AREA HOMECARE & FAMILY SERVICES, INC.

Area HomeCare & Family Services has been providing home care services to low-income Newton elderly and people with disabilities since 1972.

In our fiscal year 2007, we served 13 elderly Newton residents with over 1,400 hours of direct in-home care. In the past five years, we have provided over 7,500 hours of direct service to help keep our Newton clients in their homes. Your contribution is an important part of our fundraising effort. We are also pleased to employ two Newton residents as home care providers.

Our mission is to provide homecare services and companionship to help the elderly of Newton stay in their homes for as long as they can. We are part of a State system of a community-based plan of care for our elderly and people with chronic illness. If you know of an elderly person who needs assistance in daily home care tasks, please call us. We will have some of our brochures in your Town offices.

Our **Project CoolAir** is a program that buys air conditioners for low-income elderly and remains available to Newton elderly or people with disabilities. Please call for information on this program. We look forward to a continued working relationship with Newton.

Respectfully submitted, Gordon McCollester, President/CEO

CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

Since opening our doors in January 2000, the Child Advocacy Center has served over 2900 children and families in Rockingham County. So far in 2007, we have served <u>two</u> children and their families from Newton.

The mission of the Child Advocacy Center of Rockingham County is to protect children. We do this by providing a safe environment for the evaluation of child abuse and exploitation, coordinating services to victims and families and preventing future abuse through community educations. Our goals are to:

- To create a neutral place where interviews and services for abused children is provided.
- To prevent trauma to a child caused by multiple contacts with various community professionals.
- To provide the family with needed services that help them resolve their problems.
- To communicate and coordinate our efforts with other community agencies.

Because of generous support from towns such as Newton, our center can continue to offer the critical piece of support and advocacy for child abuse victims in our community. This Center's outreach, information and support can continue to be more readily available to families in crisis, Law Enforcement, DCYF, Prosecutors, Medical and Mental Health professionals. We can be reached at (603) 422-8242. Once again, thank you for your support.

Respectfully submitted, Jodi Richardson, MSW