

SOCIAL ACTION AT THE TEMPLE



5772 2011

Social Action Committee

MISSION STATEMENT

**As a Jewish institution,
we are bound by our ethical principles
to defend the defenseless,
to lift up the fallen
and to pursue peace and justice.
Knowing that each congregant shares
in the leadership and responsibility
of our community and the world around us,
we strive to help “repair the world”
through action, education and involvement.
In every effort, we are guided
by the words of our sage, Rabbi Hillel,
“If I am not for myself, who will be for me?
And if I am only for myself, what am I?
If not now, when?”**

Ethics of Our Fathers, 1:14

**The Work of the
Social Action Committee
Begins with an Idea.**

YOURS.

Do you see a need in our community that needs to be addressed?

DON'T BE SILENT!

Share your idea with members of the SAC at the next meeting.

WE NEED YOU!

JOIN US AS WE ALL DO OUR JOB OF TIKKUN OLAM
REPAIRING THE WORLD, REPAIRING OURSELVES.

An Excellent Way to Get Involved and Meet Some Great Temple Members

The Temple Social Action Committee has a long and well-known history of involvement in the Nashville community, not only in outreach to the community at large, but also within the community itself. It's been built through the efforts of individual Temple members who, through their own personal experiences, saw a need that interested people could work together to fill. We are a very "grass roots" oriented committee. As a Social Action Committee member, you'll have the opportunity to bring your ideas to the table and use your expertise to effect real change.

If you'd like to become more involved in Temple activities in general or Social Action in particular, or if you're interested in meeting some terrific people, we want you to know that the Social Action Committee is open to all interested Temple members. You are welcome to attend any of our meetings—just call Carol Fradkin to ask about the meeting schedule. We open our hands and hearts and invite you to join us in tikkun olam—reaching out to "repair the world" and "repair ourselves" through community support activities.

The Social Action Committee is directly responsible to the Executive Committee of The Temple and then to the Board of Trust. We are assisted in our mission by the Rabbinic Staff. Our Rabbinic Liaison is Rabbi Shana Goldstein Mackler, and our Executive Committee Liaison is Ray Berk.

The Social Action Committee Chair is Carol Fradkin. Contact her at fradc@yahoo.com or (615)730-8324 to volunteer or for further information about our activities.

Who Funds The Temple's Social Action Committee?

Resources for the Social Action Committee projects, programs, agencies, and initiatives described in this booklet come almost exclusively from Temple members who donate to the specific funds below.

Please use this form to make a donation that will directly benefit Social Action projects. We hope you'll consider designating these funds when you make future donations to The Temple, as well.

— SOCIAL ACTION DONATION —

_____ Please check here if you do not want your donation published in The Temple View.

Person(s) making donation – Print exactly the way you want name(s) printed on the acknowledgment card:

Address: _____

City State Zip: _____

In Honor of: Anniversary_____ Birthday_____ Recovery_____

Other: _____

In Memory of _____

Send acknowledgment to: _____

If not a Temple member, give address:

If acknowledgment is sent in memory, or to someone other than person being honored, please tell us what relation they are:

Amount of check or cash: \$ _____

Please check the Social Action Fund(s) this donation should be applied to:
_____ Calvin A. Buchman Social Action Fund: The Temple's Social Action Committee assists Nashville agencies with hunger, housing, medical care or other social concerns with these funds.

_____ Lee and Theresa Kuhn Social Action Fund: The Temple Social Action Committee uses this fund to assist individuals or organizations in the Nashville area with hunger, housing, medical care or other social concerns.

_____ Memorial Tablet Fund: When a memorial tablet is purchased, the name of the deceased, with date of death, is placed permanently on the wall of the Memorial Alcove. During the anniversary week, an additional plaque is displayed, and the name of the deceased is read during Kaddish at Shabbat services. Receipts from this fund may be distributed equitably to the Adult Education Fund, Religious School Enrichment Fund, the Library Fund and to Social Action efforts.

Please mail this form with your check to:

The Temple, 5015 Harding Road, Nashville, TN 37205.

CURRENT SOCIAL ACTION PROGRAMS

The Social Action Committee, in conjunction with the Religious School and our Rabbinic Staff, is committed to Tikkun Olam. We are very interested in supporting programs which deal with the current needs of individuals, but also those programs which attempt to prevent situations which render individuals vulnerable. Congregants are encouraged to become members of the Social Action Committee, and help with the projects listed below, as well as to volunteer with the organizations we support.

