



Dexter Keezer Fund

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MISSION

The Dexter Keezer Community Fund was established by Mr. Keezer's daughter Nan Keezer Read in 1999. Its mission is to provide a safety net for Truro people who encounter a financial crisis.

While there are many federally and state funded agencies to aid citizens and non-profits dedicated to Cape Cod, the Dexter Keezer Fund is unique in its exclusive focus on Truro.

HOW DOES THE FUND FUNCTION?

Nancy Winslow, social worker at Truro Central School and long-time client liaison for the Fund, vividly remembers her first call to Nan Read a decade ago on behalf of a person in genuine crisis. Nancy was astonished when Nan delivered a check a few hours later.

This rapid response is a hallmark of the Fund.

Typical requests:

- A family of four with both parents working needed help with a mortgage payment after one parent had emergency surgery, halving its income for a period of three months.
- A single mother of two, with one in college, needed help with an electric bill when child support payments had not arrived and her hours of employment were cut after twenty years on the job.
- A family of three with both parents employed fell behind and needed help with fuel when one parent had emergency surgery. They were down to their last drops of oil in mid-winter.

These are just a few of a steady stream of needs that come to the Fund. In 2010 to date, grants have been made for a total of \$ for Truro people in crisis.

PLEASE CONTRIBUTE

The Fund is a 501c3 non-profit organization, so your contribution is fully tax deductible. Please send your gift made out to the Dexter Keezer Fund, Box 572, Truro, MA 02666. You may use the enclosed envelope for your check or you may contribute on line at keezerfund.org. Please note that the Fund is administered by volunteers and its only fixed expense is an annual audit for the state.

OTHER WAYS THE FUND GIVES SUPPORT

At the holidays some \$2,500 in gift cards is distributed via the Fund so needy parents can purchase presents for their children.

Some fifty families rely on the Truro Food Pantry. Less than half of the food distributed comes from the Greater Boston Food Bank and one fourth comes from the Lower Cape Outreach Council. A monthly stipend from the Fund provides the means for the Pantry to purchase fresh produce and meat and poultry, which accounts for the final one fourth of total food provided to clients.

HOW TO CONTACT THE FUND

Persons in need may access the Dexter Keezer Fund by contacting their house of worship or any of the following social service agencies: **the Lower Cape Outreach Council, 508 240-0694, Homeless Prevention Council, 508 255-9667, or the Truro Council on Aging, 508 487-2462. *Please help us continue the tradition so generously initiated in honor of Dexter Keezer: stitching together a safety net for Truro residents.***

Many Thanks,

Betty Bingham, For the Board of Director

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