

## **2022 Annual Report**

### **Chatham Ecumenical Council Helping Prevent Homelessness, Inc.**

#### **1) Mission Statement and Objectives**

The mission of CECH is to provide financial assistance and hope to those in our community who are struggling with housing issues due to economic difficulties, medical hardships or loss of employment. Our objective is to keep our neighbors, both families and individuals, in their homes. To that end CECH has awarded 1,565 grants totaling \$1,543,152 since its founding in 1993 through December 31, 2022.

CECH is a 501(c)(3) organization. Payments are made directly to vendors to whom the neighbors in need owe money. Funds are not provided directly to the grant recipients.

#### **2) Fiscal Year 2022 (1/1/2022 - 12/31/2022)**

##### **Successes in 2022**

- Fund raising activities were reasonably successful during calendar year 2022 - through the good will donations of residents, businesses, churches and homeowners in Chatham and surrounding communities, CECH raised funds for grants to those in need through direct charitable donations in response to CECH's annual fundraising appeal in June and follow up letters in November (\$49,911 in 2021 and \$41,570 in 2022), as well as cash donations in CECH canisters

placed around the community (\$943 in 2021 and \$691 in 2022), and interest on CECH's reserve funds (\$226 in 2021 and \$76 in 2022). CECH expresses special thanks to St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church and the United Methodist Church of Chatham, and many individual donors and foundations for their generous financial support. In addition, we recognize donations this year in memory of Dr. Jean-Paul Aucoin, Charles N. Tacke and Gloria Pearce.

The total amount of funds raised was \$52,715, which included:

- \$41,570 in direct donations
- \$ 76 in interest,
- \$ 3,455 from Father Sullivan's Love Walk
- \$ 1,500 from the Town of Chatham Human Services Grant Program
- \$ 691 in Canister donations
- \$ 5,423 in net revenue from CECH's 2022 Rose Clancy Benefit Concert (see below)

a. On September 1, 2022, CECH held its second homelessness awareness concert featuring the Rose Clancy Band at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Chatham to celebrate a successful year with CECH's regular contributors, create visibility for the plight of homelessness on Cape Cod and solicit additional membership and support. Through the help of local businesses as sponsors, all the ticket sales were available to directly fund grants to those in need. There were ~200 attendees providing \$4,279 in ticket revenue and donations, and the following sponsors contributed a total of \$3,500:

- \$1,000 Robert Paul Realtors (Team Guthrie Mabile)
- \$1,000 Got Stryper Charters
- \$ 500 Cape Cod 5
- \$ 500 Eldredge & Lumpkin Insurance
- \$ 500 Joan Aucoin in loving memory of Jean-Paul Aucoin, MD and Charles N. Tacke

Net of expenses, the event raised a total of \$5,423.

- b. CECH used these funds and CECH's reserve from prior years to assist families in Chatham and surrounding Cape Cod communities through 24 grants in 2021 totaling \$38,846 and 18 grants in 2022 totaling \$36,198. These 18 families in 2022 live/work in the following communities:

- Chatham 16
- Harwich 0
- Eastham 0
- Orleans 1
- Dennis 0
- Provincetown 1

- c. In June of 2022, CECH contributed \$25,000 to Habitat for Humanity of Cape Cod as the Environmental Equity Sponsor for one of the Habitat Cape Cod homes being constructed on George Ryder Road in West Chatham. The \$25,000 grant covered the costs of installing a solar panel array, non-combustion air source heat pump, EVR exchange system and making the home electric vehicle ready.

- d. CECH continues to make progress toward modernizing, upgrading and adding to our mailing and contributor lists to improve the efficiency of our fund-raising efforts. CECH completed donation request mailings to 690 past and prospective contributors in June 2021, and 699 in June 2022, and provided letters of appreciation and receipts to all of CECH's contributors in 2022 (~200). The CECH website ([CECHomelessprevention.org](http://CECHomelessprevention.org)) provides information about grant applications and includes a link for donations through Paypal (\$2,550 in Paypal donations was received in 2021 from 26 contributions and \$2,165 in 2022 from 23 contributions).
- e. CECH's total administrative and fundraising expenses for 2022 were \$5,789, including \$4,013 for printing and mailing the annual appeal letter and follow up communications, plus CECH's annual administrative costs (note: the Rose Clancy Concert receipts minus expenses are included as net revenue). Thus, \$61,198 out of \$66,987 or 91.4% of expenditures in 2022 went directly to services (i.e., to pay bills for neighbors in need and fund the Habitat for Humanity grant).

### **Opportunities for 2023**

CECH's financial targets for 2023 are:

- grants \$75,000
- donations \$50,000
- expenses \$ 3,750

CECH's main challenge for 2023 is outreach to the community to ensure those in need are identified and adequately supported.

- a. CECH has no paid staff and its administrative expenses are limited to mailing, postage, stationery, copying, accounting fees and tax filings. The Board of CECH makes generous contributions of time and

donations, covering a substantial fraction of CECH's total administrative costs. CECH utilizes the assistance of the staff of the Homeless Prevention Council, Lower Cape Outreach Council, Chatham Housing Authority, Chatham Council on Aging, and Saint Vincent de Paul to help identify and screen our neighbors in need. In addition to evaluating grant requests, CECH's volunteers are primarily involved in Fund raising and making the community aware of the problem of homelessness.

- b. CECH continued its community outreach plan in 2022. CECH Board members continue to present our mission and clarify the process for requesting assistance in meetings with community bank managers, school nurses, school administrators, and charitable service agencies in Chatham and surrounding communities.
- c. We have continued our involvement with the Chatham Merchant's Association in 2021 and 2022 to generate community awareness.
- d. We applied to the Town of Chatham for its continued support of CECH in FY 2024 and look forward to continued positive impact on our volunteer recruitment efforts from the Human Services Committee publication. We believe this publication will help attract volunteers and donations.
- e. As of July 2022, there were 12 CECH volunteers:
  - President: Mildred Hastbacka
  - Vice-President: Erin Minichiello
  - Treasurer: Sally Stratman

Evaluation Committee: Carol Daly (agency contact), Erin Minichiello, Diane Kennedy

Publicity: Joan Aucoin

At Large Members: Neill Taylor, Paul Greenough, Joe Shamon, Rebecca Arnold, Susan Morgan and Fleur Jones

CECH can be reached 24/7 by clients in need though referral from our assisting agencies (noted above), referral by local church pastors, directly through the CECH web site - [CECHomelessprevention.org](http://CECHomelessprevention.org) - or by mail at CECH, PO Box 81, West Chatham, 02669.

### **3) Audit report and financial statements.**

CECH's financial information is reviewed by Michael J. Walsh, Sanders, Walsh, Eaton LLC. Attached is the cover page of CECH's IRS 990 statement for 2021.