

HUMAN SERVICE REPORT

Dear Plainfield Neighbors,

As the year 2020 comes to a close, we all can reflect on all the positive things that have come from the current pandemic. Plainfield has done a remarkable job in navigating these uncharted waters. As a community we have come together to support one another's health and well-being.

It is with deep appreciation and gratitude that I express my thanks for everyone's patience, random acts of kindness and donations. The Community Resource Room & Food Pantry has received hundreds of dollars to provide food security to the residents of Plainfield, Meriden & Cornish. Willing Hands has been instrumental in providing fresh produce, milk, eggs, and bread products on a weekly basis.

The Upper Valley Humane Society continues to help support our pet lovers with their monthly Free Mobile Pet Pantry.

Donations of durable medical equipment has provided many residents a sense of security while recovering at home.

To our amazing educators who strive to keep our schools open and continue to provide exemplary education to our youngsters. To all the children in Plainfield, Meriden and Cornish who have adjusted so well to all the new safety measures without much fuss --- you are my HEROS!

To all our Caring Neighbor Volunteers for making phone calls to check in on neighbors, for picking & delivering groceries & medications, dropping off lunches to neighbors and for providing rides to medical appointments.

To our volunteer fire departments and rescue squad for always being on call to help a neighbor in an emergency. Your dedication to our communities is admirable and so appreciated.

Recognizing our local 4-H Clubs, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Daisy Troop whose members have all stepped up to lend a helping hand. Whether it was raking leaves, shoveling snow, delivering & piling wood, donating Christmas trees, organizing, and collecting nonperishable food items, creating holiday cards and decorative ornaments for one's holiday cheer they all have contributed to building our hometown spirit even stronger this past year.

In the year of 2020, a total of \$18,285.80 was disbursed to assist 68 households in need. The Community Resource Room & Food Pantry from January-December 2020 provided 12,384 meals to community members.

The breakdown for monies disbursed in 2020 is as follows:

Housing	\$1,500.00
Electric	\$ 908.00
Heating	\$ 530.00
Medical	\$ 930.62
Food	

\$6,266.95

(Food Pantry & COVID-19 Grocery Support Purchases made with donations & grant awards)

Senior Drive Thru Luncheons **\$8,150.23**

(Meals supported by monies obtained from donations & grant awards)

TOTAL **\$18,285.80**

Despite the pandemic our community outreach projects have flourished. Sometimes when we are forced to step outside the box new and exciting things can and do happen. When a glass is half full many positive opportunities can be created.

Thank you again for all your continued support of our community outreach projects. Together we are here for one another and we are making a difference!

Do you need assistance or know of a neighbor that could use a helping hand?

Please contact:

Town of Plainfield's Resource Director Stephanie M. Schell

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May 2021 bring peace and hope to you and yours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie M. Schell

Community Resource Director

In addition to our local resources, residents have access to the following Upper Valley human service organizations, many of these request and receive funding each year:

Grafton County Senior Center

Lake Sunapee Alliance

Volunteers in Action

Mascoma Health

Headrest

Community Alliance

Southwest Community Services

West Central Services

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