



December 8, 2021

Town Bills Report

- Town fund = \$52,137.38
- General Assistance Fund = \$73,328.66
- TOTAL in expenditures = \$125,466.04

General Assistance

A monthly grant for Urbana residents who are disabled or out of work, alongside support to seek/train for work or apply for federal disability payments (SSI)

- 63 current participants (same as last month)
- 10 are homeless
- 36 males / 27 females / 0 transgender or gender non-conforming

Education and Employment Track:

- We have a number of participants who have successfully completed two months at Salt and Light and are eligible to earn hours working towards educational and training goals. We have plans to start sending interested participants to educational and training programs starting after the first of the year.

Disability and Wellness Track:

- 4 participants have been awarded SSI/SSDI since July 1, 2021.
- 16 participants were awarded SSI/SSDI last fiscal year.
- 11 residents have been helped to date with intensive SOAR case management since our program started September 1, 2020.
 - 7 applications have been submitted and 4 are in progress. Out of those 4, 2 applications are close to completion. One case can take between 40-100 hours.
 - Our SOAR case manager is continuously assessing participants to see who would be a great fit for the SOAR program.
 - CTSO is supporting participants through the SSI/SSDI appeals process. 1 resident is in the process of working with case managers and 2 reconsiderations have been submitted.

Vaccination Support

- CTSO is offering \$50 to any current CTSO General Assistance participant who presents a complete vaccination card at CTSO. So far 26 participants have received this incentive

(out of 75 possible)

- Participants who haven't gotten vaccinated yet, and are nervous about doing so, are offered accompaniment by a case manager to get vaccinated at CU Public Health.

Rental Assistance

Rental assistance for Urbana households behind on rent or homeless moving into housing.

- 3 households were supported with CTSO Rental Assistance last month. These were payments made to households that were not COVID impacted or were homeless and needed move-in assistance.
- CTSO is supporting residents in packaging and tracking their [Emergency Rental Assistance through RPC](#). We have recently experienced a spike in ERA applications due to the end of the eviction moratorium.

Utility Support

Utility bill support for Champaign County residents who do not qualify for other support programs - typically for shut offs or imminent shut offs.

- 11 Households helped in November. (Compared to 18 in October, 10 in September and 15 in August). Dozens were referred to RPC's LIHEAP and Salvation Army for support.

Eviction Tracking & Prevention

New CTSO initiative to reduce the number of evictions in Urbana through advocacy for residents threatened with illegal or legal evictions.

- CTSO has distributed 4000 fliers to Urbana residents about rental assistance and tenant rights.
- CTSO staff began to attend eviction court starting on August 2, 2021 to assist residents with connecting to local resources and screening for eligibility to our internal programs.
- Below is a table that shows the data we have collected on the volume of eviction hearings in Champaign County that have occurred since the expiration of the eviction moratorium on 10/3/21. (NOTE: Not every first appearance is a unique case, sometimes due to errors in filing, first appearances have to be rescheduled, etc.)

Champaign County Eviction Court		
Date	1st Appearance*	Total Cases
10/4/21	49	65
10/12/21	6	11
10/18/21	13	31
10/25/21	31	48
11/1/21	34	59

11/8/21	57	64
11/15/21	17	30
11/22/21	36	56
11/29/21	34	44
12/6/21	24	60
TOTAL	252	468

Housing Advocacy & Housewarming

Housing advocacy for participants who are homeless or at risk of homelessness to access all available subsidized housing opportunities, and help for homeless residents to furnish their new homes.