To get connected with the Social Action Committee, please contact a project liaison or the committee chair, Carol Fradkin.

SPECIAL PROJECT: TORNADO DAMAGE RELIEF BIRMINGHAM, AL

In late April 2011, The Temple received an eloquent letter from Rabbi Jonathan Miller, of Temple Emanu-El in Birmingham, Alabama. Some excerpts from his letter read: "Thank you for your kind comments and your prayers and best wishes to the people who were wiped out here in Alabama. The destruction was so massive here, that we are just beginning to get a handle on what needs to be done." "Here in Alabama, the shock has worn off. Reality has set in. The do-good-for-a-day folks realize that this is not going to get us through the long, long haul." FEMA indicates they "anticipate that the destruction of property in Alabama will rival or possibly surpass the destruction after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita." "We want to welcome you, our fellow Reform Jews, to come to Alabama and provide us with several days or as long as you can, to help the folks in my county get their lives together. You need only willingness to work and Friends, you are needed here." "If you can see your way to Birmingham this summer, we will welcome you."

A group of 17 Temple congregants, organized by the Social Action Committee, made the trek to Birmingham and devoted a total of 28 workdays to help. Some worked with Habitat for Humanity, literally rebuilding homes which had been flattened. Others worked in a Mission warehouse which had been filled with donations and emptied at least 30 times in the 68 days since the disaster hit. Inventory was taken, items were sorted, and boxes were packed for recipients to pick up from one of the 105 disaster relief sites which the Mission serves.

Members of Birmingham's Temple Emanu-El graciously hosted most of our group, opening their homes and providing gratitude and conversation, comfortable accommodations, and breakfast in the mornings. Many of us attended lovely Shabbat services at Temple Emanu-El, where we were thanked for our help. Afterwards, some of our Temple team got to know each other better over dinner at a restaurant. We were all extremely moved by the experience, and were impressed by the need for volunteers which will continue for months to come.

If you are interested in organizing a group, or would like to go yourself to Birmingham to aid in this effort, contact Carol Fradkin for more information.

ONGOING PROJECTS

ALLOCATIONS

Social Action funds are generated through donations to the Kuhn Fund, the Buchman Fund, and some of the Memorial Tablet Fund donations, all under the guidance of the Board of Trust. Additional funds are generated through direct donations by members in honor of various life cycle events.

Requests for fund allocations are submitted to the Social Action Committee by a number of social service agencies in the Nashville Area. The Committee reviews agencies whose mission or activities are deemed consistent with Jewish values and are actively supported by Temple members. Additional criteria for submission can be found on The Temple website, www.templenashville.org. Submissions are reviewed by the Allocations Sub-committee, and their recommendations are then presented to the entire Social Action Committee, which makes its determination. These recommendations are shared with the Executive Committee, which reviews and re-evaluates the recommendations. The final allocations are then passed on to the entire Board of Trust for approval.

Agencies approved for Social Action funds are also suggested to individual congregants for support and as possible contacts for B'nai Mitzvah projects.

For more information, contact Carol Fradkin.

Agencies receiving Social Action funds are listed following this section of Ongoing Projects.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Social Action Committee sponsors two Red Cross Blood Drives each year, generally one in the fall and one in the spring. Volunteers phone congregants and past donors in advance to schedule appointments, and we generally collect 40-45 units of blood each drive. To volunteer to make calls or donate blood, contact: Carol Fradkin.

BOULEVARD BOLT

The Boulevard Bolt Committee is a free-standing committee under the umbrella of the Social Action Committee. This incredible Thanksgiving Day event started in 1994 and now raises about \$200,000 a year, with proceeds benefiting an array of city agencies and programs that serve the homeless. The Bolt is a joint project of The Temple, St. George's Episcopal Church and Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Now one of the largest 5-mile races in the country, the Boulevard Bolt has become a family tradition for thousands of people who view it as a way to do for others before counting their own blessings on Thanksgiving Day. Since its inception, it has raised a total of over \$1.6 million. Imagine a world where Baptists, Jews and Episcopalians come together to help meet a critical need in the Nashville community—serving the homeless. The Boulevard Bolt meets that need with a long tradition of serving Nashville's homeless community. Proceeds have been used for such vital projects as:

- Purchasing backpacks with “street survival supplies” for homeless youth
 - Helping to pay for laundry facilities at a homeless shelter
 - Adding a hot breakfast to services provided by a local soup kitchen
 - Operating a truck to deliver meals to the homeless on the streets
 - Supporting “safe nights” in a 24/7 shelter for homeless victims of domestic violence
 - Supporting a chronic disease program for a local medical clinic serving the homeless
 - Paying for electronic health records for a mobile healthcare van serving the homeless
- ...and many other much-needed services

All Nashville agencies that benefit the homeless are invited to apply for funds from the Boulevard Bolt. Each year, an allocations committee with members from each congregation determines the priority for funding. Contact: Diane Kuhn.

