

A SAFE PLACE

A Safe Place is requesting funding in the amount of \$2,500 for 2015 to continue our free direct services, counseling, emergency shelter services, as well as our community educational outreach and help with defraying the rising costs associated with the increased need to provide services users (clients) with basic emergency needs. Over the years, many Newton residents have called and knocked on the doors of A Safe Place for information, referral and emergency assistance.

From July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014, A Safe Place served 9 people from Newton with 12 dependent children, and provided 22 units of service (each unit of service represents 15 minutes of time). We also provide educational presentation's to students in both middle and high school in order to help youth learn to develop healthy teen relationships.

All the services provided at all sites of A Safe Place are free and confidential.

A Safe Place has been providing Free and Confidential Domestic Violence Support Services for over 30 years. The Portsmouth, Rochester, Salem and Shelter sites of *A Safe Place* provide 365 days a year, 24-hour Emergency Shelter and Hotline Services, as well as a range of support services to victims of domestic abuse in the 48 cities and towns of Rockingham and Strafford Counties. We do not receive any 3rd party payments for our services.

As advocates, we work with our service users to prepare a safety plan and refer them if needed, to our undisclosed 24-hour emergency shelter. We also assist our service users in obtaining both Temporary and Permanent Restraining Orders and accompany them to courts and police stations to do so. We provide 1 on 1, in-person and 24 hour telephone crisis counseling as well as on-going support groups. All sites assist our service users with access to legal and social services and transportation and / or accompaniment to related appointments and emergency rooms, if needed. Each site has the ability to give direct financial assistance to victims in the form of modest gift certificates to grocery stores, pharmacies, gas stations, and department stores. For victim's safety, we pay locksmith costs associated with changing locks. In addition, we provide clothing and toiletries; household items and other everyday necessities.

Our advocates understand both the emotional and physical toll it takes on the victim, their families, as well as the community. It is critical that we maintain the ability to respond via direct services to the residents of Newton that seek both our emergency and long term services. Our presence has been critical over the years in serving populations that face abuse no matter what their age, economic status, or gender.

We wish to continue to offer refuge, support and other services to the residents of Newton, especially during these hard economic times when there is a rise in Domestic Violence. We hope you will continue to join us in breaking the cycle of violence. (Telephone: 800-854-3552)

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Coombs
Finance Manager

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. We are requesting continued level funding of \$3,800 for 2015.

In our fiscal year 2014, we provided in-home care services to 8 Newton residents who were either medically fragile elderly, adults with disabilities or had chronic illnesses. Services included, but were not limited to, grocery shopping, other errands, light housekeeping, laundry, meal preparation and companionship.

At Area HomeCare & Family Services, Inc. our mission statement defines our purpose – **to provide non-medical home care services to the elderly and adults with disabilities or chronic illnesses, so they may remain in their homes for as long as possible.**

You can learn more about our services at www.areahomecare.org.

We have enjoyed our partnership with the Town of Newton for many years and have employees who reside in town. If you need additional information or have any questions, please call (Telephone: 603-436-9059). We

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Taylor
Executive Director

CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY (CACRC)

The Child Advocacy Center of Rockingham County (CACRC) provides a safe environment for the evaluation of alleged physical and sexual abuse for children 3 to 18 years of age. We coordinate public, private and community partners to ensure that the safety, health and well-being of abused children come first. Since opening our doors in January of 2000, we have provided professional services to over 4,600 children and their families at no cost to them or taxpayers. How much a society values its children can be measured by how well they are treated and protected.

- Newton Statistics: Number of Newton children served by the CACRC in 2013 and 2014 = 2
- Billing for Newton residents to insurance, Medicare or individuals = None
- Savings to the Town of Newton for 2013 and 2014 to date is \$21,000
- According to NCA cost benefit analysis, savings to Rockingham County since opening our doors is over \$6.9 million to date.

