

## SEACARE HEALTH SERVICES

Each year, SeaCare Health Services provides access to health care to uninsured individuals who live in the Town of Newton. Services were assessed by 37 residents, which included:

- Thirty-seven (37) participants from Newton received care from our medical access programs, which include primary/specialty care, dental care, mental health counseling, laboratory work and care coordination.
- Two (2) participants received home visits through our health education program.
- Fifteen (15) participants received free prescription through our Medication Bridge program.
- In 2007 the value of donated care for the Town of Newton reached **\$37,718**.

Our volunteer providers have donated **\$1,907,443** this year alone. We thank them and the townspeople of Newton who support this agency. Your grant of \$2,000 last year helped keep our programs running. As you can see, the need continues to be great and we are once again submitting a request for funding in the amount of \$2,000 for the year 2008 to help support the services we offer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Crompton, Director

## VIC GEARY CENTER

The Vic Geary Center serves as a senior center for seven towns: Plaistow, Hampstead, Atkinson, Sandown, Newton, Danville and Kingston. 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 7 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 100-125 persons from the 7 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 area Recreation Departments such as Atkinson, Danville, Plaistow and Sandown, including refreshments and raffles are held at the Center. Entertainers such as the Salem Senior Singers and Boot Scoot'n Boomers also entertain the seniors throughout the year. A van and driver provided 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. Fuel assistance intakes are done on an annual basis as well as tax preparation assistance. Informative guest speakers on subjects of interest such as financial planning, prescription programs, diet and other topics are invited throughout the year. Fitness classes, dance classes, bingo, card and board games, knitting group and walking club 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. There is also a member of Service Link working out of this facility. Service Link is an organization that assists people in finding providers to fill their services need.

The building is rented to private individuals and groups. Several non-profit organizations hold their meetings at the Vic Geary, including Trinity Charismatic Episcopal Church and the Knights of Pythias and Plaistow Lions. Other civic organizations are holding regular meetings free of charge. Rental income is used for improvements to the building. This year two indoor oil storage tanks were installed to replace the outdoor tank, new fans and faucets were installed in the restrooms and a new handicap ramp was installed in the front of the building.

Wal-Mart, Home Depot, the Plaistow Lions and the Plaistow American Legion 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 throughout the year.

#### Organization Purpose

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

The Vic Geary Center is a non-profit organization, operating under the auspices of a Volunteer Board of Directors. Board Members include:

Carlene Sarty, Chairman, Plaistow  
Carol Simpson, Secretary, Kingston  
Doreen Tufts, Danville  
Jack McSheehy, Plaistow Lions  
Bob Choolijan, Plaistow Lions

Dawn Weston, Vice Pres/Treasurer, Kingston  
Robert Walsh, Hampstead  
Debra Perou, Meals on Wheels  
Arthur Peaslee, Plaistow American Legion  
Ted Kennedy, Atkinson

The Vic Geary Board sincerely appreciates your town's assistance to help us maintain and improve this valuable senior resource enjoyed by many of our area seniors each day.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dawn Weston, Secretary of  
The Vic Geary Board of Directors