

WUMCO

Help, Inc.



2019

Annual Report

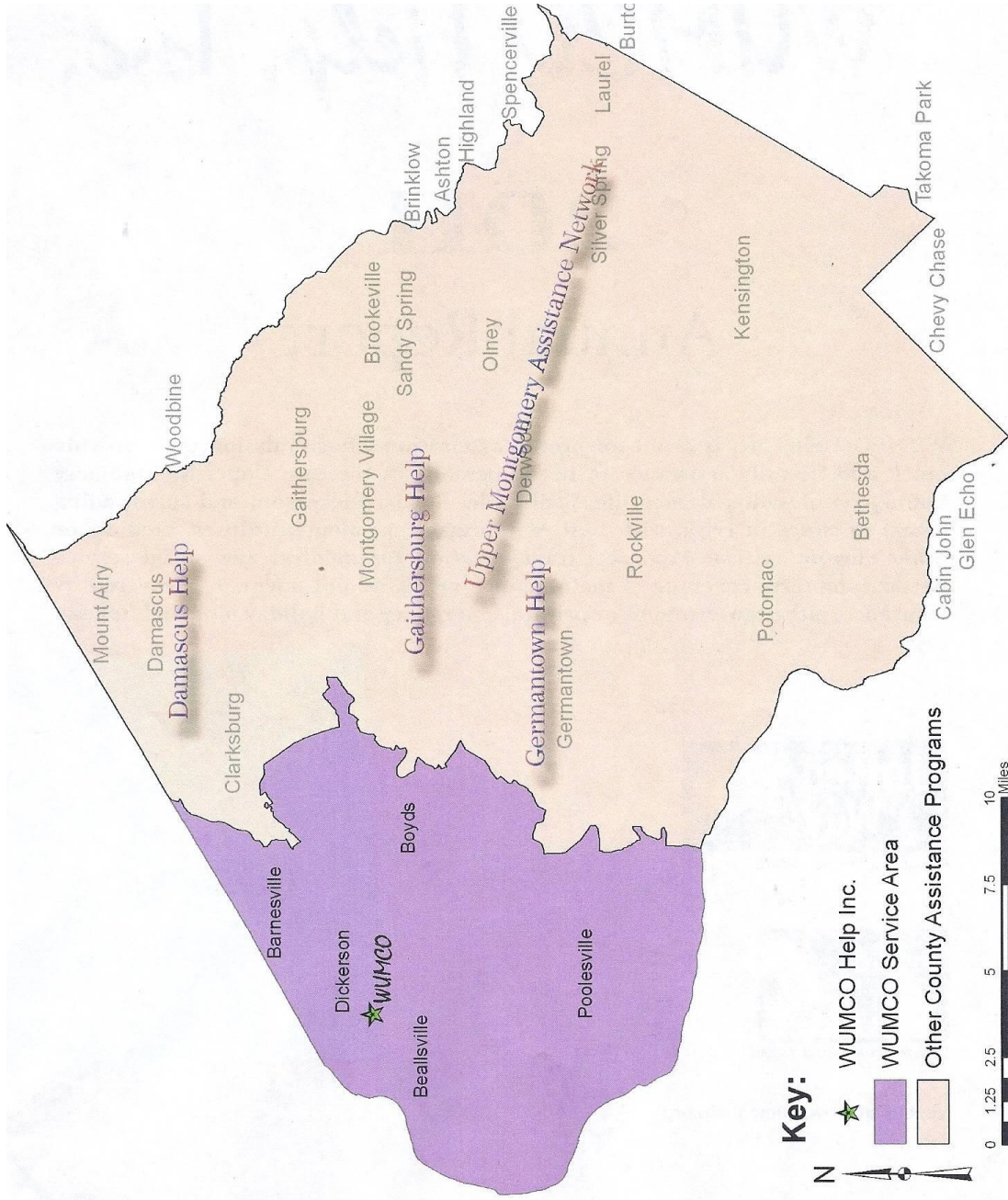
For over 50 years:
Emergency Assistance...*From the Heart!*



Campaign Participant No. 8473



Campaign Participant No. 33066



Our Mission

WUMCO Help, Inc. is a not-for-profit corporation whose mission is to provide quick and friendly assistance to needy persons in Western Upper Montgomery County (Poolesville, Barnesville, Beallsville, Boyds, Dickerson and surrounding areas) in times of crisis with emergency food; rent or mortgage payments, utilities, medical or other current critical expenses; transportation for medical and social service needs; maintenance medicine not adequately covered by either government or private insurance; and food for Thanksgiving and Christmas and toys for Christmas.

