



The GOLD Standard

2019 Annual Report

Since 1997, Worcester County GOLD, a 510(c)(3) nonprofit, improves the quality of life for Worcester County residents living in poverty by providing emergency financial aid and items to meet basic needs for infants and children, families in crisis, those who are homeless, and vulnerable adults

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GOLD's Team

Sandy Sipes, Executive Director

Nicholas Cranford, Assistant

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

During 2019, Worcester County GOLD (Giving Other Lives Dignity) provided vital emergency assistance and special programs to meet basic needs for 990 families, including 1,661 adults and 1,528 children, for a total of 3,189 individuals served.

A Note of Sincere Appreciation to Our Supporters

With only two full-time employees, we depend heavily on the generous support of caring individuals, volunteers, businesses, and foundations for donations, grants, and assistance with special events. Without you, we would never dream to be able to make such a positive impact in our community.

Please know that we are sincerely grateful, thank you!

Your support enhanced the quality of life of our neighbors in times of need. With your help, Worcester County GOLD was able to:

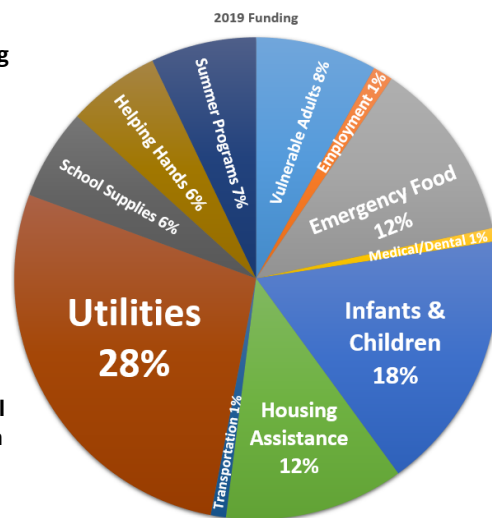
Reconnect or prevent disconnection of utility services for 108 families, including 166 adults and 165 children

Provide emergency food assistance for 226 families, including 314 adults and 253 children

Assist 157 families (364 children) during crisis situations and provide items to meet basic needs

Provide Backpacks filled with grade-level required school supplies for 451 children

Help 61 families stay under one roof



Join us on
June 17th, 2020
6th Annual
GOLD on the Green
Charity Golf
Tournament



GOLD is currently seeking:

- Teams of Golfers
- Sponsors at All Levels
- Raffle & Award Prizes
- Items for Gift Bags

Check our website for updates and registration

Welcome Nicholas!



Please join us in welcoming Nicholas Cranford to our team! He started just before our busy Thanksgiving and Holiday programs, providing much needed assistance. Nicholas lives in Newark, MD with his wife, daughter, and two little dogs.

With a background in education, technology, and community organization, he will strengthen GOLD's ability to effectively serve our neighbors during their most critical times of need. "It's an incredible opportunity, and one I intend to grasp with both hands", said Cranford, "this organization is unparalleled when it comes to effective, targeted assistance. I'm honored to work alongside our community partners, the professionals who interact directly with the individuals we serve, to ensure that no resident in our county suffers needlessly."

Impact

How have your donations helped?

A grandfather taking care of his two grandchildren fell behind on his water bill. GOLD provided funds to reconnect the water.

A single mother, caring for her disabled son, received assistance to have her gas turned back on, to provide heat during the cold winter months.

After a family's house burned down, GOLD provided emergency funding and items for the children including clothing, school supplies, and toys.

A single mother took over the care of a 1 year-old after the parent was incarcerated, and found herself facing eviction. Your donations helped her and the children remain in the home.

Your donations purchased a bicycle to allow a man, who is homeless, access to a healthcare clinic.

Together, we provided a young man with a bus pass, which helped him to maintain employment. He is still employed.

After falling ill for three weeks, a woman found herself behind on her bills. GOLD paid to prevent eviction.

A single mother of two, who was homeless, was able to find employment. She needed help to secure housing. GOLD assisted with first month's rent.

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2019 Community Assistance



Summer Activities for Children

Granted scholarships for 43 at-risk children to attend local summer camps and enrichment programs



Thanksgiving Turkey Meals

Partnered with Worcester Co. Bar Association & Worcester Co. Dept. of Social Services to provide Thanksgiving Meals for 265 families, including 479 adults and 407 children



Helping Hands for the Holidays

With community support, provided holiday gifts for 658 children and 80 vulnerable adults