

2010 Results of Work in the Safety Net Area

The fourth focus for our United Way is a Safety Net provided to the community in times of crisis. These partners focus on responding to the basic needs like food, shelter, and clothing in a disaster. This disaster can come from many places: fires, tornadoes or floods to name a few. These Safety Net agencies also respond to crises in families caused by abuse and/or neglect of children.

This past year your dollars provided services to 39,756 clients and leveraged additional grants back to our community of \$223,554.

- 211/First Call for Help took over 5,600 calls last year.
- The Barrie Center interviewed 257 children last year - 84% of which were allegations of sexual abuse.
 - Like the teen abused by a church van driver and a 4 year-old abused by her stepfather.
- The Food Bank fed over 15,000 clients with your donations.
- Emergency Foster Homes took in 34 children.
- Thirteenth Place – a shelter for homeless teens took in 61 children last year.
 - Like the teen who was forced to sleep in a tent in the back yard.
- The American Red Cross also provided a way for Viola Franklin to give back to her community by volunteering. She drives the Emergency Response Vehicle.

Our Safety Net agencies know that when whatever disaster strikes, our community will be ready – thanks to the funding you provide.

Thank YOU from your Safety Net Partners!