

HOW DO WE OPERATE?

The Wayland Community Fund receives no public funding. The volunteers cover their own expenses and receive no reimbursement.

When a request for help is received we return the call as soon as possible. Applicants are asked to fill out an application that includes some financial information. Names and personal information remain confidential and are used, with the applicant's permission, only when additional verification is needed.

ANY WAYLAND RESIDENT in financial need may leave a confidential message on our help line:

508-358-3624

**100% OF EVERY
DOLLAR DONATED GOES
TO HELPING WAYLAND
RESIDENTS**

**If you know someone who
needs financial help CALL to
leave a private message:
508-358-3624**

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

**THE WAYLAND COMMUNITY
FUND**

**Wayland Town Building
41 Cochituate Road
Wayland, MA 01778**

**Leave a message at:
508-358-3624**



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Est. 1997

We want everyone in Wayland to know about our organization and the assistance we can provide.



WHO ARE WE?

The **Wayland Community Fund** (originally, the Wayland Charitable Committee) was established by the Wayland Commissioners of Trust Funds in 1997 to provide short-term, emergency financial assistance to Wayland residents. Initially funded by a bequest from the late Suzanne Leavitt,* the WCF is now funded by both her bequest and charitable contributions from Wayland residents and organizations. It is staffed by five unpaid volunteers.

WHAT KIND OF HELP DO WE PROVIDE?

The Wayland Community Fund provides assistance to Wayland residents who have lived in Wayland for at least one year (as stipulated in the bequest). Payment is made directly to vendors or suppliers of services. Cash is not given to applicants, but we do provide grocery store food vouchers.

THE FUND PROVIDES PAYMENT ASSISTANCE FOR:

- Utilities
- Rent
- Medical expenses
- Medicine
- Food
- Clothing and many other essential expenditures

* Suzanne Leavitt was a WWI French war bride who married John Leavitt of Wayland. They lived here for many years. Suzanne Leavitt spent her final years in Florida, but remembered Wayland in her will with her bequest to the community.

WHO DO WE HELP?

Most of the people we help have *multiple problems*: including *unemployment, health problems, and a shortage of food*. Additionally, people who reside in Wayland and other suburban communities may not have access to many of the services available to inner city residents.

Many of the residents we help are:

- **Individuals and Families** faced with chronic or terminal illness;
- **Individuals and families** faced with utility shutoff and/or eviction;
- **Parents and elderly residents** who have run out of food;
- **Homeless adults**, including single parents with children;
- **Grandparents** living on social security and raising toddlers.

Often, these residents do not appear to be in financial difficulty as they do their best to keep up appearances. They are, however, in serious need, and that is where the WCF tries to step in with financial assistance that preserves the privacy and dignity of the resident.

In our first eighteen years, the Wayland Community Fund has provided over \$450,000 in assistance to Wayland residents