CHANUKAH GIFT PROGRAM – JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE

Jewish Family Service, with input from area synagogues, identifies families who are financially struggling and might need assistance during the winter months. They collect Chanukah gift wish lists for their children, and provide anonymous lists for some of the families to the Temple's Social Action Committee. Interested Temple members purchase items such as Chanukah books, small toys and games, winter coats and hats, clothing, or other necessities, and deliver them unwrapped to the JFS. Families pick up the gifts directly from Jewish Family Service. Social Action Contact: Yvette Sebelist.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Community Outreach program has been reaching out to the gay and lesbian community in Nashville for several years. Led by Rabbi Mackler, the program welcomed 38 people to their Passover Seder this year. Contact: Rabbi Mackler.

CPR TRAINING

In 2010, we held a CPR and First Aid Training, which included use of the AED at Temple. It was very well received, and we plan to repeat the program in early 2012. Social Action Contact: Lottie Strupp

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Like the Boulevard Bolt, Habitat for Humanity is a free-standing committee under the umbrella of the Social Action Committee. Under the leadership of Alan Mazer, The Temple has successfully built houses and community. With great respect for each other, Alan has led Temple members and members of other diverse ethnic and religious communities to come together on joint projects to assist in the construction of new homes for Nashville families. This year's Habitat build date is October 23. Contact Alan Mazer or Jeremy Stone.

HIGH HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

This once-a-year program collects non-perishable food from the congregation on Yom Kippur. Second Harvest Food Bank supplies a large truck on site, which is then filled with canned and other non-perishable food. Checks made out to Second Harvest may also be dropped off at the Temple office during the High Holidays, so that they can buy what is needed, in bulk quantities. For more information, contact Adam Faragalli.

In addition, there is a box located within the foyer of The Temple where members can drop off non-perishable foods year-round.

**JACS: JEWISH ALCOHOLICS, CHEMICALLY ADDICTED PERSONS
AND SIGNIFICANT OTHERS**

The JACS program has met without interruption every Wednesday evening for eight years, and holds an annual Sukkot dinner and Passover Seder. The group includes Temple members, as well as members from other congregations and non-affiliated Jews. Social Action Contact: Robb McCluskey.

KOSHER FOOD BOX PROGRAM - JFS

Jewish Family Service offers monthly food assistance to individuals and families who struggle to make ends meet. The boxes feed an individual/couple for a week, or a family of four for four days. We will be arranging small groups of people to assemble food boxes several times during the coming year. Purchase of food items or monetary donations are also welcome. Social Action Contact: Victoria Cohen-Crumpton.

MARROW DONOR DRIVE

In conjunction with some of our Blood Drives, we have also held Marrow Donor Drives, during which volunteers register to be on the Bone Marrow Donor Registry. This Registry is searched when a patient needs a bone marrow or stem cell transplant to survive, and has no relative who is a good match. Once registrants are identified as a potential match, their willingness to proceed is verified and further testing is done to ascertain whether they are eligible to become a donor for this particular patient. For more information, contact: Carol Fradkin.

NASHVILLE CARES AIDS WALK & ADDITIONAL WALKS FOR CURES

The Social Action Committee notifies those members who are part of the Social Action Interest email list of the opportunities to participate with various agencies throughout Nashville who are using "walks" to increase awareness of the problems faced by individuals and families not only in the Nashville area, but nationally, and internationally as well. These are all vetted through the standard procedures followed by the Social Action committee in all of its endeavors. If you would like to be on the Social Action Interest list, contact Carol Fradkin.

PRESCRIPTION REVIEW

This six-year-old program was brought originally to the Committee by a Temple member, Dr. Bob Neaderthal. It was his contention that there were many seniors within our congregation who might welcome assistance in reviewing their options regarding insurance coverage for medications. Another congregant volunteer, Judy Book RN BSN, also works with the program, which has been very successful and will be offered again this year on Saturday, November 19 and Sunday, November 20. Social Action Contact: Lisa Calkins.

