



Financial Assistance Programs 2009

Empowerment Fund:

The primary purpose of empowerment grants is to provide limited financial assistance to disenfranchised clients with realistic strategies of recovery. **In 2009, Friendship House disbursed \$123,311 in grants to 6,134 people in need.** 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	\$23,308	1,578
Transportation (Bus, Train, Gas, etc.)	\$8,295	3,755
Housing	\$90,349	752
Other	\$1,359	49
Total:	\$123,311	6,134

Medical Assistance Fund:

The Medical Assistance Fund was founded to assist homeless clients with various medical needs. **In 2009, the fund assisted 701 clients with \$7,136.** 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 2009 to cover the cost of clients' prescriptions and glasses.

<i>Item</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Clients Served</i>
Clinic Visits	\$961	48
Dental	\$220	13
Eye Glasses	\$978	18
Prescriptions	\$4,977	622
Total	\$7,136	701

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. With so many clients unemployed or underemployed in 2009, fewer people had surplus income with which to pay down their outstanding debt. **In 2009, the fund assisted 19 clients with \$7,886.**

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 2009, the Fund disbursed \$1,298 to 9 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 2009, the fund assisted 12 women with \$3,710.**