



Your Giving in Action

FALL 2024

Dear Neighbor,

Thanks to your unwavering support, the Neighbors Fund has been able to provide crucial assistance to thousands of Cape & Islands year-round residents – and we still have a few months left in the year! From emergency food vouchers to essential utility payments, you and other donors have been a lifeline to many.

Yet, as we enter the colder months, we face our busiest and most critical season. The challenge of keeping neighbors warm and housed becomes even more urgent. For many, the winter months bring increased hardship, due to seasonal work or susceptibility to illness, making our mission more vital than ever.

This season, we are particularly focused on providing emergency heating support to ensure no family has to choose between heat and other necessities.

Will you please join us in this critical effort? Together, we can provide warmth, stability, and hope to those who need it most.

Thank you for being a vital part of our community's strength and resilience.

Susan Johnson, Executive Director

Our mission

To provide urgent financial assistance and resources to our Cape & Islands neighbors.

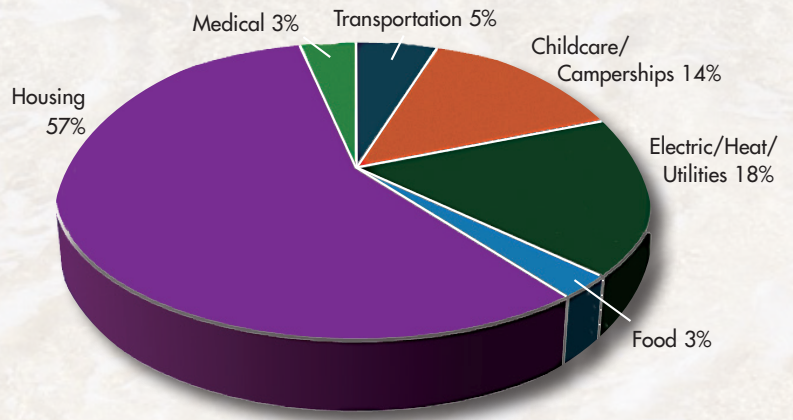
Our vision

To foster a thriving Cape & Islands community where basic human needs are met.

“You have given me some breathing room. I never thought I’d be someone who needed to ask for assistance, but you never know where life will take you.”

How Your Support is Helping Your Neighbors

Based on services provided through August 2024



You gave Jane hope for the future!

Thanks to your support for your neighbors in need, we were able to assist Jane* with the security deposit for an affordable rental unit.

Married to a recovering alcoholic, Jane's husband started drinking again and abruptly left her. Soon after this life-altering event, Jane received more unexpected and tragic news: she was diagnosed with a debilitating disease.

As a result, she had to leave one of her two jobs to see specialists and receive treatment. This also meant Jane needed a more affordable rental unit. Finally, luck turned in her favor and she found an apartment within walking distance of her job, but she needed first and last month's rent as well as a security deposit to move in. And because of your generosity, the Neighbors Fund was able to help out!

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Jane wrote to tell us: “I don’t even know where to begin to thank the Neighbors Fund for helping me in my time of need. I came to you with little hope. You showed me incredible compassion and care. You built me up and restored my faith and hope.”

“I will pay this generosity forward through acts of love and kindness, just as you did for me.”

Your support made this possible and for that, we – and Jane – are most grateful!

Joe needs help providing for his daughter!

Joe*, a single dad, urgently needs help to provide stability for his young daughter and maintain full-time employment.



Due to a series of setbacks, including a layoff followed by a lengthy job search, Joe fell behind on daycare payments. Like many parents on the Cape, he had to prioritize basic needs: housing, food, transportation, and utilities.

Although Joe started a part-time job, the pay wasn’t enough to cover all of their expenses. And while he could temporarily reduce the number of days his child went to daycare, Joe couldn’t pull her out completely.

Thankfully, he just received a full-time job offer, but his first paycheck is two weeks away and the financial strain of the past few months has left him struggling.

Unfortunately, Joe’s situation is not an isolated one. According to the US Dept. of Labor, childcare costs in Massachusetts are one of the highest in the country and can run between 20% and 40% of a family’s income.

Joe is confident that with this new job, he will be able to manage their expenses. But if he loses the daycare spot, he will jeopardize both his child’s care and his job security.

Will you please support Joe through this tough period and help him secure a stable future for his family?

Please help John and Beth stay warm!

We recently received an urgent call for assistance from John* and Beth*, a couple nearing their 80s, who were almost out of heating oil.

John, a veteran, was just informed that his cancer had returned. Because of this, he had to leave his part time job to receive treatment.

Now they had to rely solely on their limited social security benefits, which would be difficult given the sharp increase in oil, electricity and food.

With the unexpected added cost of medical and prescription bills, John and Beth reached out to the Neighbors Fund for assistance.

Will you please help them fill their oil tank? Your generosity will ensure that John has a warm home to recover in after he completes his cancer treatments.

Making a difference is easy! Simply use the enclosed envelope or go to neighborsfund.org/donate.



Other ways to help:

MONTHLY GIVING CLUB

By starting a monthly recurring gift, you’ll help the Neighbors Fund 12 months a year. It’s safe, secure and the most effective way to support your neighbors in need. And you can change your gift at any time. Enroll at neighborsfund.org/monthly

LEAVE A LEGACY

When you include the Neighbors Fund in your estate plans, your generosity will have a transformative impact on our work—today and far into the future. Learn more at neighborsfund.org/giving

To contact us about other ways to help, send an email to giving@neighborsfund.org or call Ellen Miller, Director of Development, at 508-778-5661 ext. 105.

*Names changed for privacy and stock images used.

Thank you for your support!