



Financial Assistance Programs 2008

Empowerment Fund:

The primary purpose of empowerment grants is to provide limited financial assistance to disenfranchised clients with realistic strategies of recovery. **In 2008, Friendship House disbursed \$95,356 in grants to 6,003 people in need.** This represented a 20% increase over the previous year. In 2008, the Friendship House Church Referral Program expanded to include twenty-nine New Castle County churches that refer people seeking financial assistance from the church to Friendship House for screening and consultation. Where appropriate, Friendship House assists the household and is reimbursed by the referring church.

<i>Item</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Clients Served</i>
I.D. & Certifications	\$15,809	1,301
Transportation (Bus, Train, Gas, etc.)	\$7,034	3,829
Housing	\$70,805	527
Other	\$1,708	346
Total:	\$95,356	6,003

Medical Assistance Fund:

The Medical Assistance Fund was founded to assist homeless clients with various medical needs. **In 2008, the fund assisted 586 clients with \$5,454.** The expansion of Medicaid and CHIP coverages to more people in need has greatly reduced the amount that the Medical Assistance Fund had to pay in 2008 to cover the cost of clients' prescriptions and glasses.

<i>Item</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Clients Served</i>
Clinic Visits	\$235	26
Dental	\$168	11
Eye Glasses	\$408	12
Prescriptions	\$4,645	537
Total	\$5,456	586

Credit Restoration Fund:

The Credit Restoration Program assists Friendship House clients who are participating in its budgeting program and seeking to restore their credit by eliminating their outstanding debts. Client payments are matched on a 1:2 ratio. **In 2008, the fund assisted 37 clients with \$11,667.**

Samaritan Fund:

The Samaritan Fund was established in 2000 to assist participants in the Empowerment Strategy Program with matching funds to address major obstacles on their journey to self-sufficiency. **In 2008, the Fund disbursed \$1,534 to 11 clients.**

Richard Stewart, Jr. Memorial Fund:

The **Richard Stewart, Jr. Memorial Fund** matches the savings that graduates of the women's housing program accrue during their time in the program. This fund was established by the Stewart Family in memory of their son Richard, who died in the World Trade Center Bombing. **In 2008, the fund assisted 7 women with \$2,140.**