

Newark Area Welfare Committee

2021 ANNUAL REPORT



— neighbors helping neighbors

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From the President

Dear NAWC Friends,

After another year of uncertainty, the Newark Area Welfare Committee is as relevant and important as it has ever been in its over 80 years of helping Newark residents, and while I take pride in all that this organization has accomplished, I want to first acknowledge our neighbors who have lost their lives due to the pandemic. Over 2800 Delawareans and 250 Newark residents have died due to Covid-19 and my thoughts are with them and their loved ones.

Reflecting on a year in which NAWC accomplished so much, I am especially proud and grateful for the NAWC volunteers who have done so much for this community. NAWC is an all-volunteer organization and while we often refrain from boasting about our accomplishments, the commitment to and impact on Newark that the NAWC board and volunteers display is truly impressive.

In 2021, NAWC served over 3000 neighbors in a variety of ways which are detailed in this report. Of those we served, over 1300 were children, a group which has been greatly affected by the pandemic, and as we strive to return to a state of "normal", helping kids will be an area of increased focus for NAWC in 2022 and beyond.

Finally I would like to acknowledge the recipients of NAWC's community awards. Bob Lucas and Beverly Stoudt were honored with NAWC's Lifelong Achievement Award for long and distinguished service to the organization. My personal NAWC side project is to digitize our archives and two constants in NAWC's records are Bob and Beverly - their contribution to NAWC is truly immeasurable. Also honored was Sasha Aber, who received the inaugural Polly Sierer Community Leader Award which recognizes an individual or group who has taken a lead role in developing a solution to a current community issue. Sasha, the owner of Home Grown Cafe, repurposed her restaurant as a place of giving when the pandemic hit, providing over 3200 meals to Christiana Care health workers as part of Adopt-a-Unit program which she led. Congrats and thanks to this great trio.

In closing, a thanks is due to you for your support and for all that you do to make Newark a great place, and I look forward to another year of serving our community.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Mangat". The signature is stylized and cursive, with a large initial "S" and a prominent "M".

Stephen Mangat
President, Newark Area Welfare Committee

— Our Mission

Newark Area Welfare Committee (NAWC) is an all-volunteer organization and in cooperation with community partners, is committed to helping Newark-area families-in-crisis regain balance by providing them the necessities of life.

NAWC envisions a community where no one goes without food, shelter, heat and the other essentials of life.

We are committed to being a trusted resource that establishes and supports diverse programs to provide services to our neighbors in crisis. To meet this challenge, we strive to extend our reach and effectiveness through new initiatives.

Lifetime Award Recipients

Bob Lucas and Bev Stoudt

Board of Directors



Officers

Stephen Mangat	<i>President</i>
Lyn Henshaw	<i>Vice President</i>
Joe Brady	<i>Past Treasurer</i>
Sue Forman	<i>Treasurer</i>
Debbie Seador	<i>Secretary</i>

Directors-at-Large

Katie Hughes
Tammy Sharp
Debi Thomas
Terri Williams

Committee Chairs

Lyn Henshaw	<i>Awards</i>
Sue Forman	<i>Budget & Finance</i>
Debi Thomas	<i>Emergency Assistance</i>
Linda Debski	<i>Food Cupboard</i>
Tammy Sharp	<i>Holiday Food Program</i>
Lyn Henshaw	<i>Marketing & Fundraising</i>
Katie Hughes	<i>Outreach</i>
Joe and Karen Brady	<i>Shoe Program</i>

You made this possible in 2021...



Outreach Chair Katie Hughes was recognized for helping ensure homeless and housing-insecure students had the resources they needed to focus on their education.



With the generous support of local organizations and individuals, more than 600 families were given Acme gift cards totaling \$54,830 this holiday season, a 40% increase from the 2020.



Newark Charitable and Social Club raised \$3,500 for NAWC at their annual Fall Auction.



We provided \$37,000 in Emergency Assistance funding to 47 families in need.



