baby Pantry; Girl Scouts donate "birthday bags" and cookies; Back-to school distribution; SDHS students donate Easter baskets*

## New Director is named for Worcester County G.O.L.D.



Debbie Cole was honored by the Worcester County GOLD Board of Directors at GOLD's Annual Fashion Show in April. Debbie has retired after serving 11 years as GOLD's Executive Director. Darlene Onley, left, has been selected as the new director.

### *With Sincere Appreciation*

Worcester County GOLD held an Appreciation Reception on June 18th for donors, sponsors and participating agencies at Sturgis Park. The event was well attended despite damp weather.



We wish to thank the community for showing confidence in GOLD with monetary donations that help meet emergency needs to the underserved and for lending support to our special projects that helps to normalize the lives of local children. You are appreciated!

A special recognition was given to Mr. William Cropper who has retired after serving on GOLD's Board of Directors for 10 years. Mr. Cropper is pictured with his certificate of appreciation from GOLD.



### *Colors of Spring Fashion Show*

On April 23rd, GOLD's Fifth Annual Fashion Show was held at Bayside Skillet in Ocean City with another capacity crowd! Pictured are Worcester County Commissioners Louise Gulyas and Judy Boggs who look as though they are enjoying the luncheon and the fashions by Bruder Hill in Berlin.

*Speakers Available*



To arrange for someone from GOLD to speak at a meeting of your organization, call 410-677-6830 or email: [donley@dhr.state.md.us](mailto:donley@dhr.state.md.us) or [jmyates44@yahoo.com](mailto:jmyates44@yahoo.com).

### G.O.L.D. Welcomes New Board Members

GOLD is pleased to announce the addition of two new members to its Board of Directors. Mrs. Sudie Gatling is a retired schoolteacher from Pocomoke City. She and her husband are very active in the Sturgis One Room School house museum there.

Mr. Fred Grant is from Snow Hill. He is employed by the Worcester County Department of Education as director of Student Services.



### Upcoming Special Projects

GOLD is in the midst of our School Supplies for Students program, matching 400-500 needy area children with sponsors.

In October we will begin our Helping Hands for the Holidays project serving 1000+ individuals. If you are interested in learning more about GOLD's outreach programs, please call us at 410-677-6830.



**GOLD met the stringent criteria necessary to receive the Standards for Excellence designation. This award from the Maryland Association of**



**of Nonprofits is an assurance to donors of GOLD's honesty, integrity, fairness, respect, trust, responsibility, and accountability to our community.**