- **Subsidized Housing Advocacy**
 - 236 participants representing 142 households received help applying to subsidized housing since our advocacy program began July 1, 2020.
 - 49 households have successfully moved in or 35% of those helped to apply.
- **Pinewood transitional housing for no-income residents with disabilities**
 - Pinewood a new 25 unit development in Urbana specifically serving residents who are disabled and are awaiting SSI determinations and those on the Statewide Referral Network. This population is one of the most at risk for homelessness as their disability prevents them from working and yet they are in a lengthy process to receive federal disability payments. To date, CTSO has provided 10 referrals for Urbana residents who meet this criteria.
 - GREAT NEWS! 4 residents have moved in or have a move in date this year.
- **COVID Housing Vouchers**
 - The Housing Authority has received 163 vouchers for homeless and high risk residents.
 - 50 of these were distributed in the first round, housing many of participants who had been unhoused.
 - September 6, CTSO started making referrals for the second round of 113 “EHV vouchers.” Our office has made 37 referrals to this program. As our referrals receive vouchers we are helping them locate and move into housing.
- **Housewarming support to furnish apartments for homeless residents**
 - 22 homeless households have been assisted with the Township Housewarming, since the program began in February, 2021. It is entirely funded by private donations which are used to provide vouchers to formerly homeless households to buy furniture and housewares at Salt and Light and Habitat for Humanity Restore. We have a partnership with HACC to offer Housewarming to their re-entry participants.

Bridge to Home Rapid Rehousing

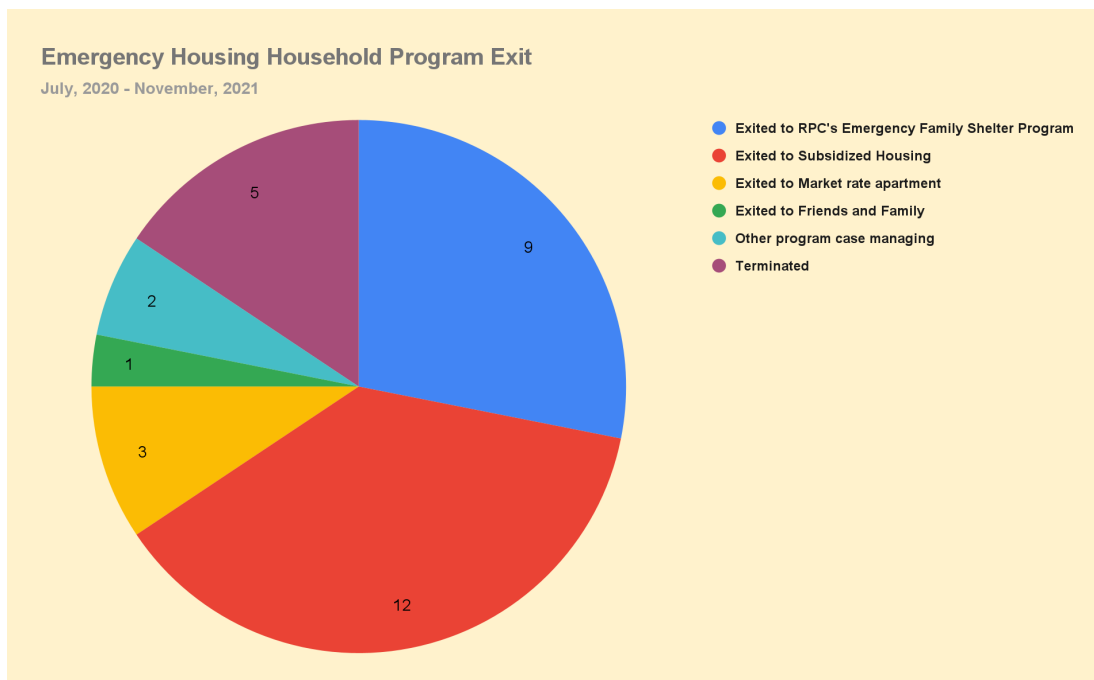
A rapid rehousing program providing housing stabilization and up to 12 months of rent for literally homeless individuals and families in Champaign County, referred by Centralized Intake for the Homeless.

