



Annual Summary 2010

The mission of T&E Care is to maintain a network of people providing financial and other material assistance to persons in need in and around the Tredyffrin and Easttown township area.

In 2010 T&E Care remained focused on giving assistance to families living in or around Tredyffrin or Easttown Townships who were struggling with difficult or emergency situations. While much of our efforts are in reaction to the specific needs of families who have been referred to us, we have established some ongoing programs. T&E Care hopes that by providing assistance to families in a difficult situation, they will be able to recover and become self-sufficient.

Fund Raising Efforts

Our 3rd annual Fall Fest was again our main fundraiser, bringing in about \$25,000 in 2010. Additionally a number of smaller fundraisers were run by various community members or groups on behalf of T&E Care. For example, in 2010 there were two 5-K events with proceeds going to T&E Care, donations to T&E Care in lieu of gifts at a couple of adult parties and children's birthday parties, a number of school groups that ran special events for us (bringing in both cash donations and donations of items for various drives), and a special dinner that raised money designated for T&E Care.

A number of foundations and local organizations and businesses supported T&E Care in 2010, including Fox and Roach Charities, The Good Sports of Wayne, Community Backstop, The Chesterbrook Rotary, the Tredyffrin Township Police Association, RE/MAX Main Line Charitable Foundation, Play It Again Sports, Strafford Station Apartments, and the Fairfield County Community Foundation. We received a grant from The Saturday Club to help with our Meal Assistance Program, from the Foundation for Learning in Tredyffrin/Easttown to help with our computer program, and signed up for the TD Bank Affinity Program to help with some expenses related to our College Assistance Program (CAP). The support of the local churches for T&E Care continued to increase in 2010 with programs and general donations to our various efforts. We opened a PayPal account in November 2010 to which on-line donations can be made on the website, and this brought in \$670 before we even advertised it. Additionally, gift cards were donated to us directly from Staples, Whole Foods and Wegmans, with an additional \$16,000 in gift cards donated from local residents during our various drives.

Including all the fund raising efforts above and the general financial donations from individuals we raised approximately \$124,000 in cash donations to fund T&E Care programs and assistance in 2010.

Other types of donations

We also received in-kind support from a number of local businesses in 2010 for assistance such as our annual financial statement review, discounted car repairs for local families, and free tuition from a number of area camps. Johnson Matthey again gave significant support to T&E Care at our annual School Supply Drive, and Peter Zimmerman Architects donated tickets to the Nutcracker at the Academy of Music for 3 local families. The Amana Foundation, Johnson Matthey, and the Kitchen Workshop (in addition to a number of area residents) provided food for Thanksgiving and

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Christmas dinners for 20 local families. A Philadelphia law firm, Blank Rome LLP, made donations of over 40 computers for our computer program, and many area businesses and individuals made donations of prizes for our Fall Fest auction and raffle. Local girl scout groups and sports teams donated time and goods for various efforts assisting families. One girl scout troop baked over 300 cookies for the holidays for a number of families! A retired IT gentleman continues to do most of our computer refurbishing at no charge. Finally many community members donated furniture, clothing, baby supplies, and other items to help families when the need was announced. All in all over 600 different community members, businesses, or groups made donations of one kind or another to T&E Care in 2010, with well over 100 people volunteering in the various drives or programs.

General assistance to families

Over 200 checks were written in 2010, and the families that we supported came from all walks of life. From these checks, approximately \$80,000 worth of cash assistance was given to local families in 2010. Financial help included assistance related to housing (rent/mortgage, home repairs), utilities, education, medical, food, transportation (car repairs/inspections, car tag transfers, train/taxi fares, purchase assistance), job fees (application fees, etc.), baby and child supplies, and emergency support (such as house fires and medical emergencies). Additionally we provided over \$15,000 in gift cards throughout the year. Additional help was given for budgeting advice, legal advice, tax preparation, resume review and job placement. Some families received furniture, household items, clothes, baby items and food. Five families received donated cars. Over 150 different families were touched in one way or another during the course of 2010.

Program assistance to families

Besides responding to individual needs of families, in 2010 we ran a number of programs. Some of these programs follow a school-year calendar so they span more than one fiscal year.

- **College Assistance Program:** CAP offered assistance to 10 students in 2010, totaling about \$15,000, including tuition assistance payments, text book purchases, college admission fees, and general college required fees. High school seniors who meet eligibility criteria can apply for assistance. Students can continue receive this support throughout their college years, as long as their grades and activities demonstrate their efforts to be successful.
- **Meal Assistance Program (2009/2010):** Over 25 students were supported during the 2009/2010 school year. Each student received between \$20 and \$30 each month in his/her lunch account. The total paid during 2009/2010 was over \$5500. So far during the first half of the 2010/2011 school year we have given similar assistance to 15 students.
- **Computers For Kids Program:** We provided 33 computers to students in 2010. 28 were refurbished computers and 5 were new laptops for college bound students. Expenses (up to \$5000) related to this program, especially the cost of the new computers, were covered by a grant from FLITE.
- **School Supply Drive:** Assistance was given to over 180 students from 97 families. Students received book bags, supplies, and gift cards (for clothing or food) to start the school year. Over \$3700 in gift cards were distributed. Community members donated all of the items requested for this drive, so no T&E Care funds were used.
- **Holiday Drive:** Over 50 families were given assistance, including gifts, boxes of food and cleaning supplies/toiletries, and gift cards. Over \$10,000 in gift cards were included in this drive. Community members donated all of the items requested for this drive, so no T&E Care funds were used.

- Textbook Scholarship Program (2009/2010): We awarded two Conestoga High School seniors going to college each a \$500 scholarship for the purchase of books. The winning students both went to West Chester University. They were selected on the basis of need, motivation in class, and their willingness to give back in the school community.
- Summer Camp Program: Approximately 30 youngsters were given assistance with a week or two of summer camp in 2010; our volunteers provided transportation for 12 of them. We spent over \$4800 covering tuition fees, but many area camps also donated a week or two of camp.

Administrative costs

Administrative costs for 2010 totaled approximately \$2500, or around 2% of our total cash revenue. These costs included insurance, state filing fees, and a small amount for supplies. We continue to have no paid employees, no office expenses, and very little overhead. Most of our supplies, including printing and postage costs, are donated. We have no official office (we work out of our homes) so there are no rent or utility fees associated with the organization.

In 2011 and beyonds

Additional programs are being structured and current programs are being refined for 2011 and beyond. More household financial programs are being created to give assistance to families needing budgeting advice. Two of our biggest priorities for 2011 include creating a program to help provide internet access to families that can't afford such coverage in their homes, and mentoring programs for some of the students in our schools. We will continue to update our website with new information for both the donors (information about upcoming events and various needs) and those in need (information about local jobs, helpful links to local resources, available furniture and other items, and free activities in our community). It is all about teamwork – everyone working together so everyone succeeds. T&E Care thanks all those who have contributed time, money, and goods to help out families right here in our backyard.

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