

## **LAMPREY HEALTH CARE**

Thank you for accepting this request for funding from Lamprey Health Care. We are requesting \$1,000 in funding for FY 2007. The dollars requested will go toward supporting Lamprey health services. Dollars appropriated by the towns that we serve not only sustain our programs, but permit us to leverage other dollars.

Lamprey Health Center (LHC) provides comprehensive care to the residents of southeastern New Hampshire. Last year LHC saw over 15,255 patients of 64,418 office visits. The health care services include primary care, prenatal care, pediatric care, reproductive health services, alcohol and substance abuse counseling, nutrition counseling, diabetes education, Reach Out and Read, an early literacy program, Senior Transportation, and information and referral. Lamprey offers a sliding fee for services and no one is denied service due to the inability to pay. Over 50% of Lamprey's patients are either uninsured or on Medicaid.

Newton residents utilize our transportation program for shopping trips, medical appointments and monthly recreational outings. Last year senior transportation provided nearly 25,000 rides. Our vans are handicap accessible and our drivers are trained Transportation Health Workers who receive patient Assistance Training. Access to essential services makes it possible for this population to remain self-sufficient and in their own homes. Our handicap accessible buses take seniors and those with disabilities to the grocery, pharmacy, doctor, or bank and provide a good opportunity to socialize. The service is door to door, and reservations are made through the transportation manager or with one of our 20 senior volunteers. With isolation a leading cause of depression among seniors, these rides are not only a practical lifeline, but also an opportunity to visit with peers. Thank you for this opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,  
Phyllis Eldridge  
Ancillary Services Manager

## **NH SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS**

The New Hampshire SPCA is pleased to present the town with a brief report of our activities for the year and our request for an annual appropriation for the year 2007 in the amount of \$550.

In the past twelve months, we have provided care and shelter for over 3,200 animals at our location in Stratham and provided other services to many more members of the community. In addition, we have responded to over 300 complaints and rescued 166 animals from situations of 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 hour, summer camp, KIND club, Junior Volunteers and have joined us for their birthdays.

NHSPCA For Year 2006 Programs & Services Expenses

\$1,498,404 - includes animal care and sheltering services, humane education, community services and cruelty investigations.  
3,292 - total number of animals cared for in last 12 months.  
3,525 - total number of school children receiving humane education in last 12 months.  
311 - total number of animal cruelty reports investigated in the last 12 months.

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**116 - Total number of Families Receiving Services.**  
**81 - Number of Animals Surrendered by Residents**  
**18 - Number of Animals Adopted by Residents**  
**7 - Number of Cruelty Cases Complaints/Assists/Seizures**  
**10 - Number of Residents participating in Training and Behavior Consultation**

Services Provided By The NHSPCA include: Adoption and Surrender Services, Medical Care for the animals, Obedience Training, Behavior Consultations, Humane Education in local schools, Humane Education for Adults in the community, Programs for Seniors, Resource Information and Support, Animal Foster Care program, Low Cost Rabies Vaccination Clinics, Story Hour for children, Summer Camp for kids 9-12, KIND club for kids 10-13, Jr. Volunteer Program for kids 14-16.

More than ever your town's support of 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 or federal assistance whatsoever.

Thank you for your consideration of the New Hampshire SPCA in your annual appropriations process.

Respectfully submitted,  
Abigail Smith  
Director of Development and Marketing