- Last month we served 5 households with rapid rehousing services. 3 of those households are in housing and working or actively looking for employment. We have 2 more referrals in-process.
- We are currently seeking a change in our ESG grant that will allow us to expand our street outreach and emergency housing services.

Emergency Housing

Emergency Housing for families with children in Urbana schools of Crisis Nursery or residents with disabilities who are referred from CU at Home.

- Total served to date: 35 households including 38 adults and 47 children (since July 2020)
- Last month we served 4 households. 1 household has moved into different housing and 1 household was housed with an EHV voucher after 121 days.
- In coordination with our digital inclusion campaign we've received laptops as well as internet access for families in Emergency Housing.



Digital Inclusion Campaign

A campaign to supply low income Urbana residents with smartphones, computers, tablets, and internet access.

- Last month we held one event in partnership with Common Ground Food Coop and connected 16 people with Lifeline phones and the Expanded Emergency Broadband Benefits (EBB) which subsidizes internet access.
- The federal government is changing the EBB program with the new year and we will be working with our participants to continue to receive these benefits.

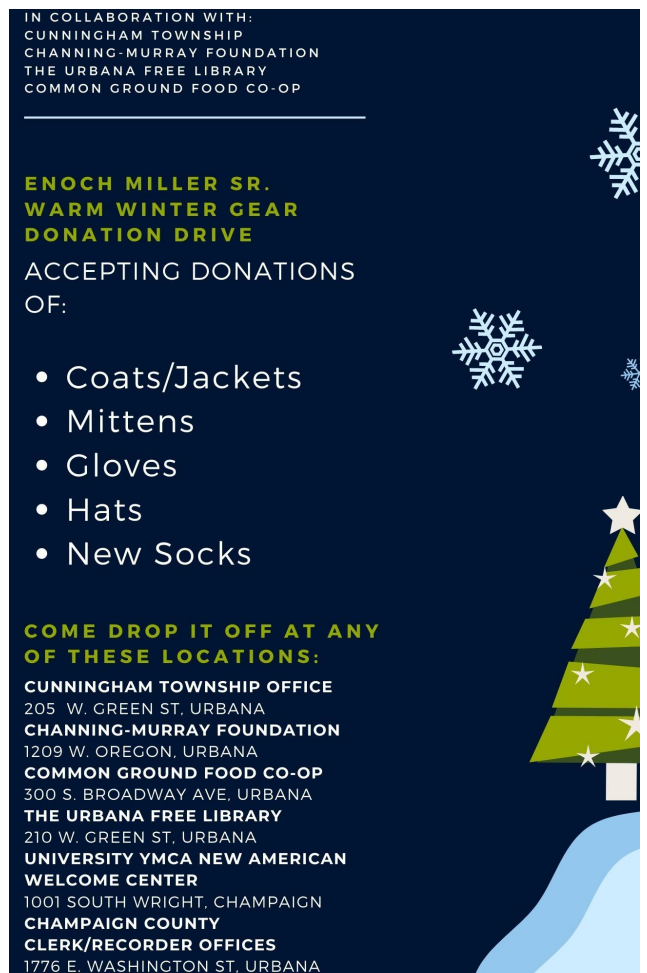
Bucket Brigade

Bucket Brigade is a collaboration with Channing Murray Foundation to provide a weekly food pantry delivery service to low income residents who request it.

- Since the Bucket Brigade was launched with its first delivery on March 25, 2020, the volunteer brigade has made **1600 deliveries to 4686 people, 1856 of them children.**
- We are currently averaging delivery to ~12 Urbana households per week.
- We served over 60 neighbors with the majority of them being children last month.
- Recruited 5 new driver volunteers for Bucket Brigade.