The Food Cupboard distributed more than \$21,000 in food to 115 families.



We purchased 135 pairs of shoes, valued at \$4,200, for 90 children and 45 adults.



NAWC funded \$30,000 in Special Projects including support to Meals on Wheels and the Newark Police Athletic League.



More than \$1,700 was spent to fund care closets and purchase school supplies for several schools in the Christina School District, a 70% increase from 2020.

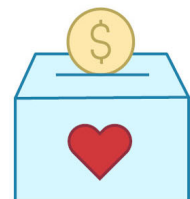


Consolidated Treasurer's Report (Unaudited)

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Receipts					
Contributions	\$52,281	\$75,438	\$79,604	\$131,835	\$155,180
Grants	\$45,704	\$47,145	\$40,279	\$23,713	\$25,454 (1)
Special Projects/Events	\$21,861	\$9,091	\$2,522	\$892	\$434
Total Revenue	\$119,846	\$131,674	\$122,405	\$156,440	\$181,068
Expenditures					
Program Services	\$91,320	\$106,335	\$87,953	\$99,914	\$123,657
Special Projects	\$1,208	\$21,077	\$35,608	\$32,383	\$27,193
Administrative Costs	\$4,089	\$5,232	\$3,288	\$4,180	\$15,091 (2)
Total Expenses	\$96,617	\$132,644	\$126,849	\$136,477	\$165,941
Net Cash	\$23,229	-\$970	-\$4,444	\$19,963	\$15,127
Cash at Beginning of Year	\$73,151	\$96,380	\$95,410	\$90,966	\$110,929
Cash at Year End	\$96,380	\$95,410	\$90,966	\$110,929	\$126,056