It's our nature to take care of children, and helping to protect them from abuse has become a critical service of our time. We are requesting continued level funding of \$2,000 for 2015. Thank you for your continued support. (Telephone: 603-442-8240)

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen Sullivan, MBA
Executive Director

DRUGS ARE DANGEROUS, INC.

To the voters of Newton,

For 25+ years the Towns' of Newton and Kingston have supported the work of D.A.D. Inc., in bringing "Natural High" experiences to the children, youth and families of our communities. The following are some of the examples of our efforts to help children, youth and families address some of life's challenges.

The annual family skating parties held at Skateland for Memorial, Bakie and the Middle School students continue to attract whole families and are well attended. D.A.D.'s Natural High Day, (always held on Father's Day at YMCA Camp Lincoln) has become an institution. Families from both Newton and Kingston celebrate the positive aspects of coming together and experiencing a drug free event. In addition to the free barbeque lunch, interactive games and activities for all age groups, the world's largest whip cream fight remains the highlight of the day's events.

D.A.D. continues to emphasize substance abuse prevention programs to help families address the scourge of drugs, alcohol and its negative impact on our communities. Project Safeguard and Project Stand by Me for all 5th and 7th grade students and their parents/guardians is well attended. (These programs are subsidized through the school budget.)

Drugs Are Dangerous, Inc. is a registered NH non-profit corporation with the State of N.H. We are a small dedicated group of parents and individuals from Newton and Kingston trying to help children, youth and families "be the best they can be". The continued support of the voters of Newton in the amount of \$2,500 is very much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristy A. Lacroix
D.A.D. President

FAMILY MEDIATION & JUVENILE SERVICES

Family Mediation & Juvenile Services' (FMJS) is a non-profit agency dedicated to providing critical services to teens and their families in order to reduce out-of-home placements. As the major Diversion Agency in your area of Southern Rockingham County, we receive referrals from police, courts, schools, and others, for juveniles involved, or at risk for, issues relating to substance use, shoplifting and anger related offenses.

Through the use of a licensed clinician, trained mediators, community service supervisors and experienced course facilitators, FMJS assists families in identifying and resolving areas of conflict, offers education to teens in substance use prevention and treatment, anger management and shoplifting cessation, and connects youth with positive role models in the community through restitution and work supervision.

We thank you for your collaboration and financial support over the years. (Telephone: 603-362-9957)

Respectfully submitted,
Debra DeSimone, Chairman
Board of Directors

LAMPREY HEALTH CARE

The mission of Lamprey Health Care (LHC) is to provide high quality primary medical care and health related services, with an emphasis on prevention and lifestyle management to all individuals regardless of ability to pay.

Senior Transportation Program provides seniors 60 or older and adults with disabilities access to essential services, such as medical appointments, grocery stores, local pharmacies and other necessary errands. Our buses are handicap accessible and our drivers are trained Transportation Health Workers who receive Passenger Assistance Training. Access to essential services makes it possible for this population to remain self-sufficient and in their own homes.

Medical Visits: 73 Newton residents made 387 visits to Lamprey Health Care of those 45 received \$877 of free or reduced fee medical care.

Transportation Units of Service: A unit of service is one ride to a destination. 693 rides were provided to Newton's senior citizens. A rider donation of \$5.00 is requested for the shopping trip and \$10.00 for the recreational outing. Over 80% of the riders contribute, no one is ever denied service for lack of a donation.

With your continued support of \$1,600 for Year 2015, we can continue to improve access and the health of your residents. For more information, visit our website at www.lampreyhealth.org (Telephone: 603-659-3106)

Respectfully submitted,
Debora Bartley
Director of Community Services

NH SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

In fiscal year 2014, 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 2014 Programs & Services Expenses

\$1,971,284 - includes animal care and sheltering services, humane education, community services and cruelty investigations.

