

Dear Neighbor,

Thank you very much for your past support of the Chatham Ecumenical Council Helping Prevent Homelessness. Your generous contributions, added to those of other neighbors, has made it possible for CECH to continue its mission of *preventing* homelessness by providing emergency financial support for those dealing with hardships such as unexpected medical costs, lost jobs, and seasonal unemployment. Over the past year, CECH has used these donations to assist 36 families on the Lower Cape through 36 grants, averaging \$1618.60 each. Multigenerational families, senior citizens, and young singles were among those who benefitted from our support.

A new and successful outreach activity that CECH initiated in 2022 is our collaboration with Habitat for Humanity in Chatham for the purpose of supporting Habitat's goal to provide clean-air, healthy homes for the families it serves. As Environmental Awareness Sponsor, CECH has granted \$25,000 to Habitat to equip one of its future Chatham homes with a solar array and other complementary energy and cost saving technologies. Groundbreaking on this home has taken place June 2022 and CECH plans to keep you posted on the construction progress via our website <https://www.cechomelessprevention.org>.

As the Habitat initiative demonstrates, CECH continues to be an active and meaningful participant in our community support system. Our mission is accomplished through "neighbors helping neighbors," with a loyal network of volunteers and donors like you working together to deliver financial assistance for immediate housing-related needs as well as hope for a better tomorrow. Should you choose to donate, please see the Paypal link on our website or mail a check payable to CECH to:

CECH, PO Box 81, West Chatham, MA 02669.

On behalf of all of us who volunteer at CECH, please accept our sincere thanks for your support.

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mildred Hastbacka". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Mildred" on the top line and "Hastbacka" on the bottom line.

Mildred Hastbacka, President