

2018 ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE WEBSTER COMMUNITY CHEST

I have been inspired by the overwhelming number of people in Webster who have supported the Community Chest's new direction to help people in need in the 14580 community. This year's Annual Report celebrates the joy and gratitude we as a Board feel for the continual support of the Webster community in helping our neighbors in need. Without all of you, it wouldn't be possible.

The organization has been very fortunate to have a compassionate and knowledgeable Benefits Counselor, Mary Ellen McDowell, now entering her 21st year with the Webster Community Chest. Our current Board members, Jeff Arcieri, Michael Batt, Paul Cordy, Mary Fran Grenier, Michael Grenier, Andy LaManna, Dan Robinson, and incoming President, Joyce Tompkins, willingly share their talents to expand the work of our organization.

In 2018, 1329 calls or e-mails were received. 2 families received emergency food assistance, and 6 seniors received short term funding for their Meals On Wheels. 40 Webster children had a WCC scholarship to attend a week of summer camp. 30 families received financial assistance during their time of crisis or emergency, and 2 Webster families, whose houses were impacted by destructive fires, received their deductibles back through our "Crisis Fund."

In 2018 the Chest awarded monetary scholarships in memory of Shirley Miller. Shirley was the Benefits Counselor for 23 years. The 2018 awards went to four local graduating seniors: Alec Nugent from Thomas HS, Leigha Kircher and Jasmine McCallum from Schroeder HS, and Zachary Schwab from McQuid. Winners were chosen based on their significant community service.

The Chest also provided funding to a number of organizations that provide services to Webster residents. In 2018 they included: Lifespan, where 5 Webster seniors received a fan through the "Fan Club", the Webster Assembly of God Church for their Free Community Dinner held on Thanksgiving, the Annual Webster Senior Citizens Luncheon, SEPTA (Special Education Parent Teacher Association), the WCSD (Webster Central School District) Veterans

Dinner, the Webster Public Library for their BookBox program serving Phillips Village children, the WSCD GOAL program (Growth and Opportunity through Alternative Learning), and the purchase of a cooler for the WSCD Aquaponic Greenhouse.

All this is made possible by the generous donations from Webster residents, businesses, and churches. The Annual Fund drive, which begins in fall each year, raises much of the needed funds to support all these programs. Donations are gratefully accepted throughout the year. To make a monetary donation please mail your check to 1000 Ridge Road. Credit Card donations are accepted through the Chest's website. And, you can designate your United Way Donation to your neighbors in need. The WCC Donor Choice number is #1469.

As we move forward in 2019 and beyond, I am proud of what the Webster Community Chest has accomplished in the past 70 years and am excited for the future direction it is taking. We live in a strong and generous community and know that our neighbors will always be there to help when there is a need, and to make our community a better place for everyone.

**Respectfully submitted,
Denise Jones, President (out-going)**

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**Picture: 2019 Officers (L-R)
Joyce Tompkins, President, Michael Grenier, Vice-President, and
Jeff Arcieri, Treasurer**