

WELFARE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The health/welfare office continued to be available to assist people who hit that bump in the road which we all hate to see. The residents of Plainfield and Meriden received aid from the following services:

- Assistance to homeless
- Relocation aid
- Rent assistance
- Heat/fuel aid
- Food assistance
- Prescription drug aid

I offer great thanks to the many individuals and businesses that make my job a lot easier and help our citizens when they are in need.

If assistance is needed please call 469-3201 and a discreet appointment will be made so that possible help may be afforded to you.

The almost monthly senior socials have appeared to catch on as we have been averaging 65-70 seniors. Thanks to donations and the help from surrounding businesses we have had a wide range of food and goodies. The Millar fund has been there to subsidize us as we needed it. The Christmas program was hosted by KUA again with a fine meal and a visit from Santa. The Plainfield Elementary children sponsored a nicely served sit-down soup social with hand-made gifts for all. Thanks to Stephanie Schell for coordinating and hosting that one. The Blow-Me-Down Grange, again, gave the seniors the use of the hall for our November breakfast/brunch. Also, the home-schooled young people served a fine meal of home-made pasta in May at the Blow-Me-Down Grange. We are always looking for people to help make our delectable dishes. If you haven't been to one of our gatherings yet, please join us and do so. Door prizes are given at all of our socials. Remember these are your socials so if you would like something changed or added please mention it to me and we will try to accommodate. We can only hope that the coming year (2009) will be as enjoyable as this past one. If a ride is needed please call Al at 675-2646.

Thank you for a fruitful year,
Al Grindle