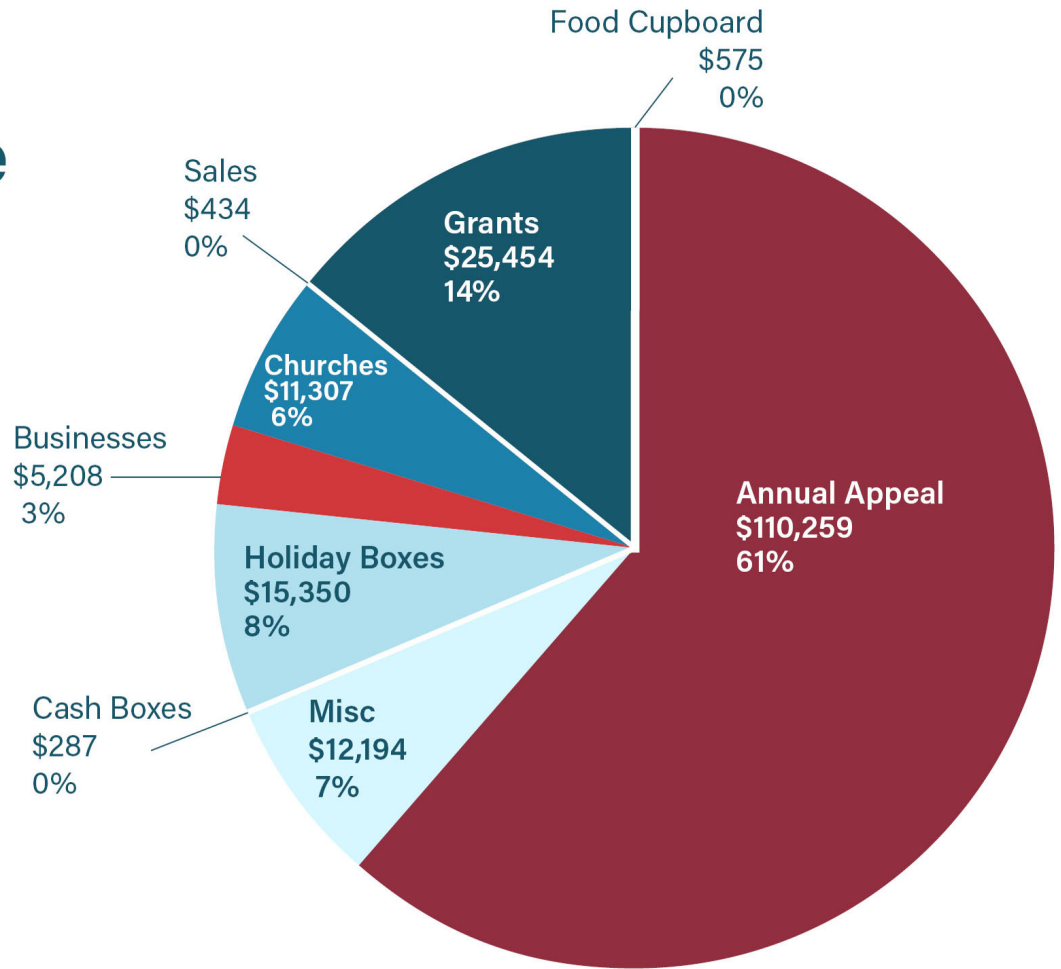
(1) 2021 NAWC Grants

CHRISTMAS SHOP	\$13,000
CITY OF NEWARK	\$7,454
NEWARK CHARITABLE AND SOCIAL	\$5,000

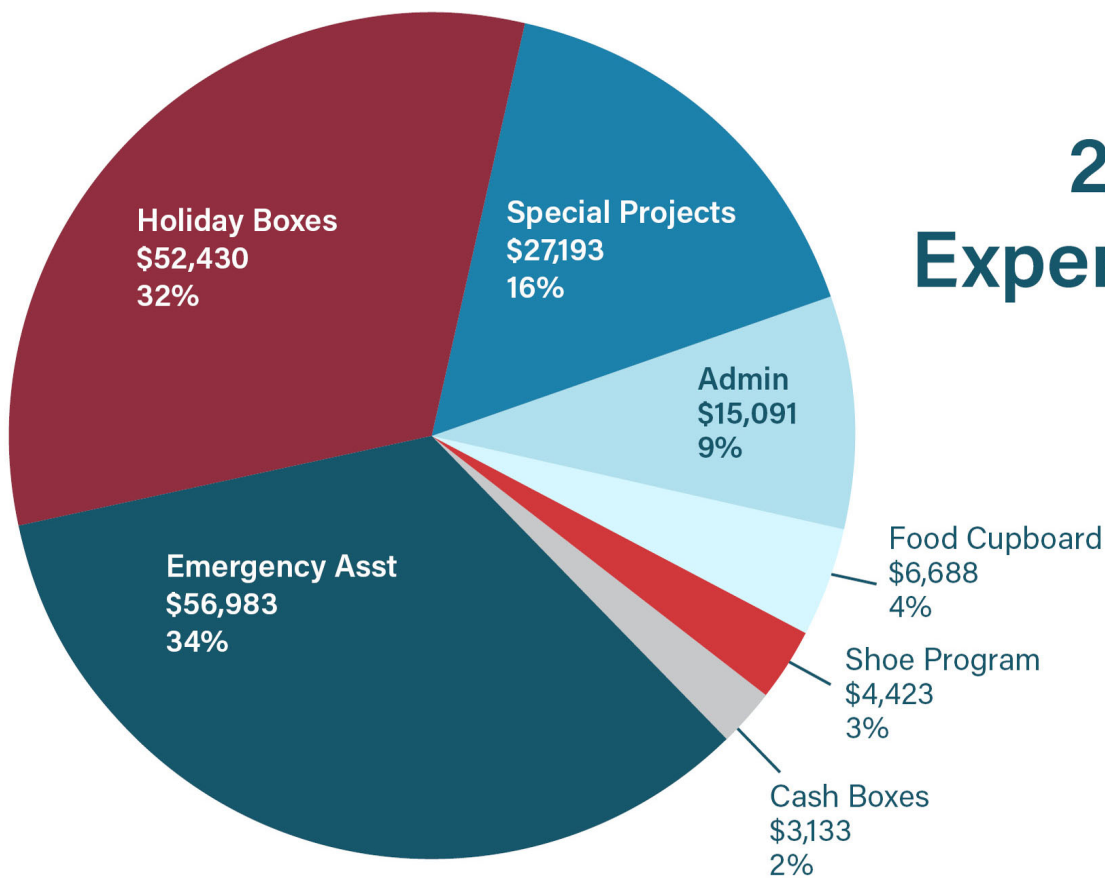


(2) Increased Admin Costs include increase in postage and printing costs to expand donor appeal to larger Newark community

2021 Revenue



2021 Expenditures



Emergency Assistance Program

NAWC provides financial assistance to families or individuals in the Newark area who need immediate support. Referrals for this program are provided by our friends at the Hudson State Service Center, Newark Housing Authority, City of Newark and the Empowerment Center.

