

The Center for Family Assistance and Literacy

ProJeCt is proud to serve the community as the *Center for Family Assistance and Literacy*, helping individuals and families build their own **FOUNDATIONS for Success**.

ProJeCt's **EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**, ASSIST and the **Interfaith Food Pantry**, work in tandem to provide emergency interventions for families and individuals in crisis, and to implement case management plans to move them toward greater self-sufficiency.

When clients have exhausted all other avenues of support, **ASSIST** provides emergency vouchers for goods and services such as prescription medicines, emergency shelter, eyeglasses, home heating oil, work clothing, baby care needs, and local transportation. Because we recognize that crisis intervention by itself does not address the fundamental causes of poverty, hunger and helplessness, ASSIST often serves as a portal to other agency services designed to help people help themselves.

ProJeCt's *Family Self-Sufficiency Initiative* is a collaboration with Easton Housing Authority designed to help struggling families obtain employment, economic independence and self-sufficiency. Case managers in ProJeCt's *Community Connections Initiative* reconnect TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) clients with the Northampton County Assistance Office in order to pursue educational or employment opportunities.

Volunteers serve as a FOUNDATION for client success

40 active volunteers like Mike Yeoman contribute to the success of the Interfaith Food Pantry each month by donating their time and energy to collect food donations, stock shelves and fill client food orders.



All income-qualified clients can also receive food from ProJeCt's **INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY**, the largest food pantry in Northampton County. Each month, the food pantry provides two-to-three day supplies of food to more than 400 households. Last year, the food pantry distributed two-to-three day supplies of food to almost 1,700 individuals in 961 households. The overwhelming majority of these families (86%) lived at or below the national poverty level. 135 families reported that they were homeless at the time of their first contact with ProJeCt.

ProJeCt's **LANGUAGE AND LITERACY PROGRAMS** set a solid foundation for community success. Supportive instruction gives students the skills they need to function successfully in the workplace, as parents and as community members. Caseworkers, like Evelina (right), work with families to remove barriers to success and provide the support individuals and families need to accomplish their goals.



FAMILY LITERACY supports and encourages families learning together. This "teach the parent, reach the child" model recognizes that parents are their child's first teachers. It provides them with opportunities to improve their own literacy skills, while their preschool-aged children attend ProJeCt's high quality early learning center, which emphasizes emerging literacy.

ADULT LITERACY serves every level of learner while preparing students to function as workers, citizens and parents. Students work toward individualized educational goals that can vary from learning to read to earning a high school equivalency diploma (GED).

ESL classes are for English language learners. Instruction is designed to build proficiency in the areas of listening, speaking, reading, writing, vocabulary and civics education.

The **EASTON MIDDLE SCHOOL SUCCESS PROGRAM** is a collaborative, school-based system of support services that addresses barriers to student achievement. *Wraparound* establishes support teams focused on child and family needs and strengths in order to provide individualized services to students in crisis. *Life Skills Training* is a curriculum-based initiative that teaches students to become more academically focused and socially competent. Each year, our program staff works with approximately 200 students at Shawnee and Easton Area Middle Schools.

SIZZLE!® Summer Literacy Day Camp is designed to prevent summer learning loss by offering a variety of structured cross-curricular activities to students in grades K-6. In 2005, 349 children attended our six-week camp that teaches students to have fun learning!

SIZZLE!® is part of an initiative to encourage families to read together during the summer months. Members of the Family Literacy Summer Reading Partnership include: ProJeCt, the Easton Area School District and the Easton Area Public Library.



*Children who attend Summer SIZZLE!® know that teamwork is a **FOUNDATION** for academic success!*

**2004 - 2005
SOURCES OF SUPPORT & REVENUE**

Contributions	\$450,369
Updegrove Fund	10,710
Snyder Fund	2,237
In-Kind	113,655
Other	323,767*
United Way	99,896
Grants	1,011,354
Special Event	17,279
Investment Return	6,806
Miscellaneous	58
Total Revenue	1,585,762

HOW YOUR INVESTMENT IS USED

Literacy Programs	794,749
Adult & Family Lit.	521,023
School-Age Programs	273,726
Emergency Assistance	328,477
Administration	172,612
Communities That Care	205,155
Total Expenses	1,500,993
Support & Revenue for use in 2005-2006 Programs	80,592
Permanently Restricted Revenue	4,177

*includes \$81,656 raised in 2004-05 GEM Campaign and \$193,253 in temporarily restricted contributions



Northampton County Communities That Care® is a research-based model of community mobilization that brings the community together to reduce risk factors for youth. Through the Adopt-A-Class mentoring program and a number of other mobilization efforts, CTC supports and enhances the community's existing programs and prevention efforts. ProJeCt is the administrative agency for CTC.



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Two years after **Rosa** graced the cover of our annual report as a proud GED Graduate, she is thriving as a student at Northampton Community College. Even

though she is a busy mother, student and worker, Rosa chooses to spend one afternoon a week serving as a volunteer receptionist at ProJeCt.

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