ROOM IN THE INN PROGRAM

(Women every Monday night from November through March)

This program originally housed males only. Several years ago, it was determined, after reviewing the needs of the homeless population in Nashville, in conjunction with the leadership of the Campus for Human Development, that more bed space was needed for the female clients of the program. The Temple responded accordingly. Each week, we have 12 female guests who arrive at approximately 5:30 PM, have dinner, spend the night, eat breakfast, then depart at 5:30 AM, carrying a lunch. Temple members and their families prepare dinner, and some spend the night, as we must have overnight supervision. If you are interested, the Social Action Committee Contact for dinners is Betty Werthan or Glenda Kraft. Overnight volunteers should contact Robb McCluskey.

SUITCASE DRIVE

In 2011, we held a drive to collect suitcases, duffle bags and overnight bags. More than 100 items were collected and taken to the Davidson County Department of Children's Services for foster children to use. The event was so successful and appreciated that we have decided to make this an annual event. Social Action Contact: Linda Latter.

STAFF RELIEF FOR HOLIDAY COVERAGE

This program is designed to assist agencies, either directly funded through the Social Action Committee Allocations or funded through the Boulevard Bolt, that must maintain social services over religious/secular holiday periods that do not affect our congregation. Social Action Contact: Robb McCluskey.

AGENCIES RECEIVING SOCIAL ACTION FUNDS

Alive Hospice — Alive Hospice provides loving care to people with life-threatening illnesses, support to their families, and services to the community in a spirit of enriching lives. According to the U.S. Census, 1 in 20 children experience the loss of a parent before they reach the age of 18. When grieving children do not get the help they need, it often leads to serious problems (e.g. depression, aggression, abuse of drugs and alcohol, health problems high drop-out rates), which can escalate and affect the entire community. Funds were granted to help support a 3-day teen retreat, where participants meet other teens who have had similar experiences. Retreat activities are designed to give teenagers age-appropriate support, a safe environment to process and manage the feelings related to their loss, and an opportunity to learn healthy coping skills.

2011 Grant from The Temple: \$500.00

Volunteer Need(s): The greatest need that Alive Hospice is for one-on-one companionship with patients and families who need emotional support. Companionship is a top need. Helping in the home and providing respite services are also agency needs. The agency's experienced Volunteer Coordinators train and prepare each volunteer and skillfully matches volunteers with patients. A complete list of volunteer opportunities is on the agency's website at www.alivehospice.org. Contact: Volunteer Coordinator at (615) 327-1085.

Better Decisions — Twice a year, Better Decisions offers an eight-week program that utilizes a structured curriculum to teach decision-making skills to women incarcerated at the Tennessee State Prison for Women in Nashville. Their goal is to equip each inmate student with the tools that will help her (1) learn to make good decisions while incarcerated, and (2) accept the responsibility of building a stable, productive future for herself and her children once she is released. Better Decisions was granted funding to help offset printing costs. Twice a year, a 55-page student workbook is given to 75-90 inmates, and every September, 25-30 newly trained volunteer mentors receive a 120-page manual.

2011 Grant from The Temple: \$1,000.00

Volunteer Need(s): Women are needed as trained 1-on-1 mentors for Tennessee Prison for Women as described above. Contact: Kathy Masulis at (615) 383-5823 (Home/Work) and (615) 598-5814 (mobile).

Court Appointed Special (CASA) — CASA recruits, trains and supervises volunteers to serve as Court Appointed Special Advocates for children who are victims of abuse and neglect in Davidson County. CASA benefits the Nashville community by helping to get abused, neglected children out of state custody more quickly and into safe, permanent homes. Last year, 280 advocates were able to provide advocacy for 529 children by keeping them safe and preventing them from falling through the cracks of the foster care system. CASA is requesting funding to recruit, train and supervise 75 new Court Appointed Special Advocates.

2011 Grant from The Temple: \$1,000.00

Volunteer Need(s): Individuals are needed to work directly with a specifically designated child as Court Appointed Special Advocate volunteers (as mentioned above). In addition, volunteers are needed to assist with several annual events including the Light of Hope; the Red Shoe Party; Shelby Bottoms Boogie 15K/5K race and walk; and the ACC vs. SEC Alumni Golf Tournament. Contact: Volunteer Coordinator at (615) 425-2383.

