

Dear Friends of LCEF,

This year I seem to be in a contemplative state, pondering things happening around me. Some days I think about the work that LCEF does in our community and wonder is it enough to make a difference? Then I saw this quote. “We know only too well that what we are doing is nothing more than a drop in the ocean. But if the drop were not there, the ocean would be missing something.” *Mother Teresa*

The drop that LCEF creates may only impact Louisa County, but I hope that it creates a small ripple for those families that we assist. We recently made a mortgage payment for a family of six (Mom, Dad, 3 teenage boys and a 7-year-old daughter). The daughter has MS and was recently hospitalized and diagnosed with cancer. Along with losing time at work due to the hospitalization of their daughter, they had a large, unexpected auto repair. They called LCEF and our partners at Goshen Baptist Association helped them with the application. After informing them that we would be able to help, Mom said, “thank you, thank you. This will help tremendously. We are so grateful for your organization and assistance. You will never know how much this means to us.”

So, that’s why we do what we do, even if it only helps a few individuals and families in our area. Our mission remains the same - to assist Louisa County residents with the basic needs of daily living during a crisis situation, while providing education and referral services that will help them become more self-sufficient. We provide financial assistance to keep local families in their homes, warm and safe.

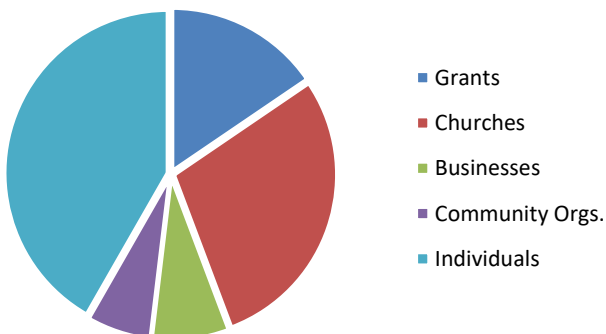
I also extend my personal thanks to our hard working, all-volunteer board, including Joy Dickens, Susan Utt, Tom Ronksley, Duane Sergent, Joyce Osburn, Rev. Larry Lewis, Eunice Baskfield, Crysti Hopkins and Lola Richardson. What a team!! Here’s to another great year of helping others during difficult times.

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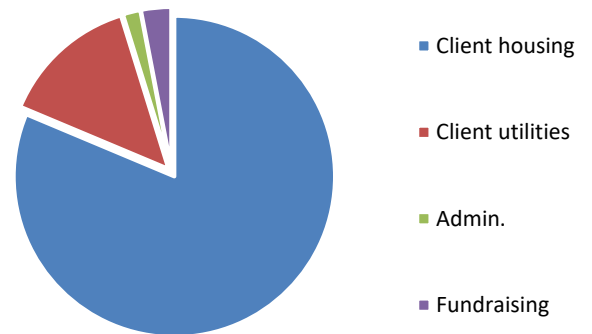
Chairperson, LCEF

In 2024, LCEF provided over \$51,000 in financial assistance for 121 families, including 25 seniors, 148 adults (under age 60) and 101 children. Included in these numbers were 24 disabled individuals. LCEF was able to meet the challenging demand for assistance, thanks to YOU, our generous supporters!

2024 Income Sources

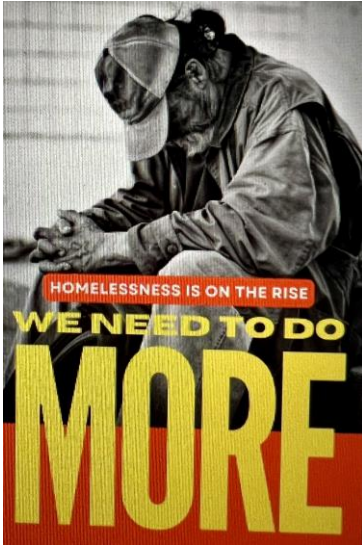


2024 Expenses



Louisa Homeless Coalition (LHC) Update

LHC Now Part of Non-profit Las Palmas Land Trust



“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world”. “Never depend upon the institutions or government to solve any problem. All social change comes from the passion of individuals.” These quotes from Margaret Mead, cultural anthropologist and social activist, apply to members of the Louisa Homeless Coalition. This group of dedicated volunteers is diligently working to help homeless/unhoused people in Louisa County. LHC is now part of Las Palmas Land Trust, a Louisa County 501(c)(3) dedicated to increasing the availability of affordable housing in our community. Additionally, they support LHC work with churches to provide temporary shelter for local homeless folks. For more info on Las Palmas, visit their website <http://www.laspalmaslouisa.org/>. For specific LHC questions, email info.louisahomelesscoalition@gmail.com.

