

Example B

The Community Outreach administers the Congregation's Deacon's Fund

Overview:

In this example, the congregation and congregational leadership has decided to deposit their Deacon's Fund with The Community Outreach. These funds are coded and set aside for use authorized by the congregation.

Deposits are made to this account on a quarterly basis or if the balance is used.

Referral Process:

This congregation refers clients who present a crisis care need to the ministry. When the referral is made, The Community Outreach is notified. At this time, we know we are authorized to use the Deacon's Fund.

Appointment Process:

The congregation has requested that we follow our normal crisis care procedures including having the client visit DHS prior to our meeting.

At times, we may make exceptions to assist with items outside the normal housing, transportation, and utilities areas. These exceptions can be requested by the congregation or the ministry.

The congregation has consented to be contacted should a need arise from a member who is not referred from their congregation. In these situations, the congregational leadership may decide to assist with a need outside of their congregation.

Follow-Up Process:

From time to time, we provide updates on the uses of this fund as well as remaining balances. Because this account is coded separately from our general fund, we always have access to balance and use information.

As this fund is used, we provide feedback and information to the leadership so they may take their own follow up actions.

Genesis:

This congregation has several active Genesis Mentor teams and tries to make this opportunity a focus in their congregation.