

Community Fund 2024 Annual Report

The Community Fund has been active in serving the unmet needs of the ACC community. The following is a summary of some of the accomplishments of each of the four programs under the Community Fund umbrella.

Helping Hands

Frequently volunteers have provided homeowners with transportation. For example, for medical appointments, to pick up prescriptions, or to or from the airport. On many occasions volunteers would sit with a homeowner's spouse while the homeowner would go to a doctor's appointment or have surgery.

When appropriate, volunteers have spent time with homeowners who are experiencing distress. This may include listening to life challenges, preparation of meals, or other types of assistance that is helpful to the homeowner.

Helping Hands participated in emergency preparedness activities. This included identifying all vulnerable homeowners that might need assistance before, during, and after an emergency. Full time homeowner volunteers were assigned responsibility for homeowners that needed assistance. In the event of an electrical outage or a hurricane, the volunteer would check on their assigned homeowners to make sure they were safe.

Volunteers organized a storage facility of non-perishable food items and water that could be distributed to homeowners in the event of a natural disaster. Non-perishable food donated by an outside vendor was picked up and delivered to the storage facility.

Volunteers have gathered to clean debris, cut down trees and overgrown shrubs for homeowners who were physically unable to do this on their own.

Helping Hands organized a Celebration of Life Walkathon and potluck remembering those homeowners who passed away over the past year.

Helping Hands was responsible for the Children's Gift program and sponsored the annual employee Christmas Luncheon. Activities include the distribution of the children's gift wish trees, wrapping of the gifts, the donation of new ornaments and decoration of the tree in the front lobby, decoration of the ACC entryway and decorating the lamp posts. The meal was prepared and delivered by the Community Fund volunteers.

Neighbors 4 Neighbors

In coordination with Helping Hands, volunteers provided assistance to residents by helping to move furniture, hauling unwanted items to recycling centers and taking hazmat items to the McAllen hazmat site. On many occasions volunteers assisted homeowners who were unable to maintain their property. These volunteers would remove yard debris and cut down trees and overgrown shrubs.

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Volunteers assisted in the storing of generators year-round for emergency use in power outages. This allowed for the preservation of medications and prevented food spoilage. Volunteers who are full time residents have keys to the storage unit so that the generators can be activated when necessary. The generators are transported, activated and maintained by volunteers.

In coordination with Helping Hands volunteers deliver meals to shut ins. Many of these residents are appreciative of the assistance and look forward to sharing time with the volunteers who call on them frequently to make sure that they are not in need of assistance.

N4N purchased US flags and notified the community that they were available at no charge.

The members donated \$250 to ACC Quilters to help defray some of the cost of making quilts for the Veterans who are honored at the Veterans' ceremony in the fall.

The Spring-Cleaning event was held in March. A rollout dumpster was parked for several days on Rebecca. Homeowners were notified that as part of their spring cleaning they could dispose of items in the dumpster. This was advertised in the Chatterbox and What's Happening. The turnout was good, and the dumpster was filled within three days.

In December N4N sponsored a Shredding Event. A shredding truck was hired and stationed on Katrin for two hours. Homeowners were encouraged to bring documents and observe as confidential documents were shredded. The Community Fund was not allowed to advertise this event in the Chatterbox or What's Happening so the turnout was not what might have been expected.

Volunteers continue to look out for homeowners who are shut ins, making sure that they have transportation for medical appointments, have access to groceries and have an opportunity for company from time to time.

Food Box/Meals Program

During 2024 several Food Box events were held. Fifteen to twenty volunteers gathered to assemble the boxes with food donated by organizations outside of ACC and purchased by the Food Box/Meals Program. The food boxes were delivered to ACC staff and homeowners with limited resources. Between 40 and 50 food boxes were delivered during each event.

On an ad hoc basis, meals were also prepared and delivered to residents who needed temporary assistance because of health or financial challenges. This activity was conducted in coordination with the Helping Hands program.

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Staff Appreciation Program

The annual Employee Celebration of Good Friday luncheon was organized and sponsored by the Staff Appreciation Program. Throughout the year the program has provided gift cards to each employee in celebration of their birthday.

