

## How WAM works with its network churches

Wood County Area Ministries connects local churches of various denominations, along with affiliated service-oriented organizations to work together to serve those in need. The ultimate goal of Wood County Area Ministries is to help these churches and organizations develop relationships both with the individuals they serve and with each other.

### Network Churches::

- love others through Christ
- build relationships and create connections with people in need
- serve the community
- set an example of love, forgiveness, acceptance, and community through cooperative Christian ministry
- encouraged to contribute to Emergency Relief Fund
- attend regular meetings of the Council invite, train, and retain volunteers to meet needs

### Network Churches include:

- Dayspring Assembly of God
- First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
- First Presbyterian Church
- First United Methodist Church (BG)
- Peace Lutheran Church
- Plain Congregational Church
- St. Aloysius Catholic Church (St. Vincent de Paul)
- St. John's Episcopal Church
- St. Mark's Lutheran Church
- St. Thomas More University Parish (St. Vincent de Paul)
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
- Trinity United Methodist Church
- Turning Point United Methodist
- UCF
- Vinyard Church in BG

### How We Help

Wood County Area Ministries assists in the following manner:

1. A person in need reaches out for help to a church or another agency
2. The church or agency refers the person in need to The Link, a 24-hour, every day information and referral service.
3. The Link works with the person to understand and verify the need.
4. Where there are no other social service or community resources available, The Link turns to Wood County Area Ministries for assistance:
5. Wood County Area Ministries will either meet the need through
  - a. Referring the person in need to a specific ministry operated by a network church or agency
  - b. Drawing funds from the Emergency Relief Fund, which is supported by financial gifts by St. Mark's Lutheran Church, St. Thomas Moore and St. Aloysius Catholic Church (St. Vincent de Paul), First United Methodist Church (BG), Dayspring Assembly of God, Trinity United Methodist, Peace Lutheran Church, and First Christian Church.

**c Seeking financial help from another network church**

**6. After the person receives assistance from Wood County Area Ministries, church volunteers from network churches follow up with the person to ensure that needs were met and to see if other resources are needed.**

**Currently, WAM is seeking people to serve as Office Volunteers who would like to help answer phones and make referrals for people in need. If you like to talk on the phone, enjoy working through challenges, and have a heart for people in need, this is a wonderful fit for you! One or two hours a week can make an amazing difference in the life of someone who is in crisis.**

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