- 2,517 - total number of animals cared for in last 12 months.
- 8,383 - total number of school children receiving humane education in last 12 months.
- 736 - total number of animal cruelty reports investigated in the last 12 months.
- 45,393 - total number of volunteer hours performed by community members

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- 52 - Total number of School Children Reached**
- 13 - Number of Animals Surrendered by Residents**
- 3 – Number of Animals Brought in as Strays / Found**
- 16 - Number of Animals Adopted by Residents**
- 4 - Number of Residents participating in Training and Behavior Consultation**
- 8 - 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 (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. This is accomplished by offering 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:

- \$47,565 in Federal Fuel Assistance benefits to 53 households
- Processed \$19,767 in Electric Assistance discounts to 51 households
- Provided \$308 for Childcare Resource & Referral to 8 households
- Provided \$144 in Homeless Prevention Programs to 1 household
- Provided \$581 through their Food Pantry to 7 households
- Provided \$576 of Commodity Surplus Food to 5 households
- Provided \$7,150 in Head Start to 1 household
- Provided \$5,455 for Weatherization Conservation Program to 1 household.
- Provided 31 Newton residents with literacy services and 3 with workforce development

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 (Telephone: 603-431-2911)

Respectfully submitted,
Keith E. Bates
Community Services Director

ROCKINGHAM NUTRITION & MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM

3,857 nutritious, ready to eat meals were provided to 41 residents of Newton in 2014 and 1,791 units of Support Services was 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 \$1,835 for 2015. (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:

- 24-hour confidential sexual assault crisis and support hotline (1-888-747-7070)
- 24-hour accompaniment to police stations and emergency rooms for sexual assault victims.
- Support for families at the Rockingham and Strafford Child Advocacy Centers.
- Support groups for survivors of rape/sexual abuse, parents, and others affected.
- Safe Kids Strong Teens prevention education programs in K-12 schools aimed to protect children and teens from sexual abuse, bullying, sexual harassment and teen dating violence.
- Professional training for police departments, hospitals, schools and the community.

In order to ensure that our crisis services and prevention programs continue to be available to residents of Newton, SASS needs and appreciates your financial support. We are asking for leveling funding of \$550 for 2015. For more information, visit our website at www.sassnh.org (1-888-747-7070)

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Beebe
Executive Director

VIC GEARY CENTER

The Vic Geary Center serves as a senior center for nine 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 nine 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. We are asking for leveling funding of \$2,700 for 2015. (603-382-9276)

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

WEST NILE VIRUS / EEE

Last year, the snowy winter gave way to a dry spring. Dry conditions continued all summer and into the fall. The late season mosquito population was low but the species found in our traps were all potential carriers of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE). EEE was found in 18 mosquito batches trapped in ten towns including Newton, Kingston, Danville and Hampstead. New Hampshire had more EEE than any other state with three human cases occurring in the towns of Conway, Hopkinton and Manchester. Two of the three cases resulted in death. A mule in Candia, a horse in Nottingham and one in Sanbornton contracted EEE. One mosquito pool from the town of Greenland tested positive for West Nile Virus (WNV).

A new mosquito borne disease making the news is Chikungunya. It has spread throughout the Caribbean where infected tourists have brought it back to the US. Currently, there are nearly a million cases worldwide. Symptoms include fever, joint pain, headache, muscle pain, joint swelling and rash. There is no cure and it is rarely fatal. Centers for Disease Control expect this disease to become established in this country. Unlike EEE and WNV, a mosquito can bite an infected person and pass Chikungunya along to an uninfected person. The mosquitoes that carry this disease currently do not live in NH. You can read more at the following web site:
<http://www.cdc.gov/chikungunya/>

Adult mosquitoes were monitored at four locations throughout town. Over 11,500 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. One batch of mosquitoes collected in Newton tested positive for EEE in 2014. Dragon has identified 156 larval mosquito habitats in the Town of Newton. Crews checked larval habitats 328 times throughout the season. There were 55 sites treated to eliminate mosquito larvae. In addition, 288 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 2015 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 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 2014, then you may contact the office to reaffirm your request. Inquiries may be emailed to 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 where you can request a larval survey, sign up for email alerts or follow us on Twitter.

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