Client-Oriented

WUMCO is client oriented. When the need exists, we have faith that the human and financial resources needed will be provided.

To meet the needs of our clients, we rely on a small number of faithful volunteers, together with two part-time paid employees.

No client is ever charged for our services. However, many choose to contribute services themselves or to donate small sums when they are able.

Our History

Over 50 Years of Service

1968: Jane Stearns and Beulah Harper, join forces to provide food and rides to those in need in the Western Upper Montgomery County. Poolesville Help, later changed to WUMCO (Western Upper Montgomery County) Help, is born.

1985: Fred Stearns retires and joins WUMCO full time. He incorporates WUMCO Help, with an eye to gaining charity status.

1986: WUMCO Help, Inc is recognized as a 501(c)(3) organization by the IRS.

1993: Under the leadership of Valaree Dickerson, WUMCO started providing holiday baskets for those in need during the December Holidays.

1995: Fred helped start the Emergency Assistance Coalition, a group of Montgomery County Help organizations working together to enhance communication and interagency cooperation to improve services to those in need.

2000: A grant is received enabling WUMCO to hire a part time administrative Assistant.

2015: WUMCO moved from its quarters in Beallsville to its new location in Poolesville. WUMCO joined Community Food Rescue.

2016: New Membership program brings in funds to allow increase in client limits and return to support for HHS and interagency referrals.

2018: WUMCO Celebrates 50 years of service to the community.

Touching Lives--Clients Served During 2019

Program	No. of Clients Served One or More Times	Total No. of Individual Services
Housing	32 Families	41
Utilities	82 Families	142
Medicines and Medical Procedures	47 Persons	159
Medical Transportation	19 Persons	175
*Emergency Food	68 Families/151 Persons	239
Automobile Maintenance or Preservation	34 Families	48
Gasoline	11 Persons	31
Thanksgiving Food Baskets	125 Families	594
Christmas Food Baskets	157 Families	745
Christmas Toys/Gift Cards	378 Children	378

*Total food distributed: 23,004 pounds

Emergency Food

WUMCO maintains a food pantry, providing mostly non-perishable and frozen foods to needy people. In 2019, we continued to serve clients using 100% donated food. The support of the community has made it possible to continue these efforts.



2019 Pantry facts:

Pounds donated: 25,713

Pounds distributed: 23,004

Pounds recycled: 93
(fresh food only)

Pounds wasted*: 13
(shelf stable)

*We recycle food whenever we are able.

Financial Services

We assist in financial emergencies involving rent or mortgage, utilities, medical needs, child daycare, car repairs, and other critical expenses. Details of our cost for each may be found in the financial statement on pages 6-7.

Our procedures for responding to requests for financial help are designed to substantiate fully that an actual need exists. We owe our donors nothing less. To assure that the money goes for its intended purpose, bills are verified with the utility company, property owner, or other payee and payments are made directly to the vendor or service provider.

Transportation

WUMCO has provided transportation for medical and social services needs since our beginnings. Volunteers, driving their own cars, provide this service. Our Transportation Coordinator takes calls from clients needing transportation assistance, records the needed information, emails the volunteer drivers to match drivers to each need, and sends information on completed rides to the office to be recorded. In 2019, 15 volunteer drivers drove 19 clients 175 times, for 3,379 miles driven and over 262 hours spent in service.

Holiday Giving Program (Food and Toys)

WUMCO has accepted responsibility for ensuring that all needy families in our area are provided both Thanksgiving baskets and Christmas food baskets and Christmas toys. This is done in cooperation with various local churches, schools, service clubs, the Montgomery County Volunteer Center and others. WUMCO cross checks its lists with other agencies that provide Christmas gifts to assure that all identifiable needy people in the WUMCO area are served while avoiding duplication.

Limits on Assistance

None of our services should be viewed as entitlement programs. No one is “entitled” to assistance; rather, each instance is a judgment call based on specific criteria. The decision, first and foremost, is based on need, without consideration to a client’s race, color, religion, age, gender, sexual preference, physical or mental condition, or political preferences.

Limits are designed to make the best use of our resources to help the greatest number of needy clients. We must be assured, however, that the amount provided—once it has been decided to help--when added to funds available from other sources, is sufficient to take care of the problem.

