

Needy Fund's Neighborhood

we're so glad you're here!



A Message from the Executive Director



Dear Neighbors,

It is truly an honor for me to write this message as I wrap up my first year as the Executive Director of The Cape Cod Times Needy Fund. Although I have been part of this organization for a short time, it has taken no time for it to feel like home.

It has been another incredible year for this organization, and I am so proud of the work that we have done together. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our committed team - the staff and board of directors - without whom none of this good work would be possible. And, to our dedicated donors: you are the lifeline to so many community members facing an unexpected financial crisis - your support helps keep thousands of your neighbors housed, safe and healthy year-round. **Over 4,300 donors contributed to the Needy Fund last year and helped us exceed our goal, raising over \$1.6 million! A resounding and heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you!** If you're interested in seeing the difference you make, please click [here](#) to visit our website and view our most Annual Reports.

The intention of this newsletter is to provide periodic updates on the "goings on" at the Needy Fund and our greater community. We hope to engage donors, clients, volunteers, and others who are invested in the Cape & Islands community by sharing stories, resources, and updates on how to help our neighbors and how the Needy Fund can help those in need. We hope you find this helpful and welcome your feedback.

Stay well,

Susan

Understanding Community Needs

HELP US UNDERSTAND CHILDCARE NEEDS ON THE CAPE AND ISLANDS!

As referenced in a recent article in the Cape Cod Times, there is a childcare shortage on the Cape and Islands due to lack of space available for centers, as well as a lack of trained staff.

In an effort to better understand the current needs in our community, we are asking residents with children, ages 0-13, to help us by completing a brief survey regarding childcare needs on the Cape & Islands. **Click [here](#) if you would like to participate!**

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in our client's words

I am so grateful and thankful. I hope that one day I will be in a position again that allows me to pay it back...



MARY'S & ALIYAH'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS!



Through a partnership with the Commonwealth Corps of Massachusetts, the Needy Fund is delighted to host Mary and Aliyah! Both doing service as Engagement Coordinators, they are helping to grow a volunteer program, client services, social media and fundraising and marketing initiatives, such as creating our first ever newsletter! At the same time, Mary and Aliyah are growing their professional development skills! We are so lucky to have them on our team!

([CLICK HERE](#) TO LEARN MORE ABOUT MARY'S AND ALIYAH'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS!)

A Closer Look at Our Instagram



Nantucket Food Fuel and Rental Assistance

HIGHLIGHTING PARTNER AGENCIES & SHARING RESOURCES

Join us on Instagram to keep up to date on what the Needy Fund is up to, and learn about services offered by our partner agencies!

COMMUNITY IMPACT, NEWS & EVENTS

Also learn about how the Needy Fund is helping community members, the status of our fundraising goals, upcoming events and what is going on in the community and how we are helping our neighbors in their time of need.

In our client's words



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"You offered great advice and resources. We are confident that with the help, advice and resources we've received from you that we will be back on our feet soon"



[CLICK HERE](#) TO FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM!!



♥ 2022 Holiday Campaign

THE NEEDY FUND EXCEEDED OUR GOAL OF \$1.55 MILLION, RAISING \$1,660,067.20 THANKS TO THE GENEROSITY OF OUR COMMUNITY!

Our annual Holiday Campaign provides funds to continue to support our mission of providing the residents of the Cape and Islands with financial assistance year round for a range of vital human needs when they face financial crises.

Thank you to all of our donors who helped us reach our goal!

————— *Did You Know?* —————



Food Resource

SNAP BENEFITS

SNAP benefits are available to individuals, families & children, older adults, people with different abilities, immigrants and college students! For more on eligibility [click here!](#) To apply contact the DTA office in Hyannis at 508-862-6600, or call CACCI (Community Action Committee of Cape Cod and the Islands) at 508-771-1727. The application can also be done [online here!](#)

Cold Weather Resource

**GOOD NEIGHBORS ENERGY
FUND- SALVATION ARMY**

Any Massachusetts resident who cannot meet a month's energy expense due to financial difficulty (and is not eligible for state or federal energy assistance), can apply by contacting your local Salvation Army Corps Community Center or Service Extension Unit. **Call (508) 862-0256**



What We've Been Up To!



In December, the Needy Fund hosted our first Holiday Open House, connecting with local businesses and partner agencies and spreading holiday cheer! We thank all who attended, and our Board Members, Mary Pat Messmer, Vice President, Anne Brennan, President, Claire Yannatos, Member, and Judy Scarafile, Managing Director of MCRF (a program of the Needy Fund), for celebrating this event with us!

The Needy Fund was also honored as a benefactor of St. George Greek Orthodox Church of Cape Cod's annual golf tournament for the 13th consecutive year. Their generous contributions make it possible to help more Cape and Islands residents in need.



In recognition of National Cookie Day that takes place on December 4th, the Needy Fund staff decided to celebrate by bringing in our favorite cookies. It was a great way to spend time together and enjoy some tasty treats. Mark your calendars for next year so you don't miss out!

Coming Soon...



2023 FALMOUTH ROAD RACE!

Join Team Needy Fund!

We are excited once again to participate in this year's running of the Falmouth Road Race Fundraiser in August 2023! Team members will receive free entry to the race and running bib, plus an ASCICS running singlet with the Needy Fund logo! In return, and with help from the NF team captain, we ask each team member to raise \$1,000 to benefit the Needy Fund by asking friends and family to help you reach your goal - **it's fun and easy!**

If you are interested in joining the team, we would love to have you! Contact Stephanie by May 1st at smg@needyfund.org. 10 total bibs will be available.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!



OUR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM!

The Needy Fund is excited to be announcing new volunteer opportunities - coming soon!

Be on the lookout on our website and social media if you are interested in giving back to our neighbors in need through volunteer service! **...For more information, email Stephanie at smg@needyfund.org**

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Thank you to our 2023 Grantors

- United Way/National Grid
- Gratis Foundation
- Santander Bank
- Cape Cod 5 Savings Bank
- TD Charitable Foundation
- Lyndon Paul Lorusso Charitable Foundation
- Palmer and Jane D. Davenport Foundation
- Kelley Foundation
- TJX
- Cape Cod Foundation
- Highland Street Foundation
- Commonwealth Corps of Massachusetts



Donor's Corner

WORDS FROM OUR DONORS

"You do so much for families at the holiday's"

"You have an important job and I hope you feel a lot of pride when you realize how much these donations help people in need"

"It is my pleasure to donate to such a fine organization"



About the Needy Fund



The Needy Fund is here to provide urgent assistance for basic human needs to residents of Cape Cod and the Islands who are experiencing financial hardship.

We are thankful for our partners and donors for helping the Needy Fund support our neighbors in their time of need. **Neighbors helping neighbors - that's what the Needy Fund is all about.**

If you or someone you know are experiencing a financial crisis, please reach out. Calls are returned in the order they are received: 508-778-5661