

## **Wellsboro District Good Samaritan Fund**

The concerns of the poor and those persons or families facing great difficulty, along with ministries, which assist the poor, are the primary focus of the Wellsboro District Good Samaritan Fund. This outreach ministry was begun in 1988 by the District Conference in an effort to impact our communities in three distinct ways:

- (1) Direct financial assistance to individuals and families who are facing a financial crisis and need immediate help. This aid is forwarded upon request of a local church pastor or pastoral leader aware of the need locally. Funds are sent to the person making the request and then applied to the designated need.
- (2) Assistance to existing agencies who work with the poor. These funds are generally requested by those agencies and are acted upon by the Good Samaritan Fund Board of Directors.
- (3) Seed money to begin new ministries which impact the community of need, especially those dealing with children. These funds are usually requested by local congregations or agencies wishing to expand their helping ministry. Again, these requests are acted upon by the Board of Directors.

The annual fair share goal for each congregation for the Good Samaritan Fund is \$1.50 per member in the District. These funds are raised through the office of the District Superintendent by mailings, announcements, email, etc. with the help of the Board of Directors. Checks are to be made payable to Central PA Conference and should be clearly notated "Good Samaritan Fund." All cash flow is through the Central PA Conference finance office. A voucher system is in place through the Superintendent. Grants of \$150 or less may be approved by the District Superintendent without the vote of the Board of Directors. The maximum grant available is \$300, unless otherwise approved by the Board of Directors.