

## **Why Give to Dorcas Ministries**

Dorcas Ministries has served as the premier provider of basic human services in the Western Region of Wake County for almost 50 years. Prior to the Wake County business practice of using Regional Centers to deliver services to citizens Dorcas was already here and serving our community. There are now Regional Centers in all other areas of the county except the West. Dorcas Ministries will continue to serve as the hub of a Regional Network of Care to help foster collaboration and promote engagement between County services and the community. This is an expansion of our 2007 vision to become the charity of choice for Western Wake County by providing a one stop shop for those seeking a solution to crises and stability in their lives.

### **I. Support the launch and operation of the Advance Community Health Clinic.**

- a. Dorcas has partnered with the Town of Cary and Wake County Human Services to up fit 1460 sf of space for much needed affordable and accessible primary health care to our community. Dorcas Ministries is the major funder for this project.
- b. Dorcas Ministries is underwriting the rental cost of the space for the health clinic for the first year to allow for buildup of a client base.
- c. Dorcas Ministries has budgeted funds in our Outreach budget to subsidize costs for persons who may not be able to afford their co pay costs.

### **II. Help maintain and expand our Emergency Housing program.**

- a. Dorcas Ministries provides financial assistance with emergency housing for homeless and imminently homeless families who do not have sufficient employment to qualify for other housing programs. Clients participate in case management services that focus on increasing self-sufficiency.
- b. Our program had an 89% success rate in 2015 at effectively housing a variety of homeless families. Success is measured by using a 6-month model of being stabilized in acceptable housing.
- c. When compared to another North Carolina agency offering emergency housing services: They provide housing for 8 families per year along with case management at a cost of \$200,000 annually. We served 25 families last year with case management with a budget of \$76,000.

### **III. Plans for the Future**

- a. Relevant Town of Cary Plans: The Dorcas Ministries site is zoned GC: General Commercial District with a Mixed-Used Overlay. It is also currently designated as a Neighborhood Activity Center in the Comprehensive Plan. Development on this site is intended to have a compatible mixture of uses

which may include commercial, office, residential, recreational, civic, and/or cultural uses which are highly integrated and function in a cohesive manner. The Town of Cary is working on Imagine Cary, an update to the Comprehensive Plan, but approaching future site improvements as a type of campus master plan is consistent with the Town's vision and goals, and will concentrate and promote a more efficient pattern of land uses, provided needed services, and facilitate convenient and safe circulation.

- b. We believe that the pathway to self-sufficiency is employment. Dorcas Ministries has moved from being just a crisis relief agency to becoming a crisis relief agency that provides tools that allow our clients to become self-sufficient. Our future plans include infrastructure and resources for entrepreneurs and apprenticeship programs. To make this vision a reality we need community support in building the infrastructure, designing programs and delivering services.