Winter Coat Giveaway

- This last month in collaboration with Cunningham Township, Lincoln Square Mall, and Common Ground Food Co-op, we held the Enoch Miller Sr. Winter Coat Giveaway at the Lincoln Square Mall on November 20th, where we:
 - Distributed coats to over 100 neighbors
 - Gave out ~45 gift cards for meals at Maize to attendees
 - Maize provided meals to the 100+ attendees.
 - The Illinois Department of Health held their vaccine clinic where attendees were able to get vaccinated (First and second dose, and booster)
- We are still accepting donations of clean, gently used coats, hats, mittens, gloves, and new socks



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**ENOCH MILLER SR.
WARM WINTER GEAR
DONATION DRIVE**

ACCEPTING DONATIONS
OF:

- Coats/Jackets
- Mittens
- Gloves
- Hats
- New Socks

**COME DROP IT OFF AT ANY
OF THESE LOCATIONS:**

CUNNINGHAM TOWNSHIP OFFICE
205 W. GREEN ST. URBANA

CHANNING-MURRAY FOUNDATION
1209 W. OREGON, URBANA

COMMON GROUND FOOD CO-OP
300 S. BROADWAY AVE, URBANA

THE URBANA FREE LIBRARY
210 W. GREEN ST. URBANA

**UNIVERSITY YMCA NEW AMERICAN
WELCOME CENTER**
1001 SOUTH WRIGHT, CHAMPAIGN

**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY
CLERK/RECORDER OFFICES**
1776 E. WASHINGTON ST. URBANA



2021 Winter Coat giveaway.

Solidarity Gardens

Solidarity Gardens CU is a collaborative project to reduce food insecurity in Champaign-Urbana by supporting existing and new gardens to produce food to those in need. The project provides seeds, tools, technical support, mini grants, and a distribution network, to Solidarity Gardens affiliates.

- Solidarity Gardens Collaborative has developed an affiliate program and designed a mini-granting process to support gardens which will launch this winter. We will be holding a retreat with SG leaders and community gardeners to plan 2022.



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December 1, 2021

Dear Angel Donor,

I am reaching out with a personal and heartfelt thank you for being a stalwart supporter of our neighbors in need by donating to the Cunningham Township Angel Donor fund. We set this fund up at the request of community members. 100% of funds go directly to meet the material needs of our neighbors, paying for housing, utilities, food and clothing. During the pandemic, this community has risen to meet the challenges we face with the compassion and generosity that define us.



Since we started the fund three years ago, hundreds of friends have given a total of \$173,658 to the Angel Fund. To date we have spent \$148,164. THANK YOU!

Our proudest accomplishment with Angel Donor funds is the establishment of our **Bridge to Home Emergency**

Housing for Families. Your support helped us to seed this new, essential program which continues with funding from the increase in our tax levy supported by voters in 2020. (See press release enclosed). With your angel donation:

- You helped provide **emergency housing for 34 families, including 44 children** experiencing homelessness and helped them transition to permanent housing.
- You helped supply **food and safety provisions to 4686 residents, including 1856 children, through the Bucket Brigade**, a partnership with the Channing Murray Foundation.
- You **kept the lights and water on for 95 families** across Champaign County with payments to utility companies.
- You provided **Housewarming Gifts for 31 homeless families** so they could furnish their new homes with items from Habitat for Humanity Restore and Salt and Light.



- You also helped with gardening supplies to **grow food for families in need through our Solidarity Gardens collaboration**, transportation to reunite families, filling gaps in rental assistance, providing emergency clothes, shoes and sleeping bags.

We know that together we can end homelessness starting right here in our community.

Thank you for entrusting us with your hard-earned money. Thank you for believing in our work and our community. Your gift is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. If you need an end of the year receipt for your donation, please let us know by emailing me at danielle@cunninghamtownship.org or calling us at 217-384-4144 (please ask for Nicole).

We are accepting additional donations you can make online at www.cunninghamtownship.org or via check to “Cunningham Township” to 205 W. Green St., Urbana, IL 61801

We hope that you are taking the time to breathe, and care for yourself, as we continue to care for our community.

In solidarity and gratitude,



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Angel Donor Fund Expenses
2021

