

♥ Acts 4 Ministry

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2015 Annual Review



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Letter from Our Board Chair



Over the past fourteen years Acts 4 Ministry has seen tremendous growth in the ability to serve those in need. Our team stays true to its humble beginnings, striving to keep the sense of intimacy helping every family as if we were the recipient – seeding back love, dignity and self-respect.

I never realized how great the need was and how blessed I have felt to be part of meeting

that need. When our team has walked into the homes of those being served, finding children on the floor and no kitchen table to have breakfast, we leave knowing our cup has been filled with the joy of blessing someone else. As a long-time resident of Cheshire, coming to Waterbury helped ground my husband and I into continuing our philanthropic focus to serve those in need.

Knowing that you can be part of the bigger picture is the most rewarding aspect to serving in Acts 4 Ministry. Having been an active volunteer with the ministry since 2009, I have had the joy and privilege of serving in many capacities and have personally been involved in many of the changes that growth has brought. With the tireless help of our Executive Director Sarah Elizabeth Carabetta, and the increased involvement of board members, we have grown both the Board of Directors and the ministry enabling us to better serve the community. God has truly blessed our efforts.

As I begin my final year as Chairman of the Board of Directors, I look forward to further opportunities to partner with others who share our desire to reach out to assist the many who are in need.

Ellen K. Rogers

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Board Chair 2015-2016

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About Us

Acts 4 Ministry, Inc. supports the needs of families and individuals in financial distress through the collection and distribution of reusable furniture, clothing and housewares. Acts 4 Ministry is not a church rather the organization is a collaborative group of directors, staff and volunteers who desire to share God's love by meeting the comforting physical needs of others. Those committed to the mission of Acts 4 Ministry believe in "inspiring acts of love" and strive to provide a judgment free environment connecting those in need with generous members of the Greater Waterbury community. Based in the Waterville section of Waterbury, conveniently on the CT transit route, the organization utilizes volunteer support to re-establish homes within the Greater Waterbury and Litchfield Hills communities.

Acts 4 Ministry, Inc. strives to partner with churches, social service agencies, and public schools to help identify those with needs and serve them in the context of the broader community regardless of their faith or willingness to participate in religious activities, race, creed, or national origin.



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Meet Our Team



Donna Giglio-Lesser

Client Care Coordinator
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Donna works directly with those in need to ensure their experience is comfortable and their needs are met to the best of our ability.

Karen Lucid

Thrift Store Coordinator
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Karen blends her design expertise to donated pieces to complete a look for clients to view in the store environment.



Karyn Thompson

Volunteer Coordinator
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Karyn is faithful volunteer and retired daycare owner who loves to bring her organizational skills to all aspects of the ministry.



Ellen K. Rogers

Home Visit Coordinator
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Ellen is a faithful volunteer and board member who has partnered with members of the community to provide home visits to clients in need of furniture.

She works directly with schools, agencies, organizations and churches.



Our Programs

Our organization continues to collect and distribute reusable goods along with providing specialty partner programs to provide directly to those in need.

Furniture



Housewares



Clothing



2015 Partner Events



Martin Luther King Day
Clothing Giveaway
January



Charlotte's Web of
Prayer Golf Outing
May



Back to School Swap and
Shop Uniform Drive
August



Turkey Table Drive
GWIM/Walnut Hill
November



Suit Yourself Women's Event
November



Project Homeless Connect Danbury
December

Furniture

In 2015, the furniture program increased significantly through resources, support and those served.

- Committing every Tuesday and the 1st and 4th Saturday of every month to collaborative partner deliveries to clients.
- We received a newer used box truck through the Ion Bank Foundation.
- Analysis of our pickup service and associated donation amount was secured.
- Starting in May through the Give Local Campaign hosted by Connecticut Community Foundation, our organization has provided new mattress sets to every member of the family.
- Total number of families served 162

Cities & Towns Served with Furniture

Waterbury 137 • Naugatuck 15 • Cheshire 2 • Thomaston 2 • Watertown 1
Bethel 1 • Lisbon 1 • Southbury 1 • West Haven 1 • New Haven 1

Clothing

- Continued to provide free four tops, four bottoms twice a year to every person in need.
- Total number of provided clothing 22,000

Housewares

- Within our store environment, clients are able to receive a prepared box of houseware items neatly packaged for their home.
- Total number of provided housewares 4,200



4,200



162



22,000



Why Partnership is Important To Us

We know that the work produced through Acts 4 Ministry comes from a combination of many hard working, self-sacrificial community members who strive to make a better home environment for their neighbor.

In addition to providing basic needs, our facility has also served as a training site for those of all abilities. We work directly with program participants and coaches from the following partners:

Ability Beyond Boundaries
CW Resources
Easter Seals Greater Waterbury
Waterbury Public School System

Ways that you can come alongside our program and support the needs of others.

- Assist with client appointments of clothing and housewares as a shopper.
- Preparing clothing to place on the floor through sorting, repairing and presenting clothing and housewares.
- Attend a home visit to assess client needs and measure home furnishings
- Pick furniture up from donors .
- Preparing furniture (cleaning, loading truck) to deliver to area residents
- Assist at various special events such as the Back to School 'Swap and Shop', Suit Yourself : Women's Event
- When you purchase at the Acts 4 Thrift Store, the dollars generated go back to the ministry to help provide additional basic needs services to our community.



2015 Major Supporting Partners

Archdiocese of Hartford Bishops Annual Appeal

Bourassa Catering and Events

Branagan Communications Consultants, LLC.

Charlotte's Web of Prayer

Christ Community Church Waterbury

Community Chapel Southbury

Connecticut Community Foundation

Cornerstone Church Cheshire

Courtyard Marriott Waterbury

DaVita, Inc.

Easter Seals Greater Waterbury

Elisha Leavenworth Foundation

First Congregational Church of Thomaston

First Congregational Church of Waterbury

First Congregational Church of Watertown

Grace Baptist Church Cheshire

Greater Waterbury Interfaith Ministries

Homeless Outreach Team

Ion Bank Foundation

New Hope Angelican Church

New Opportunities, Inc.

Oasis Church Cheshire

O'Rourke and Birch Florists

Restopedic, Inc.

Sacred Heart Church Muster Seed Fund

Sandy's TV and Appliance

Sir Speedy Printing and Marketing

St. Thomas Beckett Church

The Bible Church of Waterbury

Thomaston Savings Bank

Walnut Hill Community Church

Waterbury Baptist Ministries

Ryan Gomes c/o Hoops for Heart Health, Inc.

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