



HELP *at* H.O.M.E.

WELCOME ALDRICH RELIEF FUND Holden Outreach – Managing Emergencies

Call 508-210-5570 or visit www.holdenma.gov

Since Help at H.O.M.E. was launched in 2008, over \$154,000 has been received in donations and \$120,200 has been disbursed (78%), and 218 disbursements have been made.

- This past year (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016), Help at H.O.M.E. raised \$18,380 and disbursed \$10,841 to 25 Holden households (~\$434/household). Most of the funds disbursed went to pay for utilities (electric and heating oil). Donations received in excess of disbursements are held to assist future recipients.
- In addition to the assistance listed above, Holden families were also provided with information about other resources in the community, particularly, the Wachusett Food Pantry, Food Stamps, Housing, In Home Services and Fuel Assistance.
- The Help at H.O.M.E. Committee is a Town committee which consists of seven members appointed by the Town Manager.
- A key activity of Help at H.O.M.E. is to expand upon the principals of The Welcome Aldrich Relief Fund which is administered by the Holden Council on Aging on behalf of the Town of Holden. The Fund was created in the 1930s following the Great Depression to assist Holden residents in need, regardless of their age, who seek assistance with their heating/fuel/utilities bills.
- We will continue this necessary work with the continued generosity of the Holden community.

For you to help: Donation envelopes are included in this bill to help us meet our goal of assisting Holden residents.

If you know someone who may need assistance, please encourage them to contact the helpful staff at the Senior Center at 508-210-5570.