

on a variety of fronts. Referrals made to Concord and Carlisle residents over the course of the year went from 450 to approximately 554 in 2010.

Referrals were made to home mortgage counseling programs, job assistance agencies, counseling services, tax assistance programs, Concord Cares weatherization assistance, energy efficiency programs, fuel assistance, scholarship information, lower-income legal services, disability advocacy and support services and after-school and camp programs.

Emergency referrals related to housing, food assistance and utility assistance rose significantly in 2010 and the CSC provided short-term case management to those families and individuals in crisis, working closely with such agencies as Hugh Cargill Trust, Society for St. Vincent de Paul and the Clergy Laity Group to provide families in need with emergency financial assistance.

The Community Services Coordinator continued to collaborate with community agencies that provide assistance to Concord and Carlisle families. The CSC assisted with the Gaining Ground Farm's Food for Families program which served 45 families free organic produce between April and September and also continued monthly visits to Open Table, Inc. making contact with challenged Concord individuals and families and providing referrals to a variety of needed services. CSC also worked collaboratively with Concord Public schools to provide outreach to challenged families.

The Community Services Coordinator continues to be a point of contact in conjunction with Council on Aging, Police and Fire Departments for the Concord Cares Emergency Fuel Assistance Program, which provides 75 gallons of home heating oil to any Concord resident who is in emergency need. During the 'weatherization blitz,' free weather-stripping, plastic encasements for windows and insulation for light switches were installed by Concord volunteers free of charge.

Residents can contact the Community Service Coordinator by phone or schedule a confidential appointment, either in the office or their home, to discuss their particular referral needs.

For additional information or assistance, please contact the Community Services Office at 105 Everett St.

978-318-3034 or [abuford@concordma.gov](mailto:abuford@concordma.gov)

## HUGH CARGILL TRUST COMMITTEE

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### CONCORDIANS HELPING CONCORDIANS

The Hugh Cargill Trust Committee continued to implement the mission of the Hugh Cargill Trust established over 200 years ago by Hugh Cargill. The Committee, acting on behalf of the Concord Board of Selectmen, received and evaluated all requests submitted for emergency financial assistance by Concord residents. The Committee determined the validity of the requests and recommended to the Board of Selectmen the amount of financial assistance to be awarded. Funds were distributed by the Board in accordance with the provisions of the Trust.

The Hugh Cargill Trust Committee met monthly and received and processed 144 requests for emergency assistance. Funds totaling \$16,670.14 were dispersed by the Board of Selectmen from the Hugh Cargill Trust. Receipts to the fund came from individual donations and investment income. No Concord tax dollars were used to operate this fund.

In addition to the Hugh Cargill Trust, the Board of Selectmen charged the Committee with overseeing the administration and accounting of four additional programs. Those programs were:

*Concord Municipal Light Plant (CMLP).* This program provides citizens of Concord, who are experiencing emergency financial difficulties, assistance in paying their electric light bill. As with the Hugh Cargill Trust, the Committee received and evaluated requests submitted by Concord residences. It then recommended to the Board of Selectman the worthiness of the request and the amount of the award. A total of \$14,002 was awarded from this program. This program is funded from a donation by the Concord Municipal Light Board.

*Board of Selectmen Property Tax Assistance.* This is the fourth year the Committee has assisted the Board of Selectmen in providing financial assistance to qualified individuals in meeting their real estate tax obligation. The Committee received, evaluated and made recom-

mendations to the Board of Selectmen for grants totaling \$58,800. The average grant was \$300 per quarter, per residence. Approximately 49 grants were awarded in each of the four quarters. This worthy program is entirely funded from the generous donations of individuals and businesses. No Concord tax dollars were used to fund this program.

*Concord Cares.* This program provides emergency fuel assistance to Concord residents who are experiencing financial difficulties and have depleted or nearly depleted their supply of heating oil. The Hugh Cargill Trust provides the Board of Selectman with a monthly report detailing the receipts and disbursements made through this program. The Chiefs of Fire and Police, the Director of the Council of Aging, the Community Services Coordinator and the Public Health Director are authorized to provide assistance from this program. This program is funded by generous donations from individuals and businesses. No Concord tax dollars were used to finance this program.

*Curbside Recycling and Waste Removal Abatement.* Working with Concord Public Works, needy citizens were awarded grants for the fee connected with the curbside collection program. The grants are limited and are awarded based on financial need and on “first come first served” basis.

If you are an adult Concord resident and experiencing temporary emergency financial difficulties please submit a request for assistance to the Hugh Cargill Trust by telephoning 978-318-3100, ext.2030. Information provided is kept confidential as specified by law.

The Concord Board of Selectmen was able to respond to the many qualified individuals requesting emergency financial assistance. This was accomplished through the most generous donations received from our fellow Concordians, like you.

Please make your donation to the Hugh Cargill Trust, P.O. Box 536, Concord, MA 01742. All donations are greatly appreciated and are tax deductible.

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## **CONCORD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE**



*From left: Heather Peachy, Kitsy Rothermel, Paul Dewey, Chair; Robert Sekuler, Melissa Saalfield, Kerry Cronin, Director, David Holdorf, Cristina Blau*

This has been an exciting and busy year for the Concord Free Public Library (CFPL) and the Concord Public Library Committee (CFPLC). As the substantial expansion/construction project at Fowler winds to a close in the spring of 2011, the CFPL has almost seamlessly run a small, temporary satellite branch at the Harvey Wheeler Center.

In February the CFPL served as the venue for the Metrowest Regional Library System's Legislative Breakfast. Approximately 70 library supporters attended, including area library directors, trustees, Library Committee members and legislators.

In June prior to the end of the 2009-2010 academic year the CFPL visited the CCHS Learning Commons to meet with Robin Cichetti to learn about changes there and library use by teens.

The CFPLC established a long range planning committee with the following members: Elise Woodward, Selectman Liaison; Kerry Cronin, Library Director; Paul Dewey, Library Committee Member; Cristina Blau, Library Committee Member; Bob Sekuler, Library Committee Member; Melissa Saalfield, Library Committee Member; Di Clymer, Library Corporation Trustee; Walter Birge, Library Corporation Trustee; Sherry Litwack, Library Corporation Trustee (alternate); Robin Cichetti, Friends representative; Claire Greene, Friends representative; Leslie Wilson, CFPL