

**Vineyard Columbus
Response to the Recession**

**Report #2 to the Church
October 19, 2009**

Overview

- The purpose of the Vineyard Columbus Response to the Recession is to assist members and regular attenders of Vineyard Columbus who are experiencing hardship as a result of the current economic recession.
- Members and regular attenders of Vineyard Columbus requesting assistance or offering to provide assistance must complete a brief information form on the web at www.vineyardcolumbus.org/recessionresponse or by writing to recession.response@vineyardcolumbus.org.
- The vision for this initiative is to assemble an array of relevant resources that can be made available to people who have need (please see reverse side). Many resources are external, non-Vineyard Columbus resources to which people can be referred as and when appropriate. However, praise God for this church, because many resources are internal ministries of Vineyard Columbus that existed "pre-recession" or that have been (or may be) created specifically as part of the Response to the Recession. Every Vineyard Columbus ministry is "on the menu" for people in our church family who have need.

Progress and Results

- For a copy of Report #1 to the Church, dated August 14, 2009, please contact Will Shearer at Will.Shearer@vineyardcolumbus.org.
- Negotiations with the landlord at a proposed site for a new North Side food pantry were unsuccessful, and so far the Lord has not led us to an alternative location.
- The "core response team" of In-Take & Care Coordinator, Employment Specialist, and Financial Counseling Specialist came on-board over the period from late May through early July 2009. Here are their key statistics (through October 19, 2009):

Description	# of People	Comments
Total Recession Response Applicants	242	This number does not include people who have applied but who don't "qualify" because they are not members or regular attenders of Vineyard Columbus.
Applicants for Job Assistance	188 (77% of all applicants)	
People placed in jobs through Recession Response	40	This number reflects only those people who have reported back to us after consulting with the Employment Specialist.
Applicants for Financial Counseling	142 (59% of all applicants)	

Summary Financial Information (through August 31, 2009)

Social Services (including direct cash assistance)	\$20,146.56
Employment Services	\$13,594.15
Financial Counseling Services	\$12,795.37
North Side Food Pantry	\$ 0.00
General Administration	\$ 4,168.07
Total	\$50,704.15

Vineyard Columbus Recession Response Flow Chart

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