LCEF Helped Many Families in 2024 - Some of Their Comments



Another was a single mom with an infant “The week you provided for me and my baby is so appreciated. Our new home will be available next week for us to move into. Thank you for helping us in this time of transition.”

One was a single mom with a small child. “This was my first time ever getting assistance in this manner and I can’t express how much gratitude I have for LCEF and Goshen for helping me to feel sane through this difficult time.”



LCEF Supporters Share Their Why

“I support LCEF because it is a service organization that meets the needs of persons with extenuating circumstances. Their needs might be not having enough financial resources to meet the obligation of paying the rent, mortgage or utilities. LCEF lends a helping hand toward providing such support. Assistance is also provided to individuals who may need a temporary place to stay to get out of the cold weather.”

Rev. Larry Lewis, LCEF Board Member

“We believe you make an important difference in the lives of many in Louisa County who have monetary difficulties. We are happy to make this supportive gift to LCEF to the glory of God.”

Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church

Thank You

Many thanks to our 2024 donors: clubs, families, churches, businesses

American Green, Belmont Club of Women, Besley Implements, Boardwalk Mini Golf, Bybee's Road Baptist, Cardinal Home Center, Church of the Incarnation, Classy Glass, Dick Purcell Land, Cattle and Timber Corp., Divine Nature, Dominion Energy, Episcopal Church - Charlottesville Region, Fifty-Third Winery, Foster Creek Baptist, Goshen Baptist Association, Gum Spring United Methodist Women, Huntington Community Fellowship, Lake Anna Roosters and Foxes, Lake Anna Wellness Studio, Lake Region Repair, Lloyd's Real Estate, Long and Foster, Louisa Christian Church, Louisa Catholic Churches (St. Jude and Immaculate Conception), Louisa Ruritans, Louisa United Methodist Church Women, Loyalty Inn, Mineral Mercantile, Mineral United Methodist Church Women, Moo Thru, Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church missions, mens and womens groups, Rappahannock Electric Cooperative, St. James Episcopal Church women and outreach committee, Tim's at Lake Anna, Wayne's Heating & Cooling, Windwood Coves Community Club, and Woodward Insurance.

And these families: Baggett, Barfield, Benson, Beutler, Biondi, Boivin, Boxley, Bradford, Braga, Breen, Breseman, Bricker, Brockel, Carr, Carter, Chipps, Crider, Critics, DeBusk, Denniston, Dickens, Donovan, Edwards, Ferguson, Fletcher, Flynn, Gallagher, Gaulin, Goodwin, Greisinger, Grey, Griffith, Grill, Hamrick, Harding, Herr, Hillyard, Holmes, Hopkins, Hoyle, Ingersole, Kane, Kauffman, Kaval, Keller, Kelly, Kirley, Kogle, Langston, Lewis, Mason, Matthews, Maxfield, McAllister, Mielke, Minner, Novak, Osburn, Owen, Paine, Perkins, Potts, Rigdon, Rivera, Roach, Ronksley, Rosson, Schumacher, Seaton, Sergent, Shutt, Sims, Smith, Snyder, Stone, Thomas, Unger, Utt, Walker, Wallace, Ward, Wayne, Wesley, Wilson, Wisniewski, Woolfolk, Worley, and Zemke.

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Thanks to Carol DeZorzi and family, the Barmoys from Lake Anna Roosters and Foxes and Lake Anna Taphouse for helping LCEF host a Spring Cornhole Tournament.

MORE FUN with our Mini Golf & Dinner Fundraiser

Many thanks to Boardwalk Mini Golf and Tim's at Lake Anna for partnering with LCEF for food, fun and fundraising. Appreciation to our business sponsors, attendees and LCEF Coordinator Susan Utt!



Watch for upcoming details for the next Mini Golf & Tim's event September 2025.

For more information or to volunteer to help with fundraising or grant writing, contact chairperson Lin Kogle 540-894-0239 or visit our website. LCEF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and donations are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.

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