

2015 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

EVERY DAY I COUNT MY BLESSINGS, and this time of year more than any I reflect on what I can do in the coming year to be a blessing to others.

In my work with the Religious Coalition, I am face-to-face with people in our community going through difficult times. Some have lost their jobs and are about to lose their homes. Some have already lost their homes and they struggle to find a warm bed for themselves or their families to sleep in. These people see our programs and our wonderful volunteers as a blessing to their lives. We are proud to have a network of over 900 faithful and compassionate volunteers that give their time to our ministry.

» **The critical services we provide everyday are made possible by your generosity!**

Our budget this year is \$1.2 million and we have been fortunate to have helped close to 2,500 people either keep their homes, have a safe place to lay their head at night, or even provide life-saving medication for their chronic illnesses. We are blessed with friends like you that allow us to provide these critical services in our community through your gifts and time. But the sad reality is that the need for our services continues to rise.

We have been able to offer more services this year to the local homeless population, but if we can't raise the money we need to continue to fund these programs, we will have to

make critical cutbacks. I pray that doesn't happen.

I am reminded of the Apostle Paul's words in his letter to the Phillippians 4:19 "And my God will supply all your need according to his riches in glory to Christ Jesus" as well as the Apostle Paul's letter to the Corinthians in 2 Corinthians 9:8 "And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things and in all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

God has blessed us with friends like you who allow us to continue this important ministry. Without your help, we won't be able to continue to help Frederick County families feed their families, remain in their homes, move out of homelessness, and receive life-saving prescriptions and dental and medical care.

As you count your blessings this year, I pray that you will consider a contribution to the Religious Coalition and be a blessing to someone in our community who is counting on your help.

Will you answer my prayer today?

Brian J. Scott, Executive Director

40%
OF THE DOLLARS WE RAISE TO KEEP OUR DOORS OPEN ARE RAISED DURING END OF YEAR GIVING AND ANNUAL FUND CONTRIBUTIONS.

YES, I WANT TO HELP MY NEIGHBOR IN NEED, WITH A GIFT TO THE 2015 ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN.

\$1,000 \$500 \$250 \$100 OTHER \$ _____

PLEASE USE MY GIFT TOWARD A DESIGNATED PROGRAM.

(DESIGNATE PROGRAM HERE) _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

THIS IS A SEASON OF GREAT JOY
and a time to give thanks for what we have. As you embark upon the holiday season and recount your blessings, please remember those who need our help the most.

» **DONATE NOW ONLINE:**
www.thereligiouscoalition.org

OR RETURN THIS FORM TO:

The Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs
27 Degrange Street | Frederick, MD 21701 | 301-631-2670



FROM A HOMELESS CLIENT THAT MOVED OUT OF HOMELESSNESS:

"I have been homeless, going from place to place, for over one year. The Religious Coalition helped me be able to move into my own place with help of a security deposit."

THE COALITION MOVED

761
HOUSEHOLDS INTO PERMANENT HOUSING THIS YEAR. A 28% INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR.

FROM AN EMERGENCY FAMILY SHELTER CLIENT:

"I came to the Coalition for other services. When they asked me my address, I told them I was homeless. The volunteer told me about the Emergency Family Shelter, by that night, my children and I were staying at the shelter. I was relieved to find out about the program. I had been staying here and there with friends and my children were with their friends or I spent money on a motel room every now and then. The shelter has allowed me to save the little money I have. I am starting a new job and will have a new apartment shortly."

32
FAMILIES HAVE BEEN SERVED BY THE EMERGENCY FAMILY SHELTER THIS YEAR.

BE A BLESSING TO SOMEONE IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO NEEDS YOUR HELP THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

» MAKE A YEAR-END, TAX DEDUCTIBLE, GIFT TO THE 2015 ANNUAL FUND

Your gift ensures that we continue to provide essential human services of shelter, healthcare and food to our neighbor in need.

» SUPPORT OUR ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN

Make a financial gift that will help give children a Christmas they will remember.

» HOST A HOLIDAY PARTY

Encourage your guests to make a financial gift or collect supplies for the cold weather shelter, Emergency Family Shelter, hygiene closet, or local food banks in lieu of gifts.



1,100
NUMBER OF PEOPLE THE COALITION PREVENTS FROM BEING EVICTED.

50
AVERAGE NUMBER OF HOMELESS ADULTS THE ALAN P. LINTON, JR. EMERGENCY SHELTER PROVIDES EMERGENCY SHELTER FOR EACH NIGHT.

ALTERNATIVE GIVING PROGRAM

The Alternative Giving Program provides a unique gift giving opportunity that honors your family, friends and even co-workers, while helping your neighbor in need.

With the Alternative Giving Program, you can honor and remember the people you love with gifts that make a difference.

When you purchase an Alternative Gift, you will receive a card to present to your relative or friend.

WHAT YOUR GIFT WILL PROVIDE:

\$800
Will operate the year-round Alan P. Linton, Jr. Emergency Shelter for one night for 80 clients

\$500
Will prevent one family from being evicted from their home.

\$300
Will keep two families warm this winter by keeping their utilities turned on.

\$200
Will give two uninsured clients a prescription for their life-saving medication.

\$100
Will feed one family for one week from a local Frederick County food bank.



FROM A FEMALE CLIENT AT THE YEAR-ROUND ALAN P. LINTON, JR., EMERGENCY SHELTER:

"Thank you for having this shelter. This is not the life I wanted for myself. But you have given me a place to call home. Thank you to everyone who makes us feel safe and welcome. I would be living on the street, if I wasn't here."

THIS YEAR, MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE:

» Select a service of the Religious Coalition to honor a friend or relative and bring blessings to those in need in our community!

I'D LIKE TO GIVE AN ALTERNATIVE GIFT THIS YEAR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ _____

GIFT WILL BE MADE IN HONOR OF: _____

GIFT WILL BE MADE IN MEMORY OF: _____

PLEASE SEND ME _____ NOTECARDS SO I MAY ACKNOWLEDGE THESE GIFTS TO MY FRIENDS & FAMILY.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____



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Your Donation CAN BE DOUBLED THROUGH THE AUSERMAN FAMILY FOUNDATION CHALLENGE GRANT

The Ausherman Family Foundation has offered the Religious Coalition a Challenge Grant. For every dollar you donate, the Ausherman Family Foundation will match it dollar for dollar. With your support, we will meet the Ausherman Challenge and be able to help more of our neighbors in need!

» **DON'T WAIT—DONATE TODAY AND
DOUBLE YOUR DONATIONS!**

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