Homework Hotline — Homework Hotline provides one-on-one free tutoring by telephone to Middle Tennessee students and parents. With Homework Hotline, students tackle new concepts, complete challenging assignments, and gain academic skills. Students who get the help they seek return to school better prepared and less discouraged. Since 1990, Homework Hotline teachers and volunteers have answered more than 375,000 calls. Bilingual assistance is available in seven languages: English, Arabic, Kurdish, Spanish, Somalian, Swahili, and Turkmani. The children who call are wonderfully motivated, but they are also the most economically challenged in the state. Last year, Homework Hotline fielded 13,208 calls, and 93% of Hotline callers rated the problem as “resolved” at the end of the call. This means the student has the correct answer and reports understanding of the concept. Eighty three per cent of callers were able to prove mastery of the topic by finishing the assignment and successfully working a similar question independently. Homework Hotline requested funding for a bilingual Somalian teacher.

2011 Grant from The Temple: \$1,500.00

Volunteer Need(s): Volunteers are needed as tutors, Monday–Thursday, 3:00–8:00 p.m. Volunteers are trained and are given the resources to assist callers. Individuals may work as **few as two hour per month**. Contact: Wendy Kurland at (615) 298-6636 (office) and (615) 423-3989 (mobile).

Jewish Family Service — Jewish Family Service of Nashville and Middle Tennessee, Inc., provides professional social services from Jewish perspectives, and responds to and supports individuals and families through life's transitions (including catastrophes, such as the 2010 flood). JFS strives to improve social, emotional and economic conditions; enhance personal growth; and increase opportunities for independent, productive and satisfying lives.

One of Jewish Family Service's core services is adoption. JFS has been building families through adoption for over 30 years. Jewish families turn to JFS where they can identify themselves as Jewish without potential negative consequences, versus other Christian-based agencies in Nashville. Many local Christian-based agencies will not work with Jewish families, as they are reluctant to place a child knowing that he or she will be raised Jewish. In addition, JFS is the only adoption agency in Nashville and Middle Tennessee that does home studies and post-placements for same-sex couples, many of whom are Jewish. Funds were granted to help with operating costs and programming of Adoption Connections.

2011 Grant from The Temple: \$2,500.00

Volunteer Need(s): Congregants are needed for participation in its Helping Hand Program, which matches volunteers with senior adults. The goals of this program are to enable senior adults to live independently as long as possible, and to provide Jewish connections and accessibility to Jewish observances at home or in assisted living facilities. In addition, volunteers are needed to help with the Golden Lunch Bunch, every first and third Tuesdays at the Temple. Temple members are also needed to pack Kosher Food Boxes and to buy gifts for Chanukah Gift Program and School Supply drive for children whose families need assistance. Contact: Anna Sir at (615) 354-1686 regarding the Helping Hand Program and the Golden Lunch Bunch. The Temple Social Action Committee is responsible for coordinating the Chanukah Gift Program and packing Kosher Food Boxes.

Nashville Adult Literacy Council (NALC)

The Nashville Adult Literacy Council is an organization that teaches U.S. born adults to read and teaches English to adult immigrants. This is done primarily through volunteer tutors, who are recruited, trained and matched to adult learners based on schedule and location preference. NALC specializes in teaching adults to read at low levels of proficiency (6th grade and below) The demand for services sharply increased last year to 1,750 learners. Funds were requested for books and educational materials for learners and tutors during tutoring sessions.

2011 Grant from the Temple: \$500.00

Volunteer Need(s): NALC is in need of volunteer tutors who are asked to work approximately 2 – 3 hours per week with a learner. A six-month commitment is requested and knowledge of a foreign language is NOT required. Volunteer tutors will first participate in training which is provided continuously throughout the year. Contact: Meg Nugent at (615) 298-8060.

Neighborhood Resource Center (NRC) — The NRC assists residents in the formation and development of ongoing neighborhood organizations that take action to improve the quality of life in their respective communities. In addition to their other activities, the NRC is working in partnership with the Davidson County Sheriff's Office to implement the Transition from Jail to Community (TJC) Initiative at the local level. The project aims to reduce recidivism and improve outcomes for the formerly incarcerated by building community support to successfully reintegrate them into society. Funds were granted to support the community organizing and technical assistance to the Transition from Jail to Community Initiative.

