

## NH SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

In fiscal year 2013, we provided care and shelter for over 2,700 animals at our location in Stratham and provided other services to many more members of the community. In that time, we have received and responded to over 733 complaints of animal cruelty and neglect from communities in Rockingham County and other New Hampshire towns.

Along with taking in animals from your community and placing many of them into good homes, we also assist animal control officers, educate children and adults about the humane treatment of animals, and provide many other services that directly affect your community. The Learning Center for Pets and People has served hundreds of community members through obedience and agility classes, behavior consultations, workshops, trainings and seminars. We have been able to expand our work educating children about proper animal care and the humane treatment of animals. Youth ages 3 to 16 have participated in the weekly Story Time with Animals, summer camp, KIND and WE CARE clubs, Junior Volunteers and have joined us for their birthdays.

### NHSPCA For Year 2013 Programs & Services Expenses

\$1,858,928 - includes animal care and sheltering services, humane education, community services and cruelty investigations.

2,519 - total number of animals cared for in last 12 months.

8,189 - total number of school children receiving humane education in last 12 months.

690 - total number of animal cruelty reports investigated in the last 12 months.

40,849 - total number of volunteer hours performed by community members

### TOWN OF NEWTON

**18 - Total number of School Children Reached**

**1 - Number of Animals Surrendered by Residents**

**0 - Number of Animals Brought in as Strays / Found**

**46 - Number of Animals Adopted by Residents**

**4 - Number of Residents participating in Training and Behavior Consultation**

**3 - Number of Residents participating in Low Cost Rabies & Microchip Clinic**

**Services Provided By The NHSPCA include:** Adoption and Surrender Services, Medical Care for the Animals, Low Cost Rabies Vaccination & Microchip Clinics, Animal Foster Care Program, Cruelty Investigations, Disaster Response Team & Preparedness, Disaster Relief Temporary Shelter, Obedience Training, Behavior Consultations, Humane Education in Local Schools, Humane Education For Adults In The Community, Summer Camp For Kids 6-12, Story Hour For Pre-Schoolers, We Care Club For Kids 6-9, KIND Club for Kids 9-12, Jr. Volunteer Program For Kids 13-15, Resource Information and Support.

More than ever your town's support of \$750 for our efforts is critical to the continuation of our services. As a community based organization, our only sources of funding are donations from the communities we serve. We receive no State, Federal or association assistance whatsoever.

Thank you for your consideration of the New Hampshire SPCA in your annual appropriations process. For more information, visit our website [www.nhspca.org](http://www.nhspca.org) (Telephone: 603-772-2921)

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila E Ryan

Director of Development and Marketing

## ROCKINGHAM COMMUNITY ACTION

Rockingham Community Action (RCA) is a private, non-profit corporation serving low-income individuals and families residing in all 37 municipalities of Rockingham County. Every year we request funds from each Rockingham County municipality for the general operating expenses of Rockingham Community Action's five Community Outreach Centers.

RCA's mission is to support low-income individuals and families with direct services, to work to prevent more families from falling into poverty and / or homelessness, and to assist at-risk families in finding long-term solutions to their economic needs. We offer a variety of services to address people's immediate needs, providing the tools and skills to help achieve self-reliance and improve long term quality of life, and work in partnership with the community Town Welfare, and other services to address the root causes of poverty.

Newton is served by RCA's Salem Outreach Center. In our most recent statistical year, RCA provided the following benefits to Newton residents:

- \$50,400 in Federal Fuel Assistance benefits to 60 households
- Processed \$20,000 in Electric Assistance discounts to 54 households
- Provided \$1,800 with the Gift of Warmth Program to 5 households
- Provided \$150 in Homeless Assistance
- Provided \$600 through their Food Pantry
- Provided \$6,340 of Commodity Surplus Food
- Provided \$1,300 in Women, Infants & Children (WIC) benefits
- Provided 1,350 Food Assistance Transactions (comprising multiple visits from many of the receiving families) distributing food from the Federal USDA and Emergency Food Assistance Programs.
- Provided Newton residents with tax assistance, workforce development, literacy services and child care resource & referral.

Your support of \$5,000 is critical to the continuance of our Outreach Program and to the broad range of services our agency provides to your residents such as: **Fuel Assistance, Electric Assistance, Child Care Resources, Surplus Food Distribution, Emergency Food Pantry,**

**Homeless Prevention, Literacy Services, WIC Supplemental Food Program, etc.** All these services help's to ease the full burden on your local Welfare Budget. For more information, visit our website at [www.RCAAction.org](http://www.RCAAction.org) (Telephone: 603-431-2911)

Respectfully submitted,  
Keith E. Bates  
Community Services Director

## ROCKINGHAM NUTRITION & MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM

3,623 nutritious, ready to eat meals were provided to 43 residents of Newton in 2013 and 1,568 safety focused auxiliary services were performed.

