COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Board of Commissioners	Presenter(s):	Commissioners/Lena Slaughter
Meeting Date:	Thursday, February 9, 2012	Type of Request:	Presentation/Recognition

Wording for the Agenda:

Recognition of the Fayette Samaritans.

Background/History/Details:

The Fayette Samaritans, Inc. was founded in 1991 by 11 Fayette County churches that wished to consolidate their efforts to "feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and shelter the homeless". Today, the Fayette Samaritans is supported by over 45 member churches that provide food, clothing, volunteers, financial resources and oversight of the benevolent activities of the organization.

The Fayette Samaritans have a permanent site for housing their food and clothing banks, staffed by volunteers. Tens of thousands of people have been helped since the organization began 20 years ago.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Recognition of the Fayette Samaritans.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

N/A

Has this request been considered within the past two years?	No	If so, when?	
Is Audio-Visual Equipment Required for this Request?*	No	Backup Provided with Request?	Yes

**** All audio-visual material must be submitted to the County Clerk's Office no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting. It is also your department's responsibility to ensure all third-party audio-visual material is submitted at least 48 hours in advance.***

Approved by Finance	Not Applicable	Reviewed by Legal	Yes
Approved by Purchasing	Not Applicable	County Clerk's Approval	Yes
Administrator's Approval	Yes		

Staff Notes:

History

Fayette Samaritans, Inc was founded in 1991 by 11 Fayette County churches to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, and otherwise, love our neighbors. We have provided these services by assessing the immediate needs of area residents. Initially housed in a spare government office with very limited resources, Fayette Samaritans has grown into a stand alone facility able to offer a wide range of care

Samaritans Today

Today, Fayette Samaritans is primarily supported by over 45 member churches that provide food, clothing, volunteers, financial resources and executive oversight. Individuals and families in a temporary crisis situation are the clients we serve with the pooled resources of an entire community. Continued population growth in Fayette County has also increased the need and we serve over 1,000 households affecting 3,000 adults and children.

Volunteers

There are many opportunities to support Fayette Samaritans with all types of tasks and times. Our volunteer staff comes from all walks of life, with many different backgrounds, experiences and skills. The hearts and hands of our volunteers is the reason Fayette Samaritans has been able to serve our neighbors on a continued basis. These gifts are then put to hard work with many hours and an individual commitment to the organization.

Plant-a-Row

The Master Gardeners of Fayette County have been a tremendous source of fresh produce to our food pantry. In addition, community support from local retailers, the Boy Scouts and individuals, we have been able to provide hundreds of pounds of free food to our clients.

Board of Trustees

Fayette Samaritans is governed by the Officers and a Board of Trustees and incorporated in the State of Georgia. The Board is comprised of two designated representatives from each member church. Board Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm at our facility. Members of the Board are available to speak at civic, company and church meetings.

Community Support

Fayette County member churches
Local businesses
Private donations.
Civic Organizations:
Boy Scouts, Fayette Chamber of Commerce, Civitans, Kiwanis, and Rotary Clubs, Square Foot Ministries and United Way.

Fayette Samaritans

Ministries and Services

Food Pantry

Our pantry is stocked with canned foods, frozen meats and fresh produce. A client is supplied with food based on household size and immediate personal or medical needs.

Clothes Closet

We provide adult and children's clothing, coats and jackets.

Financial Assistance

We provide financial assistance on an emergency basis to families in need. Rent, utilities and medical expenses are provided to qualified families with immediate need.

Community resources & referrals

Fayette Samaritans has grown to become a pivotal resource for other community ministries and agencies. Our clients are often referred to us from member churches or other organizations. We, in turn, share our resources and contributions with other agencies for better utilization within the community.

Our Continuing Need

Volunteers who want to serve and love their neighbors as themselves.

Cash Donations are tax deductible and extremely important in our ability to serve. Because of our all volunteer staff, our administrative expenses are less than 2% of our annual budget. Cash donations allow us to pay emergency expenses for our clients, purchase needed food at bulk discounts and maintain our facility.

Food of all kinds are needed in our pantry.

Personal care items and cleaning supplies.

In kind services from business and community leaders such as office supplies, printing, computer tech support, marketing, deliveries, volunteer appreciation.

Fayette Samaritans

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Fayette Samaritans

"Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, Shelter the homeless, love our neighbors"

Matthew 25

FACTS for FAYETTE SAMARITANS, Inc.

1/1/2010 through 12/31/2010

Households served	1413
New clients served:	620
Households under poverty level	1227
Households over poverty level	88
Individuals	4596
Children under 18	1938
Adult Males	990
Adult Females	1648
Seniors	261
Disabled	449

Place of Residence

City	Households
Brooks	12
Fayetteville	927
Itinerants & Referals	71
Jonesboro/Riverdale	13
Peachtree City	299
Senoia	12
Tyrone	79
Total	1413

Ethnicity of Individuals	Count
Asian	28
Black	31
Hispanic	2256
MultiRacial	479
Native American	96
Other	2
Unknown	26
White	44
	1634

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INFO for your form

Jan 1, 2020 -
Dec 31, 2020

United Way Report

Total number participants anticipated 20359

Gender	Count
	70
F	11553
M	8736
Total Gende	20359

Race	Count
	75
Asian	107
Black	9142
Hispanic	1857
MultiRacial	329
Native American	17
Other	216
Unknown	210
White	8406
Total Race	20359

Age	Count
12. Under 5 Yrs Old	1404
13. 5 to 11 Years Old	3478
14. 12 to 17 Years Old	3297
16. 18 to 25 Years Old	2606
17. 26 to 36 Years Old	2393
18. 37 to 46 Years Old	2906
19. 47 to 59 Years Old	2610
20. 60 Plus Years Old	1206
21. UNKNOWN Age	444
Total Age	20344

Fayette Samaritans

STATISTICS

Year	Number of Clients Seen	Food Value In & Out	Monetary Donations	Financial Assistance Provided	Administrative Expenses*
1992	481	$56,725.00	$55,920.00	$50,850.00	$385.00
1993	620	$147,300.00	$67,160.00	$65,110.00	$490.00
1994	740	$129,685.00	$104,680.00	$95,320.00	$720.00
1995	793	$107,720.00	$100,375.00	$93,475.00	$710.00
1996	788	$128,370.00	$98,760.00	$103,285.00	$780.00
1997	774	$85,490.00	$122,200.00	$128,620.00	$970.00
1998	795	$107,855.00	$148,730.00	$145,535.00	$1,100.00
1999	721	$100,575.00	$146,090.00	$129,670.00	$980.00
2000	714	$111,880.00	$177,755.00	$183,860.00	$1,390.00
2001 1/2 year	585	$71,465.00	$129,060.00	$127,170.00	$385.00
TOTALS		$1,047,065.00	$1,155,730.00	$1,122,895.00	$7,910.00

*indicates approximate figures (actual figures available after Sept. 5, 2001)

3,589 client files maintained, historical and current - total families helped since beginning

All financial figures have been rounded to the nearest $5.00

In 2001, administered $14,000 special energy assistance program for United Way in Fayette and Coweta counties. Included in totals.

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