Our financial support provides neighbors in need with shelter and other critical needs, including utilities, rent, mortgage payment, prescription medicines, bedding and bus tickets.

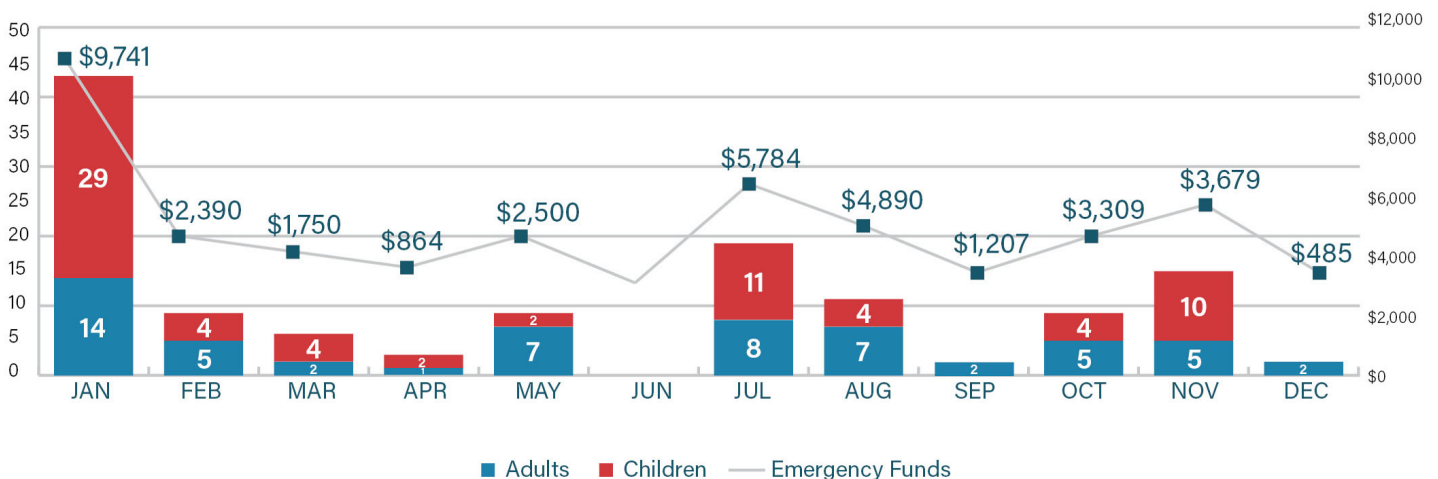
In 2021, the Emergency Assistance Program:

Served **47 Families**, comprising:

- **70 Children**
- **58 Adults**
- **\$36,600** in Emergency Cash Funding
- Continue to streamline our vetting process and expand our outreach
 - **Updated form used with Holy Angels**



