



Southwestern Community Services

* Direct Assistance to Residents:	\$30,799.47
** Economic Impact:	\$76,998.68
1.5% of Direct Assistance:	\$500.00
***Total Number of Household Served:	47
***Total Number of Residents Served:	90
Average Benefit Per Household:	655.31
Average Benefit Per Resident:	342.22

* Property Taxes and Administrative Payroll are NOT included in the direct assistance or economic impact totals.

** Economic Impact is calculated by multiplying the direct assistance by a factor of 2.5

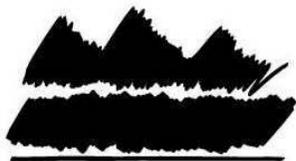
*** Some Households receive benefits from more than one program and may therefore be duplicated. However, the amount shown as Direct Assistance to Residents is the actual expenditures to the residents of this town.



Kearsarge Area Council on Aging, Inc.

DID YOU KNOW? COA operates on \$125,000 budget each year. COA relies on private donations from members and businesses for 70% of its operating funds. The remaining 30% comes from the nine towns it serves.

COA’s ability to keep its budget very low, is due to its large workforce of volunteers. Currently COA has 230 active volunteers who run all of the programs offered, act as receptionists, data entry clerks, drivers, instructors, etc. Because of our excellent volunteers we are able to offer so many programs and services for no cost to anyone who participates. The only costs being of course, the administrative and building related (heat, lights, computers) costs of running an organization.



Lake Sunapee Region
VNA & HOSPICE

Dear Friends,

Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice (LSRVNA) remains grateful for the opportunities to provide home health, hospice, long-term care and community health services to all residents of Grantham. Our Mission remains to provide these services to support the dignity and independence of all individuals and families in your community. We strongly believe in the value and necessity of home care and the LSRVNA Board of Directors has reaffirmed that, within its financial resources, the Agency will continue to provide Grantham residents with all its services, except for long-term private duty care, regardless of insurance coverage or any patient's ability to pay for care.

LSRVNA has always embraced the role of technology in home health care. Utilization of newer and sophisticated treatments have enabled some individuals to recover in their homes when, just a few years ago, their only options were to remain in a hospital or to receive care in a nursing home. Although the Agency does perform the most modern home care treatments available, when compared to much of our health care system, we are somewhat low-tech providers. Our greatest and most valuable asset is the personalized one-on-one care and teaching that our nurses, therapists, home health aides, homemakers, volunteers and counselors provide to our patients.

Unfortunately, health care reimbursement is often driven by technology and procedures such as MRIs and operations; home care remains an under-funded component of the system. For example, the average charge for two nights of room, board and nursing care (not including any tests, medications or procedures) in a hospital is roughly equal to the amount of money that a VNA is reimbursed for providing up to 60 days of Medicare-funded home care! As a result, LSRVNA depends on the financial support of the towns and individuals within the area it serves. That is why your ongoing support is so vitally necessary.

Over the past 12 months, LSRVNA staff provided care to more than 340 Grantham residents. Here is a partial breakdown of the services provided:

- Community health clinics (blood pressure, foot care, well child and flu clinics) provided services to at least 240 individuals;
- Our staff made over 1920 home care visits to 102 children, adults and newborns;
- Fifteen elderly and disabled individuals received over 2,750 hours of supportive in-home care; and,
- Twelve residents received compassionate end-of-life care in their homes through our hospice program. Their families and loved ones will be provided with bereavement and grief support services at no charge.

Again, although I believe that a vibrant VNA is an integral part of any community, LSRVNA would not exist without your ongoing support. Speaking on behalf of all Agency employees, I am grateful for your continued support and wish you all happiness and the best of health in the coming year.

Sincerely,

Scott Fabry, RN
President and CEO

Grantham Community Crisis Fund

“Neighbor Helping Neighbor”

The goal of the Grantham Crisis Fund is to offer assistance in unforeseen crisis. We are not a long-term solution to economic woes, but a helping hand to rise above the problem. This help comes in the form of financial donations that we receive from the private individuals of Grantham and the local organizations that choose to sponsor us. With their help we have been able to assist when we have been called upon. We cannot stress enough our gratitude to these people and organizations.

The year 2008 was once again busy for us as various needs presented themselves to our committee. As we are all aware, the economic downturn this year made situations that might have before seemed slight turn into large obstacles.

We all know one brief emergency can be very costly and when insurance is not an option, it can be overwhelming to a family in need. Most of our requests were for assistance for utilities, food and medical bills. All our monies come from donations and we assist only in Grantham so the money you give stays in this community.

Please feel free to call for questions about assistance for you or for someone whom you may know that is in crisis. Our goal is to be as discreet as possible whenever we assist. You may call any of our members at the following numbers.

Deborah Cheever	863-5946
Cindy Towle	863-3156
Arthur Lotz	863-9745
Terry Dorr	863-4028
Kris Widmann	863-7083

