

HIGHLIGHTS OF TOWNSHIP ACTIVITY DURING THE YEAR

During the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024, thanks to volunteers and a small, stellar, hard-working staff, we responded to over 17,000 resident requests for services, including 7,800 individuals living in households that visited the Pantry (counting multiple visits during the year), 60 requests for emergency assistance, 100 SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) applications, 280 residents helped with utilities assistance, 512 health insurance applications and DHS follow-up, and 3,050 rides for seniors and disabled residents.

- Staff and volunteers helped the Township deliver over 17,900 resident services and responses during the 12-months April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024, including processing 48 applications for emergency rent and other assistance. Emergency assistance provided by the Township during the fiscal year included direct rent, utility, medical and other assistance to 27 households totaling almost \$34,000 in direct assistance. In addition, staff helped over 356 residents access services from other governmental units and agencies: 102 SNAP applications, 154 households with utility assistance through LIHEAP (Low Income Heat Electric Assistance Program), 46 residents enroll for Benefit Access, and 54 residents access other resources including TANF, Social Security disability, Mother's Trust, Salvation Army and other resources.
- There were over 7,700 food pantry resident-visits during the 12-month period. Thanks to a generous community for helping the Food Pantry offer fresh produce, dairy, and meat. The Food Pantry delivered food bi-weekly year-round to shut-in residents, and during the winter months to residents who walk to the Township.
- Staff and volunteers helped 512 individuals with health insurance assistance, including the ACA Federal Marketplace, Medicaid applications, Senior prescription drug enrollment, and DHS follow-up.
- Staff provided 3,050 door-to-door rides for seniors and disabled residents to access medical care. In May and June 2024 the Township is testing a pilot transportation service to provide Moraine Township residents with door-to-door transportation to run errands on Thursdays.
- To help keep seniors safe, the Township provided summer utility assistance to 23 senior households who do not live in buildings with a cooling center.
- Moraine Township also responded to cemetery requests and burials for our two Township cemeteries, processed passports, helped residents apply for RTA discount cards, provided free notary, copying, and faxing help, dispensed temporary disability placards to qualified residents, and registered voters, among other services provided.
- Moraine Township will be awarded a Highland Park Historic Preservation Award on May 2, 2024 to recognize the 3-year restoration work at historic Daggitt Cemetery and major landscaping.
- Moraine Township Latino Advisory Committee hosted a Resource Fair for Township residents to learn more about resources available in our community.
- Volunteers completed almost 350 2023 tax returns for low and-moderate-income families during the 2024 tax filing season.

- Our amazing community helped provide 500 households with holiday gifts, and grocery gift cards to shop for their holiday meals.

A big shout out to Moraine Township's army of volunteers. Volunteers help weekly at the Food Pantry. They help with the holiday gift drive, Sunset Foods Drive in December, and Letter Carrier food drive in May. They enroll residents for subsidized health insurance and prepare free income tax returns for low-income residents. Volunteers provided 5,200 hours to help residents during 2023. Volunteers make it possible for the Township to offer expanded services.

The Township thanks our caring community for helping make the lives of residents in need of additional resources just a little easier. Township residents are fortunate to be part of a generous and caring community.