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**Due to low overhead costs, 92% of every dollar received goes directly to provide emergency assistance and items to meet basic needs.**



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Since 1997 Worcester County GOLD, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, continues to promote dignity by providing financial aid and items to meet basic needs for families in crisis, vulnerable adults, those who are homeless, and children in foster care.

# THE GOLD STANDARD

[www.WorcesterCountyGOLD.org](http://www.WorcesterCountyGOLD.org)

Annual Report 2018

**During 2018, Worcester County GOLD (Giving Other Lives Dignity) provided vital emergency assistance and special programs to meet basic needs for 919 families, including 1,292 adults and 1,468 children, for a total of 2,760 individuals served.**

### A Note of Sincere Appreciation to Our Supporters

As many of you know, Worcester County GOLD has only one full-time and one part-time employee. We depend heavily on the generous support of caring individuals, volunteers, businesses, and foundations for donations, grants, and assistance with special events. As noted above, nearly 2,800 individuals received crisis assistance to meet their basic needs in 2018, and this would not have been possible without the strong, generous support of our community.

Please know that we are truly grateful. Thank you!

### Your Support Enhanced the Quality of Life of Our Neighbors in Times of Need With your Help, Worcester County GOLD...

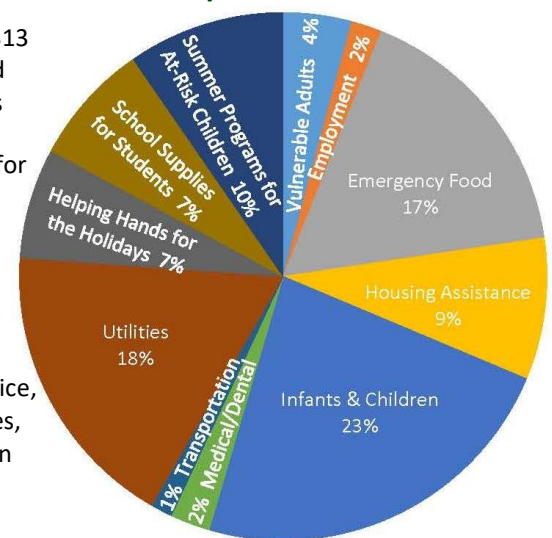
Assisted 161 single-mother families (313 children) during crisis situations and provided items to meet basic needs

Provided emergency food assistance for 174 families, including 224 adults and 250 children

Assisted 148 seniors and vulnerable adults with disabilities

Prevented disconnection of utility service, or reconnected service, for 71 families, including 104 adults and 120 children

Helped 35 families stay under roof



### Requesting Sponsors & Donations for School Supplies for Students



With the help from our generous community, the 2018 School Supplies for Students Program provided 498 children with backpacks filled with grade-level applicable school supplies and Hair Cuttery coupons. We are expecting the same level of need this year and hope you will consider sponsoring a child or family for school supplies this year.

**Watch for information in mid-July for the 2019 School Supplies for Students Program.**

## GOLD's Website & Logo Refreshed



The message on D3Corp's website, "Creative Minds. Proven Results.", is validated when you view Worcester County GOLD's (Giving Other Lives Dignity) refreshed website. The transformation is amazing. We are still working to

complete all website pages, but the enrichment is apparent. D3Corp also revised GOLD's logo to strengthen our visual branding. The new logo preserves the umbrella image to symbolize GOLD's protective services and "shelter" for our neighbors during times of crisis. We wish to extend our deep appreciation to John Gehrig and everyone at D3Corp in Ocean City for the generosity of their time, services, and website maintenance; all of which are donated to serve as an investment in GOLD's services to assist Worcester County residents during times of urgent need for emergency assistance.

### How Have Your Donations Helped?

A family fell behind in paying their electric bills due to the husband's high medical costs for cancer treatments. GOLD provided funding to keep this family's electricity from being disconnected.



A young mother was panicked due to being without food for herself and her children when a snow storm was approaching. GOLD provided food.



When a 62-year-old disabled woman was being evicted from her home, she was accepted into a local shelter. GOLD provided funding for a storage unit so that she would not lose all of her belongings.



GOLD provided two car seats so that a young mother, who had given birth to twins, could take them home safely from the hospital.



A mother, whose 13-year-old son has Autism, was provided funds to purchase a special medical unit to assist in getting her son into the car.



A local school principal contacted GOLD about a young boy who wore the same clothes to school every day for over a week. GOLD provided clothes.

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[www.Facebook.com/WorcesterGOLD](https://www.Facebook.com/WorcesterGOLD)

## 2018 Community Support & Assistance



**Summer Activities for At-Risk Children**  
Scholarships Provided for 30 Children



**Thanksgiving Turkey Meals**  
Partnered with Worcester County Bar Association & Worcester County Department of Social Services  
Provided Thanksgiving Turkey Meals for 265 Families



**Helping Hands for the Holidays**  
With community support, provided holiday gifts for 724 children and 68 vulnerable adults.



Please join GOLD in providing a "helping hand up" for our neighbors in times of critical need by supporting our...



Ocean City Golf Club  
Newport Bay Course  
Berlin, Maryland

**5th Annual  
GOLD on the Green  
18-Hole Charity  
Golf Tournament**  
Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Lunch & Registration 12:30 PM  
Shotgun Start 1:30 PM  
Awards Dinner  
Registration Forms Available on  
GOLD's Website

We are seeking teams of golfers; sponsors at all levels; items for raffle and award prizes; and items (which may include company logos) for golfers' gift bags.



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