

Why become a member of Bristol Faith in Action?

For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead. (James 2:26)

Bristol Faith in Action assists the people of Bristol VA and TN, Blountville and Bluff City by preventing disconnection of utilities, avoiding eviction, avoiding foreclosure, getting prescriptions, food and emergency.

What's in it for the clients?

- They don't have to go from place to place.
- Their dignity is maintained because they don't have to tell their story over and over.
- Their information is kept confidential at BFIA.
- They typically get much more assistance from a ministry supported by several sources.
- Multiple needs are met at one place—financial, food, commodity items, counseling.
- BFIA is on the city bus route; many clients do not have a vehicle.
- They see the power of Christians working together and helping those in need.

What's in it for you?

- You and your staff don't have to take time out of your very busy schedules and your decision-maker is not always available.
- You don't have to wonder if the client is "using you and the systems."
- Your staff may not be trained to perform interviews or how to acquire relevant information.
- You don't have to keep records of who you helped and when.
- Unfortunately, security has become an issue, even for churches.

What we do, we do very well:

- Staff & volunteers are trained and provide consistency in interviewing and in providing financial assistance.
- Verification of financial need is always done.
- Cash is never given to the client; a voucher written to the utility or landlord is provided.
- Debt/budget counseling is available to every client.
- BFIA is able to fill multiple needs from one location—financial, food, referrals, bus pass, personal hygiene items, diapers, etc.
- Every client visit is recorded into our database for reference and to prevent abuse of the aide provided.

How much does it cost and what do we have to do to become a member?

- There is no set fee or obligation; however, we do exist to minister to the financial needs of our neighbors in need. Financial support from our member churches is critical to serving the poor.
- We need your volunteers, prayers, and tangible support for things like personal hygiene items, diapers, Bibles, etc.

**For more information or to become a member, contact:
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