

## Who are we?

The Wayland Community Fund (formerly called the Wayland Charitable Committee) was established in 1997 to provide short-term, emergency financial assistance to Wayland residents. Originally funded by a bequest from the late Suzanne Leavitt, the organization is now funded in part by this bequest and by contributions from Wayland residents and organizations. It is staffed by five volunteers appointed by the Commissioners of Trust Funds.

No public funds or tax revenues are used to support this fund. The organization has no overhead or administrative costs and 100% of the contributions go directly to helping Wayland residents. This brochure was paid for by the volunteers and other sources.

## What kind of help do we provide?

We provide assistance to people who have lived in Wayland for at least one year (as stipulated in the bequest). Payment is made directly to the vendors or suppliers of services. We also provide grocery store food vouchers.

Cash is not given to applicants. We provide payment for:

- **Utilities**
- **Medicine**
- **Medical Expenses**
- **Rent**
- **Food**
- **Clothing and**
- **Many other items...**

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## Whom have we helped?

- A mother with terminal cancer and with school-age children. The father had stopped work to care for his wife. We helped with living expenses.
- Grandparents who were raising toddlers. They had run out of heating oil. We filled the tank.
- A woman in her eighties who still had to work to pay her bills but was unable to sell her house. We paid utility bills and some medical expenses.
- A family hit with unemployment faced utility shut off and eviction. We helped with utilities and paid some back rent.

- A senior with limited income, was being treated for cancer. Very expensive medication had been prescribed but she had reached the "doughnut hole." We helped with pharmacy bills.
- A father was awaiting a major surgical procedure. He was incapacitated and his wife had lost her job. We paid some overdue rent and utility bills.
- A single mother of two children had literally run out of food with the exception of a box of cereal. We delivered food vouchers to her home.

Most of the individuals and families we help have multiple problems including unemployment, a shortage of food, and health problems.

## How do we operate?

Any person in need of help can call 508-358-3624 and leave a message on the answering machine located in the town building. We regularly check the phone messages and when a request for financial assistance is received the applicant is promptly contacted. The degree of financial information we require depends on the size of the request. We strive to provide a rapid, timely

response and our assistance is given in a manner that respects the integrity and dignity of recipients. Names are kept confidential and are only used when additional verification is needed.

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#### **What is the purpose of this brochure?**

We want to ensure that everyone in Wayland is aware of our organization and the assistance we can provide. If you know someone in financial need, ask them to contact us.

The value of this fund is in helping as many Wayland residents as possible through extraordinary difficulty. However, the original fund provides only 65% of our budget. The rest of our funding comes from the generous support of Wayland residents.

**The Suzanne Leavitt bequest provides 65% of our funding.**

**The remaining 35% comes from your generous support.**

If you would like to help us, please send a *tax deductible* contribution to:

*The Wayland Community Fund*  
c/o The Treasurer/Collector's Office  
Wayland Town Building  
41 Cochituate Rd.  
Wayland, Ma 01778

**508-358-3624**

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Emergency  
Financial Help  
to Wayland  
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**UTILITIES**

**RENT**

**MEDICAL NEEDS**

**CLOTHING**

**FOOD VOUCHERS**

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