The Meals on Wheels service feeds adults, primarily elderly people trying to remain in the own homes, recuperating from surgery or medical treatment (chemotherapy, dialysis, radiation, etc.), coping with chronic debilitating disease, episodes of acute illness, multiple health problems; or advanced age and frailty.

The Nutrition Program provides hot noon lunches at the Vic-Geary Center in Plaistow on Greenough Road, 5 days per week and through that Center delivers meals to those local residents who are homebound. An average client may receive 250 meals per year, with blizzard bags for winter storm coverage and holidays; or considerably more, 640 meals per year if his/her situation warrants delivery of evening and/or weekend meals. We have been serving Newton residents since 1979, providing a ready hot meal and safety services for those who are in need, on an ongoing basis Monday – Friday, all year.

Thank you for your continued support of the Meals on Wheels Program and our request for \$1,465 for 2014. (Telephone: 603-679-2201)

Respectfully submitted,  
Debra Perou  
Executive Director

## **SEXUAL ASSAULT SUPPORT SERVICES**

Sexual Assault Support Services (SASS) is a non-profit agency that is dedicated to the prevention of child sexual abuse, sexual assault and stalking and supporting individuals and families impacted by sexual violence.

These are the current services that SASS provides to the residents of Newton:

- Our advocates staff a 24-hour, free hotline 365 days for anyone affected by sexual violence. (1-888-747-7070)
- Our advocates are available 24/7 to provide support to survivors at local police departments and hospitals.
- Our professional staff facilitates support groups for survivors, parents and others affected by sexual violence.
- Our staff is also available to provide ongoing, professional training to police officers, medical professionals, teachers and other community members.
- Sexual assault and interpersonal violence prevention education workshops for students from kindergarten through high school.
- Sexual harassment prevention workshops for teachers and students.

During these challenging economic times, SASS simply could not continue our work in your community without your continued support. We understand that municipalities are feeling the pinch as much as businesses and non-profits, which is why we are asking for leveling funding of \$550, and not an increase. For more information, visit our website at [www.sassnh.org](http://www.sassnh.org) (1-888-747-7070)

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephanie Stevens  
SASS Office Manager

## **SEACARE HEALTH SERVICES**

Regrettably, after 20 years of serving the Seacoast community, SeaCare Health Services will be closing its doors on December 31, 2013. This was a difficult decision for the agency's board & staff to make however, the financial climate in which nonprofits operate has become increasingly tenuous over the years and SeaCare has reached the point where it must yield to that trend.

The agency's staff, board and clients would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to the hundreds of volunteer health care providers, donors, town funders, and collaborating agencies who made it possible for us to work together for almost two decades, distributing more than \$30 million in medical care and products to thousands of our neighbors.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen Crompton  
Executive Director

## **VIC GEARY CENTER**

The Vic Geary Center serves as a senior center for seven towns: Atkinson, Danville, Hampstead, Kingston, East Kingston, Newton, Newton Junction, Plaistow and Sandown. The following information will provide some insight into the diverse activities and services offered to the senior citizens of your community.

The Rockingham Nutrition & Meals on Wheels Program operates from the Center, at no cost to them, 5 days per week providing a hot noon meal in the dining room and Meals on Wheels to homebound clients in the nine towns. Frozen weekend and holiday meals are provided and meals comprised of shelf-stable items are provided for bad weather when delivery is impossible. Special meal celebrations for Mother's Day, Father's Day, Easter, Halloween, Thanksgiving Christmas, summer picnic, lobster specials and other holidays are well attended by approximately 120-150 persons from the 9 towns on each occasion. Several area senior organizations regularly meet free of charge at the Vic Geary. A wide variety of day bus trips were offered and enjoyed by many area seniors this past year. Monthly teas, some sponsored by the Vic Geary Center include refreshments and raffles. Entertainers such as the Salem Senior Singers and Boot Scootin Boomers also entertain the seniors throughout the year. A van and driver provides daily transportation for those seniors wishing to attend clinics, meals and special events at the Center.

Throughout the year, monthly blood pressure and twice a month foot care clinics are held at the center by Rockingham Visiting Nurses. Other clinics such as hearing and sight, safe driver and home safety are conducted regularly by area physicians and safety personnel. AARP tax preparation is offered on a yearly basis. Informative guest speakers on subjects of interest such as financial planning, prescription programs, diet and other topics are invited throughout the year. Fitness classes, bingo, card and board games, knitting group and arts and crafts are daily recreational activities offered at the Center. The WIC program now distributes surplus food monthly from the Vic Geary to income eligible area seniors and other area residents.

The building is rented to private individuals and groups. Several non-profit organizations hold their meetings at the Vic Geary, including the Knights of Pythians and the Plaistow Lions. Rental income is used for improvements to the building as well as contributing to the recent increases for fuel and electricity.

