

On Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> the Tzedakah Fund Committee heard requests from charitable groups from the Charlottesville /Albemarle community for grants to fund human service needs. These grants are made possible through the generous contributions of Congregation Beth Israel members. There are so many worthy charities doing great things in our community.

We are pleased to award the following charities:

**Virginia Organizing Project: Used Computer and Office Equipment Program**

This program has placed more than 1,370 computers, 280 printers, 43 fax machines, 22 copiers, 14 typewriters and 16 scanners in non profit groups and with individuals who could not otherwise afford such equipment. Local mental health consumers, group home residents and young people with learning disabilities have been recipients. This charity also works with Computers for Kids.

**Children, Youth, & Family Services: Home Visiting Program**

This program sends professional Home Visitors to work with parents of young children to help them create a healthy, nurturing environment that meets their children's needs. Families enrolled in these programs have one or more risk factors for abuse or neglect, and this program helps them use their own strengths to set achievable goals and effectively parent their children.

**Dash Sevanatha: Food Service Program**

This program trains youth in how to properly handle and prepare perishable foods. This certification allows participants the ability to safely handle food and increases their opportunity in finding employment in our community

**Charlottesville Abundant Life Ministries: Tutoring Program.**

This program serves the Fifeville Neighborhood with after school tutoring for grades K-12 along with other programs for children, youth and adults. Many of the kids in the program are below grade level and individual tutoring is a positive experience for these children.

**Blue Ridge Medical Center/Rural Health Outreach Program**

This program will help train Latinos living in Charlottesville and Albemarle County as Lay Leaders. This will help prevent illnesses and complications related to chronic diseases. Primary service recipients are Latino residents living in Southwood Mobile Home Park and elsewhere.

**Albemarle Housing Improvement Program**

This program enables residents of our community to obtain badly needed repairs to their homes to make them safe and livable.

I hope that you can all join us at the Social Action Shabbat, on Friday May 16th. We are hoping that representatives from the above charities will be able to join us. I would also like to once again thank the CBI members who contributed this year making these grants possible to serve many in the local community.

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E-announcement:

On Sunday, April 27, the Tzedakah Fund Committee met to hear requests from local agencies and organizations for grants from CBI's Tzedakah Fund. Grants were made to the following programs (a complete description of the services funded will appear in the June/July bulletin and can be found now on the CBI website at [www.cbicville.org](http://www.cbicville.org)):

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Children, Youth, & Family Services: Home Visiting Program

Dash Sevanatha: Food Service Program

Charlottesville Abundant Life Ministries: Tutoring Program

Blue Ridge Medical Center/Rural Health Outreach Program

Albemarle Housing Improvement Program

Please plan to attend the Social Action Shabbat on May 16, 2008, at which we hope representatives of the funded programs will join us.