



Proclamation

Presented in Recognition of the

25th Anniversary of the Human Needs Task Force

Whereas, on November 8, 1991, former Mayor Ronald Wietecha invited church officials and representatives from the United Way and Maine Township to participate in a forum to share information and learn more about programs and agencies servicing those in need of food or shelter; and

Whereas, participants of the Homeless/Hungry Awareness Forum recognized that the plight of individuals in need should be further addressed and as a result, there was a consensus to form a task force to consider this most important problem; and

Whereas, the Park Ridge Human Needs Task Force met for the first time on December 6, 1991. During its first year, the Task Force created a "Needs Assessment" and a directory of area agencies providing assistance to individuals with financial, food, housing, employment, and transportation needs; and

Whereas, the Park Ridge Human Needs Task Force continues to serve the City while fulfilling its mission:

- To assess the human needs of the community and to help ensure that they are met by utilizing existing resources.
- To identify areas of human needs not currently met by existing resources and recommend a plan to address those needs.
- To raise awareness and promote more efficient communication as it relates to the human needs of the community; and

Whereas, each month members of the Human Needs Task Force come together to exchange resources, learn of new services available in the area and provide assistance to the residents of Park Ridge. The Task Force hosts an annual food drive benefitting the Maine Township Food Pantry and disburses funds to local nonprofit organizations to purchase food vouchers. The collaborative efforts of the Human Needs Task Force allow for its continued success.

Now therefore, be it resolved, that I, Martin C. Maloney, Acting Mayor of the City of Park Ridge, do hereby extend thanks and appreciation to the Human Needs Task Force their dedicated service to the residents of our great City.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Park Ridge to be affixed this 19th day of December A.D., 2016.

Attest:

Martin C. Maloney, Acting Mayor

Betty W. Henneman, City Clerk