

COMMUNITY SERVICES COORDINATOR



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Community Services Coordinator

The Community Services Coordinator position was established in 2005. Funded by a grant from the Community Chest, the purpose of the less-than 20 hour a week position is to assist Concord and Carlisle residents, 60 years and under, in accessing information on a broad range of local, privately funded and State services including financial and fuel assistance.

The Community Services Coordinator continued to aid individuals and families in accessing needed services on a variety of fronts. Referrals more than doubled over the course of the year; from 190 to approximately 450. Referrals were made to home mortgage counseling programs, job assistance agencies, counseling services, tax assistance programs, Concord Cares weatherization assistance, energy efficiency programs, fuel assistance, scholarship information, lower-income legal services, disability advocacy and support services, counseling services and after-school and camp programs.

Emergency referrals related to housing, food assistance and utility assistance rose significantly and the Community Services Coordinator provided short-term case management to those families and individuals in crisis, working closely with such agencies as Hugh Cargill Trust, Society for St. Vincent de Paul and the Clergy Laity Group to provide families in need with emergency financial assistance.

The Community Services Coordinator continued to collaborate with community agencies that provide assistance to Concord and Carlisle families, assisting with Gaining Ground Farm's Food for Families program which served 45 families free organic produce and continued monthly visits to Open Table, Inc.

making contact with challenged Concord individuals and families to provide referrals to a variety of needed services. Community Services Coordinator also worked collaboratively with Concord Public Schools to provide outreach to challenged families.

The Community Services Coordinator is a point of contact for the Concord Cares program, which provides emergency fuel assistance and weatherization materials to residents. During the 'weatherization blitz', weatherization materials were installed by Concord volunteers, free of charge. Materials continue to be available at both the Community Services Coordinator office as well as the COA office for any Concord resident to personally install. In addition, the Community Services Coordinator continues to be a point of contact, in conjunction with Council on Aging, Police and Fire Departments for the Concord Cares Emergency Fuel Assistance Program, which provides 75 gallons of home heating oil free to any Concord resident who is in emergency need.

Residents can contact the Community Service Coordinator by phone or schedule a confidential appointment, either in the office or their home, to discuss their particular referral needs.

For additional information or assistance, please contact the Community Services Office at 105 Everett St.

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HUGH CARGILL TRUST COMMITTEE

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The Hugh Cargill Trust Committee continued to implement the mission of the Trust, established over 200 years ago by Concordian Hugh Cargill, to provide short-term assistance to residents of the Town in times of financial need. The Committee acts on behalf of the Board of Selectmen in receiving and reviewing requests for assistance and in distributing funds in accordance with the provisions of the Trust. Concord residents request aid by leaving a phone message at: 978-318-3100, ext. 2030. Calls are returned within 24 hours. All requests are kept confidential.