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Licking County



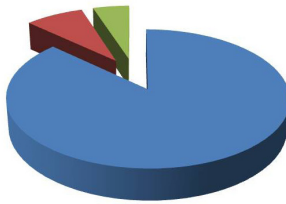
CONNECTION

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From the Board President, Diane Paetz

Since this is the beginning of a new year, this pie chart, which shows how much we spend on program, is a good way to start.

**Fundraising - 5%,
General Management - 8%
Emergency Assistance - 87%!**



Your support is key to helping others in need and I hope you are pleased with our stewardship of your donations. May you be blessed in 2010 and thank you for your support of the Coalition.

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

Between the years 486 - 465 B.C., Xerxes was the king of the Persian Empire. His right hand man was a villainous foreigner named Haman. Haman was angry with Mordecai, a Jewish court official, who'd refused to bow to Haman, so he decided to punish him by killing all the Jews in the Persian Empire, and he got a nod from Xerxes. Enter Esther, a cousin of Mordecai. (He had raised her as his own daughter after her parents died.) Esther had become queen after Xerxes deposed Queen Vashti for disobedience. Mordecai had earlier uncovered a plot against Xerxes and told Queen Esther, who in turn told the King and gave the credit to Mordecai. Mordecai again asked Esther to go to the King and ask for deliverance for the Jewish people. She was afraid because no one could approach the King unless summoned, it was death to anyone who did. Mordecai reminded her that even she would not be spared, she and her father's family would perish. He said to her, "And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this." (Esther 4:14b) She went to Xerxes and he spared the Jewish people preserving them for the future gift of the Messiah.

In Esther, the actions of four characters saved us all by preserving Jesus' bloodline. In Licking County, just four years ago, three local characters had a dream and that dream became the **Coalition of Care**. Their goal was to be an organization that would be "Christ's Hands" in this community. There have been struggles, but at every turn their needs were met. There will continue to be struggles, but those three and all who join them believe that God answers the prayers of those who are willing to be used for His purposes.

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TO THE SOUTHGATE CHURCH OF CHRIST

For hosting the "Festa Italiana", an annual fundraiser for the Coalition. There were 40+ volunteers from Southgate who prepared and served a delicious Italian dinner.

Thank You to our board members who volunteered to serve.

And most of all, **A Big Thank You** to everyone who attended the dinner to support the Coalition.

The Kroger Rewards Program

Whenever you use your Kroger Plus Card the Coalition gets money!

To sign up go to:

www.krogercommunityrewards.com

Just watch the 2 minute video or go to customer service at your Kroger store and sign up!



OHIO UNEMPLOYMENT - 10.9%

You have no job! You can't pay bills, buy food or gas for your car to go job hunting.

UNDEREMPLOYMENT - 17.3%

You have a job but your hours have been cut!

You still can't pay all your bills.

28% UNEMPLOYMENT

16 - 20 year olds!

WE NEED YOUR GIFTS

TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Send your tax-deductable donation to:

Licking County Coalition of Care

P.O. Box 8663,

Newark, OH 43058-8663

TO DONATE ON-LINE:

www.coalitionofcare.com

COALITION OF CARE

We are located at 105 Jefferson Street

We are within easy walking distance of the square in downtown Newark.

For Emergency Assistance Information or to Volunteer

please call: 740-670-9700

9:00am -5:00pm, Monday thru Friday

(Assistance by appointment only)

E-mail: Lccoc1@windstream.net

Visit our Website!

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So, what does all this mean in regard to Mordecai's words "For such a time as this"? Who could have known how bad the economy and unemployment rate would be four years down the road? If the Coalition was just starting today, how many people would they be able to help? Would they be completely overwhelmed by the need?

The past four years of working, learning, struggling and praying has prepared them to meet the increased needs of our community. **God knew** and He set into motion what we see today! It is an organization that has truly become "Christ's Hands" and is helping twice as many people as were helped the first year.

You are the Mordecai's of Licking County. Just as he cared about the future of the Jewish nation, you care about the future of your neighbors who are in desperate need. The Coalition thanks you for your past support and prays that you will continue your support "For such a time as this."
the editor

THANK YOU

The Licking County Foundation
gave \$500 to update our data base.

The Energy Cooperative
gave \$2,000 for the purchase
of new computers!

We are so grateful to
both organizations.



we need you...

... at the Coalition for just a few hours once a week.

Solomon said, "An anxious heart weighs a man down, but a kind word cheers him up." (Proverbs 12:25)

Your kind words may be just what someone needs to hear!

If you can volunteer, call 670-9700. We'll tell you ways you can serve and provide the training to do so.

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