

Town of Somers  
**Seeking Donations  
For  
Holiday Programs**

The Town of Somers Emergency Fund is at an all-time low. Few donations have come in within the past year and due to the current economic climate, the demand for help has nearly doubled.

Our Emergency Fund provides emergency fuel delivery to families who are out of fuel and have applied for energy assistance but have not received it as yet. The fund provides 100 gallons of oil to carry the family through until their energy assistance benefits kick in. We also help families prevent the shut off of other utilities such as electricity and water by setting up payment plans with the utility companies and helping with the initial payment.

There are many families in Somers whose adult members suffer with long term disabilities and periodically require assistance because their disability income does not sufficiently cover many necessary household expenses. There are also many families who are currently struggling to make ends meet because of long term or recent job losses. However, most of the families who seek assistance are short term.

If theirs is a job loss, illness or accident that prevents them from being employed, they may need help until they get back on their feet financially. Many of these families have made donations to our emergency fund and food banks after their situations have stabilized.

The Emergency Fund is only used for legitimate calls for help and we would like to be there for those families when there is a need. Please help by giving a donation to the Somers Emergency Fund so that we can keep these programs going.

**Donations can be made at the Social Services Office in Town Hall or by mail to:  
Somers Emergency Fund  
P.O. Box 308  
Somers, Ct 06071**

In addition to the Emergency Fund, the Human Services Department is seeking families, individuals and organizations who would like to participate in our “adopt a family” program this holiday season. If you are interested in “adopting” a local family or child for the holidays by providing them with gifts from their **“wish list”**, please contact the Social Services Office @ 763-8224. Your generosity will help a local child have a holiday that they would not have otherwise. Our goal is to have all of our families **“adopted”** by mid November.

We have again joined with our local Geisslers Supermarket this season in the collection of food for our local food pantries and Thanksgiving and Christmas Basket programs. Next time you shop for your family, please consider purchasing a few additional items for a local family in need and deposit them in the Kloter Farms Shed at the Somers Geisslers Supermarket.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer for any of our seasonal programs, please contact either Jenifer Charette, Human Services Director 860-749-7160, email [jcharette@somersct.gov](mailto:jcharette@somersct.gov) or Ann Procopio, Social Services Coordinator 860-763-8224.