

2009 MCB Project Summary Outline

Community/Neighborhood: Clarence

Name of Project: May Fest

Project Coordinator: Dorothy Lanpher

Type of Project: Long-term (1-5 years) Short-term (up to 12 months)

Time Frame: Date begun August 06 Date completed on-going

Number of volunteers? 11 Age range of volunteers 11 - 81

Cost of project

Materials Donated \$ 1,000.00 (Silent auction items)

Purchased \$ 275.58 (food stand items)

Labor Volunteer \$ 600.00

Paid \$ 0.00

Total cost \$ 1,875.58

Sources of funding Grants _____ \$ _____

Donations _____ \$ 1,100.83

Other _____ \$ 2,678.75

(Food Stand & Silent Auction)

Narrative summary of project:

In January 2006, various women of the community, who had experienced cancer either personally or through a friend or relative, began talking about the need to provide financial support for cancer victims in the Shelby County. By August 2006, Helping Hand of Clarence was organized. The purpose of the group is to accumulate money through various fundraisers, donations and/or memorials.

The group has organized garage sales, bake sales, silent auctions, raffles, catered dinners, served auction lunches and sold tree ornaments at Christmas to raise the funds necessary to provide financial help to cancer victims in need.

All money collected stays in Shelby County. The only requirement for receiving a financial gift from Helping Hand is that the recipient be a Shelby County resident experiencing cancer treatment. Recipients may use the money wherever they chose, whether it be for gas, medicine, or utility bills. As of July 2009, **fifty-seven** people have received assistance for a total of **\$12,100.00**.

May 2008 was the first May Fest. Craft booths are rented out. A concession stand is run by the organization along with a silent auction for donated items. Various individuals donate their time and talents to provide entertainment throughout the day.