Wal-Mart, Home Depot, the Plaistow Lions and various caring individuals all deserve a big round of thanks for the support and donations of time and materials that they give to the Vic Geary Senior Center and its seniors.

#### Organization Purpose

The purpose of the Vic Geary Center is to provide a pleasant, comfortable, safe gathering place for all senior citizens to congregate, share a nutritious noon meal, participate in recreational and social activities, to provide necessary services such as blood pressure, foot & flu clinics, and distribute surplus food stuffs.

The Vic Geary Center is a non-profit organization, operating under the auspices of a Volunteer Board of Directors as follows: Jack McSheehy - President, Plaistow; Bob Choolijian - Vice President, Plaistow Lions; Doreen Tufts - Treasurer, Danville; Tom Tufts – Asst. Treasurer, Danville; Mary Jackson - Secretary, East Kingston; Carol Simpson – Member, Kingston; George Moore – Member, Newton; Bob Walsh – Member, Hampstead; Jim Born – Member, Sandown;

The Vic Geary Board of Directors sincerely appreciates Newton's assistance to help us maintain this valuable senior resource enjoyed by many of our area seniors every day. (603-382-9276)

Respectfully submitted,  
Jack McSheehy, President  
Vic Geary Board of Directors

## **WEST NILE VIRUS / EEE**

There was significant disease activity in the State in 2013. There were three horses and 24 mosquito batches that tested positive for Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) while one human, one horse and 14 mosquito batches tested positive for West Nile Virus (WNV). Overall, the mosquito population was average this past season. Dry periods punctuated by heavy rains created mosquito breeding opportunities during the summer. A mild fall kept mosquitoes active allowing EEE and WNV to spread throughout the State. Mosquitoes carrying EEE were found in 17 NH towns including Newton, East Kingston, and Kingston, as well as Merrimac, MA last season. Three horses died of EEE. The horses lived in Deerfield, Ossipee and Derry.

Nationwide, there were 2271 human cases of WNV with 100 deaths. In NH, there was one human case in Chesterfield, one horse case in Belmont and 14 WNV positive mosquito batches in eleven communities including Newton. Over the border, mosquitoes trapped in Essex County, MA tested positive for WNV, including Haverhill and Merrimac.

Adult mosquitoes were monitored at four locations throughout town. Over 8400 mosquitoes were collected in light traps, identified to species, and select species were sent to the State Lab in Concord where they are tested for diseases. Two batches of mosquitoes collected in Newton

tested positive for EEE while one batch tested positive for WNV in 2013. Dragon has identified 155 larval mosquito habitats in the Town of Newton. Crews checked larval habitats 397 times throughout the season. There were 84 treatments to eliminate mosquito larvae. In addition, 140 catch basin treatments were made to combat disease carrying mosquitoes. Spraying to control adult mosquitoes was conducted at the schools, Greenie Park, Willow Grove Trailer Park and Packer Meadows Senior Housing last season.

The proposed 2014 Mosquito Control plan for Newton includes trapping mosquitoes for disease testing, sampling wetlands for larval mosquito activity, larviciding where mosquito larvae are found, efficacy monitoring, and emergency spraying when a public health threat exists. The control program begins in April when mosquito larvae are found in stagnant water such as red maple and cedar swamps, ditches, and woodland pools. Trapping adult mosquitoes begins in July. The mosquito control program ends in October when temperatures drop and daylight diminishes.

Homeowners can reduce the number of mosquitoes in their yard by emptying any outdoor containers that hold standing water such as buckets, trash barrels, and boats. Tires collect enough water for mosquitoes to survive. It is also a good idea to change the water in bird baths every two or three days.

Residents who do not want their wetlands treated may use our No-Spray Registry online at [www.DragonMosquito.com/No-Spray-Registry](http://www.DragonMosquito.com/No-Spray-Registry) or write to Dragon Mosquito Control, P.O. Box 46, Stratham, NH 03885. Be sure to include your name, physical address, phone number, and a description of your property with boundaries. Otherwise, your property may be treated. If you submitted a request in 2013, then you may contact the office to reaffirm your request. Inquiries may be emailed to [info@dragonmosquito.com](mailto:info@dragonmosquito.com) or call the office at 734-4144. You may call or email our office for assistance regarding the control program, mosquitoes, insecticides or questions about EEE or WNV. Check out our web site: [www.dragonmosquito.com](http://www.dragonmosquito.com) where you can request a larval survey, sign up for email alerts or follow us on Twitter. Paste the URL listed below into your browser to see a new video featuring Rick Labell and his daughter Kelly. Click on the video titled Mosquito Control and Why It's Important to You. <http://www.backedbybayer.com/resource-library>

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah MacGregor  
President  
Dragon Mosquito Control, Inc.