ACC employees were given cooling vests and water jugs for the extreme temperatures during the spring and summer. The program received an in-kind donation of Bomba socks which were distributed to the employees.

The Employee Christmas Gift Card program for 2024 was sponsored and organized by the Staff Appreciation Program. Donations of \$14,970 were received from 114 individual homeowners and 9 committees or clubs. The gift cards were distributed to the employees at the annual Employee Christmas Luncheon.

Community Forum

The Community Forum was created to provide information about events and reports. Homeowners were encouraged to sign up to receive regular email communications from the Community Forum. Most of the documents have been archived on the Community Forum website communityforumatalamo.com and are available to everyone.

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements

The Community Fund was founded in January 2024 and became active after the Members' Annual Meeting in February 2024. The Community Fund collected \$24,722 in donations and the N4N program collected \$2,600 in membership dues during the year.

The **General Fund** was initially established to record the seed money necessary for establishing the Community Fund. Administrative supplies, primarily office supplies and printing costs, amounted to \$876. **N4N** program activities cost \$1,666. Expenses related to the **Food Box** events were \$2,691. A significant portion of the in-kind donations were also applied to this program. The **Helping Hands** program held a Memorial walk-a-thon recognizing those ACC residents who passed during the past year. The **Staff Appreciation** Program sponsored the Employee Good Friday Luncheon and provided various supplies to the employees. The total costs were \$1,917. The **Employee Christmas Gift Card** program distributed \$14,970 in donations to the ACC employees at the annual Employee Christmas Luncheon.

During the year \$1,500 was transferred from the General Fund to the Staff Appreciation program and \$500 was transferred from N4N to the General Fund. The ending balance on December 31, 2024, was \$4,735.

Community Fund
Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
For the Period 1.1.24 to 12.31.2024

	Neighbors 4				Helping Hands	Staff Appreciation Program	Employee Cmas Gift Cards
	Total	General Fund	Neighbors	Food Box Fund			
<i>Receipts:</i>							
Donations	\$24,711.00	\$3,720.00	\$720.00	\$3,758.00	\$510.00	\$1,033.00	\$14,970.00
Membership Dues	2,600.00		2,600.00				
Total Receipts	\$27,311.00	\$3,720.00	\$3,320.00	\$3,758.00	\$510.00	\$1,033.00	\$14,970.00
<i>Disbursements:</i>							
Administrative Supplies	775.59	775.59					
Food Box #1	243.00			243.00		683.16	
Employee Luncheon - Good Friday	683.16						
Spring Cleaning Event	450.00		450.00				
Donation - ACC Quilters	250.00		250.00				
US Flags	216.40		216.40				
Emp BD Gift Cards	120.00					120.00	
Food Box #2	680.00			680.00			
Cooling Vests	87.27					87.27	
Tee shirts	260.00			260.00			
Drinking Jugs	142.96					142.96	
Cooling Vests	243.54					243.54	
Leo (Danny) Sanchez	600.00					600.00	
Monica Picazo (enchilada dinner)	50.00			50.00			
Tee shirts	425.96				425.96		
Emp BD Gift Cards	70.00					70.00	
Food Box #3	1,458.00			1,458.00			
Shredding Event	750.00		750.00				
Employee Christmas Gift Cards	14,970.00						14,970.00
Contract Labor Gift Card	100.00	100.00					
Total Disbursements	\$22,575.88	\$875.59	\$1,666.40	\$2,691.00	\$425.96	\$1,946.93	\$14,970.00
Net Receipts (Disbursements)	\$4,735.12	\$2,844.41	\$1,653.60	\$1,067.00	\$84.04	(\$913.93)	\$0.00
Beginning Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fund Transfers		(1,500.00)				1,500.00	
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Ending Balance	\$4,735.12	\$1,844.41	\$1,153.60	\$1,067.00	\$84.04	\$586.07	\$0.00

In-Kind Donations: Approximately \$5,000 of in-kind donations have been used, primarily in the Food Box and Helping Hands Programs