

# Our Services

## Financial Assistance

Requests to stop eviction or utility disconnections should be made by **calling 357-4093**. Speak slowly & clearly leaving a message about the situation that includes your:

- name
- address
- phone number
- account number

***Emailed requests for financial assistance will not be processed.***



## Senior Rides

This program provides transportation to medical appointments, the grocery store, the bank and other personal business for seniors age 60+ who cannot drive themselves.

Seniors who need a ride, call our Ride Coordinator with the details of their need. The Coordinator will schedule the trip with a driver and call the rider back.

Seniors must be ambulatory, but may use a cane or folding walker for stability. We are not equipped to accommodate wheelchairs.

We rely on volunteer drivers who use their personal vehicle to transport riders. All drivers are qualified through background checks and driver safety training. MCEF provides liability insurance coverage.

If you wish to participate in the Senior Rides program as a rider, a driver, or a coordinator, please call **357-9360**.

## MCEF's mission is to help families...

- handle financial emergencies
- improve their quality of life
- maintain their independence
- prevent homelessness
- promote health & wellness

*"If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth."* — 1 John 3:17-18

Thousands of volunteer hours and the generosity of churches, individuals, and the business community make the ministries of MCEF possible. We strive to be excellent stewards of all that is given to us.



## Monthly Business Meeting

Representatives of member churches meet the 2nd Monday of every month from 7 - 8 pm at the

**One Stop Shop**  
7235 Stonewall Parkway  
Mechanicsville, VA 23111

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## Mechanicsville Churches Emergency Functions

***Churches working together to help our neighbors in need***

**One Stop Shop**  
7235 Stonewall Parkway  
Send Mail to: P.O. Box 604  
Mechanicsville, VA 23111  
[www.4mcef.com](http://www.4mcef.com)

Financial Assistance & General Information: 357-4093  
Senior Rides: 357-9360

# About Us

Many people live paycheck to paycheck with little or no savings. A medical emergency, car accident or lost job, makes it a struggle to keep up with the rent, utility bills, medicines, food, and clothing for their family.

In 1976, churches in Mechanicsville began working together to help these families by forming **Mechanicsville Churches Emergency Functions** or MCEF. Today, over 35 churches as well as businesses & individuals combine their mission resources to help our neighbors in need to get back on their feet.

## One Stop Shop

Clothing, linens & a food pantry!

**7235 Stonewall Parkway**  
(enter at the rear of the building)

**Hours of Operation:**

Mon, Tues, Thurs  
Thurs

9:30-11 am  
6:30-7:30 pm



## Services Provided in 2020

Direct Financial Assistance of \$50,011 to 107 families for:

Electricity, Water, Rent, Fuel Oil, & Prescriptions

The One Stop Shop served 350 households (1,026 people):

(The OSS was closed for 3 months due to COVID-19)

2,215 bags of food

636 bags of clothing

79 bags of linens

\$9,365 was used to purchase:

- Groceries like fresh eggs, canned chicken, dish detergent; new socks & underwear; & queen-size sheet sets
- The Mechanicsville Weekend Backpack Program serves 76 children in 6 schools received 1,675 lbs. of food the OSS.

Hanover Senior Rides gave 1,338 rides to 93 riders!

This ministry provides rides to the doctor, bank, and grocery store for senior adults who cannot drive themselves.

## Donations

Non-perishable foods, laundry detergent, toilet paper, personal hygiene items, diapers, clean clothing & linens (new or gently used, current season with size tags) may be brought to the **One Stop Shop** during operating hours or on 1st & 3rd Sundays from 2 - 3:30 pm.

***Please do not leave any donations on the sidewalk when we are closed.***

MCEF is a 501c3 non-profit & we rely on monetary donations from churches, businesses, civic groups, and individuals.

Checks should be mailed to:

**MCEF**

**P.O. Box 604**

**Mechanicsville, VA 23111**

or use e-giving on our website!

*All donations are tax-deductible.*

Visit our website at [www.4mcef.com](http://www.4mcef.com) & "like" us on Facebook to keep up with current needs & events.

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Give some Time:

- Be a Senior Rides Driver or Coordinator
- Answer the Financial Assistance Phone
- "Like" MCEF on Facebook & share our posts
- Attend the 9/11 Benefit Concert at Walnut Grove Baptist Church at 7 pm and bring some food & \$2!
- Volunteer at the One Stop Shop

Our One Stop Shop location offers a variety of opportunities to serve. Please see the Volunteer Information & Application flyer for more information.

- ◇ Receptionist - verify & update client information; register new clients
- ◇ Shift Supervisor - coordinate opening & closing procedures, keyholder
- ◇ Client Assistant - answer questions & help client select items
- ◇ Stocker - mark thru barcodes, rotate stock, replenish shelves, sort clothing
- ◇ Financial Assistance Phone Rep - respond to client calls; submit requests to the Treasurer (full description on website)
- ◇ Senior Rides Driver - use personal vehicle to provide rides for senior adults (download application from the website)
- ◇ Ride Coordinator - take calls for ride requests, confirm with rider, schedule ride on the computer, email drivers
- ◇ Church Representative - attend monthly meetings; share information at your church

### Host a Collection:

- Pick a monthly focus item & involve your family, friends, co-workers & Sunday School class members
- We always need: applesauce, canned meats, canned veggies (not corn & green beans), queen-sized sheets, plus-size women's tops, boy's pants & all sizes of new socks, t-shirts & underwear.

### Help with Funding:

- Use employer matching thru payroll deduction
- Shop at Smile.Amazon.com & pick "MCEF"
- Connect your Kroger Plus Shopping card to MCEF #GD661
- Eat at Chicken Salad Chick on 3rd Mondays from 10 am – 8 pm
- Set up automated giving on our website
- Make any size donation! They're all tax deductible!

**Pray for our Volunteers,  
our Clients, and  
our Board Members!**