



CHRISTIAN RESOURCE & REFERRAL MINISTRY

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NEWSLETTER AND REPORT FOR December 2011

**First Contact
Model in
Laporte**

Pastor Mike Sutton is now in Laporte working and was aware of First Contact's efforts in Porter County. He began discussing a similar coordination of churches in Laporte. There has been good response from churches and "First Steps" is progressing toward efficient and better assistance for the needy in that area.

We rejoice to see this model of First Contact started!

A "Calling"

Lee and Joanne Maynard have experienced some serious health issues in the past 2 years and have felt it necessary to place someone in position to take over First Contact in the future days. The Lord has directed and sustained First Contact for 20 years and a smooth transition to competent direction is important.

Barbara Kemler has been working as a volunteer for over 6 years and has handled reception and counselor positions. She will be beginning as co-director this year along with Joanne Maynard. Her good experience in serving the needy at First Contact and also with her church (First United Methodist) has prepared her. She applied for the position of Co-director feeling a "calling" from God and God sees the mercy gifting in her.

Good Stewards of God's Money

Recently a new guideline at First Contact is eliminating financial abuse from clients unresponsive to budgeting. The guideline requires clients to make an appointment within two weeks in response to a letter to evaluate continued assistance. Our financial counselor, Tammy Ward is very able and prepared to work on budgeting as a part of the evaluation with referrals that might be helpful to a client. Assistance is stopped if the client doesn't respond.



**Clients Served in
December**

Rent	97
Utilities	11
Rx	3
Other	2
Total	113
Dollars	\$5,593

**Ogden Dunes Community
Church**

Beginning Balance	\$0.00
Amount received	352.00
Total Available	352.00
Rent expense	0.00
Utilities Expense	0.00
Medical Expense	0.00
Transportation	0.00
Office Expense	52.80