2011 Grant from The Temple: \$500.00

Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC) — OIC enables those who are ready and willing to achieve a better quality of life through assessment, training, education and job placement services. In 2010-2011, students in the GED Preparation Class made 134.6 Grade Level Advances. Fifteen students earned a GED, and OIC helped 48 of its clients get jobs at an average of \$9.75 per hour (\$20,270/year). In soft skills training, students completed 80 modules in Microsoft Office 2010, including Word, Excel, Power Point, and Outlook. The value of these skills added significantly to the marketability of the clients. The return to the community and to the clients was \$9.04 for every dollar spent. OIC has helped thousands

of individuals become contributing members of our community. These individuals in turn raise hope and expectations of the next generation. OIC requested funding to support its assessment, training, education and job placement services.

2011 Grant from The Temple: \$1,500.00

Volunteer Need(s): A critical need of OIC is for tutors. Many students are on the verge of being able to pass the GED. Even a little assistance can make a big difference. Also, OIC needs a large number of volunteers to participate in a variety of ways to plan, prepare for and participate in its Annual Awards Banquet (at the end of March). Contact: Helena Farrow at (615) 248-2096.

Planned Parenthood of Middle and East Tennessee — Planned Parenthood affiliate health centers provide culturally competent, high-quality, affordable health care to millions of women, men, and teens every year. Planned Parenthood welcomes everyone—regardless of race, age, disability, sexual orientation, or income.

Planned Parenthood provides education and training for teens and parents to assist in fostering open discussion between parents and their children regarding responsible sexual behavior. The funds are non-designated, but will be used to provide services in the Reducing the Risk Program. This program is to empower youth to make wise, healthy decisions, with a focus on decreasing the incidence of risky sexual behaviors.

2011 Grant from The Temple: \$1,000.00

Volunteer Need(s): PPMET needs volunteers to participate in the agency's "Get Active" e-mail alert system (which includes making phone calls, participating in demonstrations, sending e-mails to state senators and representatives--particularly during legislative sessions; to help prepare mailings to supporters and donors; to assist with the planning of fundraising and "friend-raising" events such as Amuse Bouche, Cocktails for a Cause, etc.; and to represent Planned Parenthood by "tabling" at health fairs and related community events.

Contact: Volunteer Coordinator at (615) 345-0952.

Room in the Inn — Each Monday evening, from the first Monday in November until the last Monday in March, The Temple hosts 12 women from the Campus for Human Development. The women are brought to The Temple by van, and have dinners prepared for and served to them by members of the Congregation. The guests are then provided with bedding, watch television, and play cards until 10 PM, then lights-out. One or two volunteer Congregants spend the night. At 5 AM, our guests are awakened, given breakfast, and provided with a lunch before they are picked up by the van and taken back to the Campus. Social Action Funds pay for the van service, lunches, and breakfasts. These funds are held within The Temple for expenses; any funds that are not expended are retained.

2011 Grant from The Temple: \$3,500.00

Volunteer Need(s): Volunteers are needed to provide (and serve, if possible) a substantial dinner for Monday evening; to provide personal hygiene items; and to provide healthy, non-perishable snacks that can be included in lunch bags. Contact: Robb McCluskey at (615) 568-1786.

Youth Villages: The Transitional Living (TL) Program

The Transitional Living Program is one of a kind in this area and has a 10-year track record of helping young people “aging out” of the foster care system, with limited or no support systems. Youth Villages helps provide basic needs and wraparound services for the young people (ages 17-22) who are entering the Transitional Living Program in Middle Tennessee and are struggling to live independently. Basic needs/wraparound services include initial help with housing-related items (hotel rooms for emergency situations, rent and utilities), medical/dental expenses, food, hygiene needs, furniture, setting up housekeeping, job appropriate clothing, gas or bus passes, educational costs (GED classes), infant/children’s clothing and equipment. As their basic physical needs are met, these youth will have a better chance to improve emotional and mental health through a positive new beginning as they participate in the Youth Villages TL Program. Funds are granted to help provide basic need and wrap around services for these young people entering the TL Program.

2011 Grant from the Temple: \$1500.00

Volunteer Need(s): Volunteers are needed in many of the areas in the description above such as providing furniture and other items to set up housekeeping; providing job-appropriate clothing for men and women; and providing infant/children’s clothing and equipment. Contact: Patti Bryan at (615) 250-7207.