2021 Emergency Assistance Program



Food Cupboard



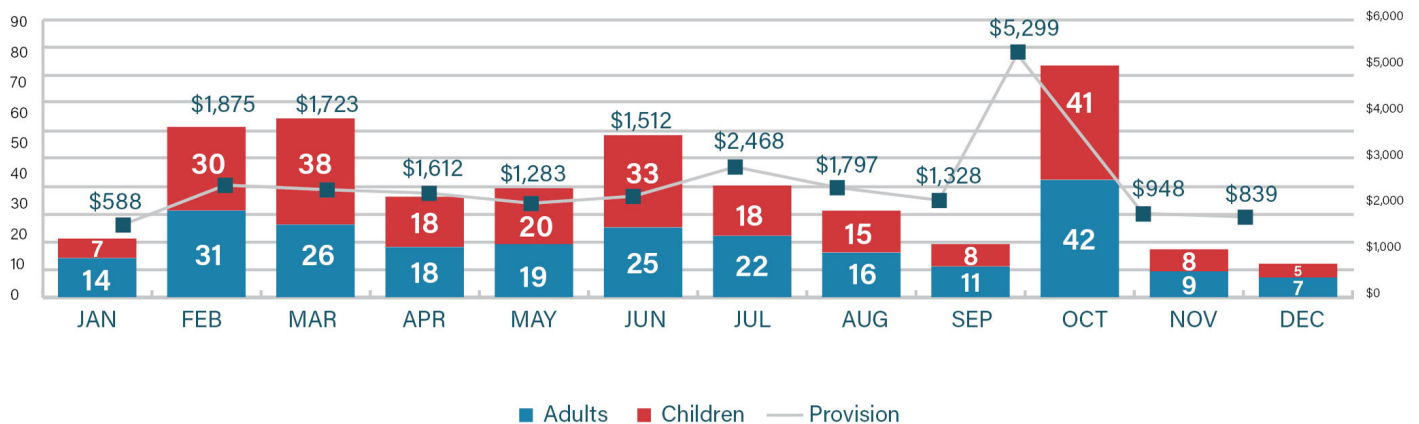
NAWC maintains a well-stocked food cupboard, located at the Newark United Methodist Church, providing people in need with meals for a week.

In FY2021, the Food Cupboard:

- Served **115 Families**, comprising:
 - **241 Children**
 - **240 Adults**
- The value of food distributed was \$21,272 of which \$5,130 of food was purchased. The remainder were donations to the food cupboard.
- Demonstrated a strong volunteer force – more than 20 people served families in need each month.
- Designated as a Delaware Healthy Pantry Partner.



2021 Food Cupboard Program



Holiday Food Box Program



In 2021, as COVID-19 continued to pose a health and safety threat, the NAWC Board agreed to again hold a contactless event. Referral of local Newark families-in-need was provided by Hudson State Services, Newark Housing Authority, Newark Senior Center, and Holy Angels Catholic Church Hispanic Ministries as well as a few other partners.

With the generous support of local organizations and individuals, these Newark community members-in-need received Acme gift cards **totaling \$54,830**. To broaden our outreach, an SMS application was implemented which allowed us to communicate our program via text message. NAWC served **2,107 individuals**, almost double the number served in 2020 (1,110).

Neighbors Served:

- **648 Families**
 - 1,212 Adults
 - 895 Children

Contributors (not including individual donations):

