



Financial Assistance Programs 2010

Empowerment Fund:

The primary purpose of empowerment grants is to provide limited financial assistance to disenfranchised clients with realistic strategies of recovery. **In 2010, Friendship House disbursed \$89,026 in grants to 5,353 people in need.** The Friendship House Church Referral Program now includes thirty 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	\$19,061	1,198
Transportation (Bus, Train, Gas, etc.)	\$6,501	3,566
Housing	\$59,702	478
Other	\$3,762	111
Total:	\$89,026	5,353

Medical Assistance Fund:

The Medical Assistance Fund was founded to assist homeless clients with various medical needs. **In 2010, the fund assisted 349 clients with \$6,991.** 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 to cover the cost of clients' prescriptions and glasses.

<i>Item</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Clients Served</i>
Clinic Visits	\$519	15
Dental	\$220	13
Eye Glasses	\$1,301	10
Prescriptions	\$3,676	307
Surgical Co-pays	\$1,275	4
Total	\$6,991	349

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 2010, fewer people had surplus income with which to pay down their outstanding debt. **In 2010, the fund assisted 19 clients with \$4,793.**

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 2010, the Fund disbursed \$1,452 to 8 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 2010, the fund assisted 8 women with \$2,900.**