The Board of Directors sets limits on expenditures from general funds. Grants are subject to special limits set by the grantor or in our grant proposals. Limits on general funds follow:

- Family living expenses, for any family, \$750 on any single occasion, \$750 over any 12-month period.
- Medical expenses, not to exceed \$750 for an individual over any 12-month period.
- One fuel oil/propane delivery per year.

We recognize that these limits must be treated with care and may be exceeded, but only with sufficient justification.

Events and Fundraising

Membership Campaign

In 2019-20, we repeated our Membership drive fundraiser. This successful campaign brought us 288 new and renewing members and approximately \$114,208 in funding. In addition to helping their neighbors in need, Members receive membership cards that make them eligible for discounts or benefits from 13 local businesses.

WUMCO Wednesdays

Two local restaurants – Watershed and Mexican Grill – generously offered 10% of their income one Wednesday a month. In 2019 WUMCO was given \$2,369.83 from these fine establishments.

WUMCO Walk & Oktoberfest, Holiday Basket Auction

In 2019, WUMCO was the beneficiary the WUMCO Walk & Oktoberfest, which was run by volunteers and the town of Poolesville, led by a dedicated planning committee. The event was a great success, with a benefit to WUMCO of \$4837. WUMCO volunteers also put together a basket auction at Poolesville’s December Tree Lighting event and netted \$1315. We are thankful to the volunteers and sponsors who donated time and resources!

Volunteers, Volunteers, Volunteers

It is impossible to quantify the number of people who volunteer their time and talent to WUMCO (surely in the 100’s) or to estimate the number of hours they donate (surely in the 1000’s) but it is not hard to characterize what it means to the organization. It can be said in a single word...*indispensable!*

The two areas where we *can* track volunteer hours are in the office and with our drivers. In 2019, our office volunteers worked over 700 hours and our drivers donated over 275 hours of their time. Thanks to the work of Adam DeBaugh, our office and pantry volunteer staff continue to be a great asset.

2019 Board of Directors

Joel Tjornehoj, President	Barbara Polak
Adam DeBaugh, Vice President & Secretary	Catherine Beliveau
Ray Hoewing	Conrad Mitchell
Katie Longbrake, Executive Director	Brice Halbrook, Treasurer
Rhiannon Combs	

FINANCES 2019 (unaudited)

OUR INCOME

Individual Contributions	110,142.30
Business/Community Organizations	4,244.94
Church and Church Organizations	7,875.76
United Way Support	4,868.71
Interfaith Works/Montgomery County Grants	6,098.68
Foundations	1,076.02
Nonprofit Donations	7,217.58
<i>Total Contributed Support</i>	141,523.99

Special Events	7,622.95
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TOTAL INCOME	\$	149,146.94
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OUR EXPENSES

Salaries & Wages	24,224.25
Payroll Expenses	3,580.99
<i>Total Salaries & Related Expenses</i>	<i>27,805.24</i>

Administrative	18,079.60
Audit	5,500.00
Computer, Software & IT	218.99
Fundraising	2,148.79
Marketing & Advertising	650.00
<i>Total Operational Expenses</i>	<i>26,597.38</i>

Clients Assistance*Housing*

Rent	8,966.36
Mortgage	3,176.85
Other Household	4,694.33

Utilities

Electric	23,047.37
Fuel Oil	4,539.54
Gas & Propane, Kerosene	5,221.00
Water/Sewer/Phone	7,498.61

Medical

Prescriptions	1,515.43
Doctor/Dentist	6,950.30
Medical Needs - Other	2,415.21

<i>Maintenance of Client Cars</i>	<i>18,700.41</i>
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<i>Total Client Expenses</i>	<i>86,851.04</i>
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TOTAL EXPENSE	141,205.64
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All gifts to WUMCO Help are fully tax deductible, pursuant to Sec. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as the donor receives no goods or services in exchange therefore.

A copy of our current financial statement is available upon request directed to WUMCO at P.O. Box 247, Poolesville MD 20837 (phone 301-972-8481). Financial statements, including the latest IRS Form 990, are available for inspection at the WUMCO office during normal office hours; we suggest that you call for appointment.

Documents and information submitted by WUMCO under the Charitable Solicitation Act are available, for the cost of copying and postage, from the Office of the Secretary of State, State House, Annapolis, MD 21401 (phone 1-800-825-4510). Registration with the Secretary of State does not imply endorsement.



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