Newark Morning Rotary

Newark New Century Club

Anonymous



Shoe Program

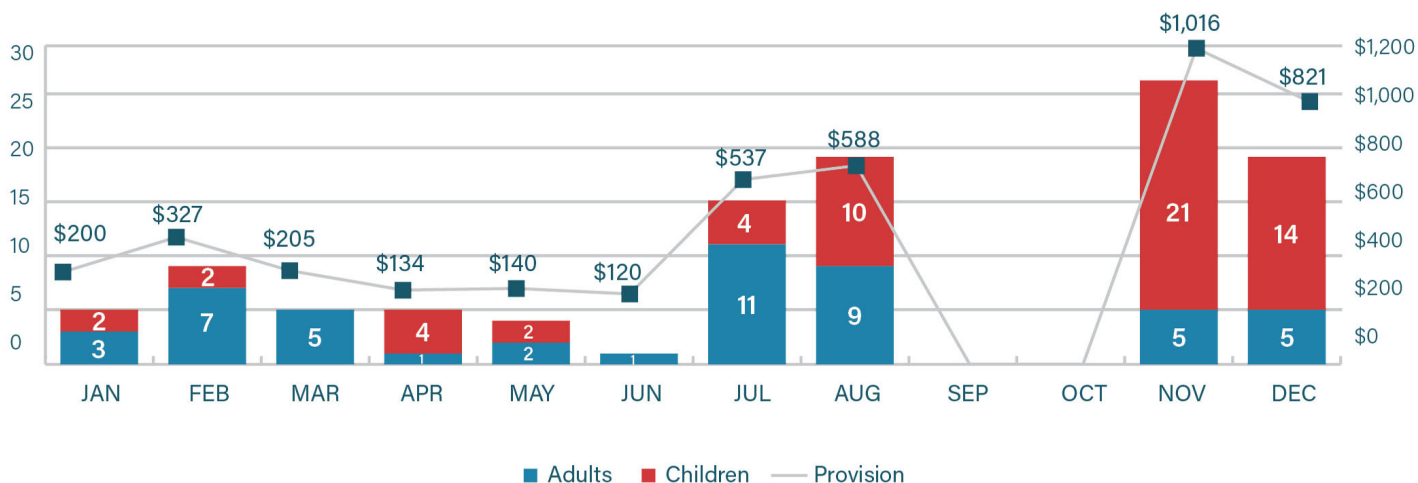
NAWC's Shoe Program purchases new shoes for children and adults in need in the Newark area. The Program currently works with Newark Empowerment Center, Holy Angels and several schools in the Christina School District. The Shoe Program plans to expand to couple of more schools and several other agencies in 2022.

In 2021, the Shoe Program:

- Purchased 108 pairs of shoes for
 - 58 children
 - 50 Adults
 - Valued at \$4,100
- Program is fully funded by monetary donations.



2021 Shoe Program



Outreach Program



The NAWC Outreach committee was able to support several areas in our community this year.

- Within Christina School District
 - Continued to support Care Closets at West Park and Downes Elementary Schools and opened a new closet at Gauger-Cobbs Middle School in the Fall 2021. In addition to providing school supplies, the program was expanded for the 2021-2022 school year to include clothing the school nurses can supply as needed.
 - Donated **20 back packs** with school supplies to Downes Elementary School.
 - Donated **40 winter coats** to Downes, West Park and Gauger Cobbs-Elementary Schools.
- **Christmas Adopt-A-Family** – Provided Holiday Cheer to 3 families (11 people) with \$2,000 of expenditures. NAWC also donated \$200 worth gift cards to Gauger-Cobbs for student holiday gift tree.
- **Red Roof Inn-Project Hope** - Contributed swimsuits, sunscreen and beach towels to children at Red Roof Inn so they could attend Camp R.E.A.L (City of Newark). Met the needs of many Red Roof Families with purchases of groceries and basic living needs (diapers, soap, clothing).



Special Projects



The generosity of our donors made it possible to fund ~\$42,000 of Special Projects in 2021.

City of Newark	\$19,800	Paid down in-arrears utility bills for residents in the City.
Newark Senior Center Meals on Wheels	\$10,000	Provided meals to senior citizens, allowing them to “age in place” rather than moving to assisted living facilities.
Police Athletic League (PAL) Equipment Trailer	\$7,200	Along with several Newark businesses, NAWM helped fund a new Police Athletic League equipment trailer. The trailer is supplied with equipment, games and other items to assist the Newark Police Department Special Operations Unit with its youth outreach efforts.
Support for Needy Families	\$4,000	Additional aid to local families in-need including families living at the Red Roof in as part of Project Hope.
Empowerment Center	\$1,000	Provided sleeping bags, “to-go” bags and personal care items for the clients of the Empowerment Center.

