

WHO WE ARE

The Gardner CAC is a nonprofit human service organization providing services for the Greater Gardner area. The Gardner CAC was incorporated in 1970 and has continually grown since then. In Gardner, with a population of 20,770, 10.9% utilized the services of our programs last fiscal year. The CAC plays a vital role in helping our community meet the growing challenges of hunger, malnutrition, and homelessness. Over the past 35 years the range of services and the number of people has steadily increased. We are now serving more than twice the number of people than in 1995. Our aid to the community is requested on a daily basis and with your help we are able to continue helping those in need. Please know that any funding will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for remembering those less fortunate.

WHO WE HELP

The CAC provides support in emergency situations to those who are experiencing temporary difficulties in making ends meet and ongoing programs to those whose income does not meet basic living expenses, including the working poor and others on low fixed incomes. We fill the gap for those who are not eligible for or who have yet to receive aid from other sources.



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Gardner CAC

*Providing people
opportunities for
positive change.*



*In partnership with
creating a hunger-free
community.*

Who's HUNGRY?

The high cost of living in North Worcester County makes it increasingly difficult for individuals and families to pay for all their basic needs.



Parents are struggling with the soaring costs of housing. Working families laboring in low-wage jobs with no benefits are hard hit, as are elderly people living on fixed incomes.



DID YOU KNOW...

- Over 1 in 3 members of households served are children under 18.
- 7% are elderly.
- Only 1 in 3 households include at least one employed adult.
- 6% are homeless.
- Approximately 1/3 of the people receiving food assistance have to choose between paying for food and paying for utilities, heating fuel, medicine, medical care, rent and mortgages.

Statistics from America's Second Harvest national study

How WE HELP

Assistance provided this past year...

Food Distribution Program ~ distributed 11,445 bags of food to 1,188 households with households comprising of an astounding 1,162 children.



Emergency Funds ~ aided 514 individuals with such needs as one month's rent to prevent eviction, baby needs, prescriptions, food and clothing vouchers and utilities.



N.W.C. Help Connection ~ made over 11,000 referrals directing individuals to available resources such as advocacy for welfare, housing and utilities, comprehensive case management and budget counseling.



Bonnie Brae ~ provides opportunity every summer for underprivileged children to attend a two-week session of summer camp. Applications available at our office.

Medical Transportation ~ provided 1,158 rides to 282 individuals to doctors' offices, clinics and hospitals outside the area to elderly, ill and handicapped who do not have access to private transportation and have no insurance coverage for transportation.



Fellowship Table Program ~ weekly community meal program located at the Chestnut Street Methodist Church in Gardner served 2,907 individuals a total of 3,896 nutritious home cooked meals.

Holiday Programs ~ provided 110 families with Thanksgiving food baskets and Christmas gifts to 452 children ages 0-12 years.



The Clothes Closet ~ provided 859 individuals donated clothing and household items.

Magic of Books ~ provided 904 children with donated children's literature.



Fuel Assistance Satellite Office ~ Fuel assistance is at our location to aid with the application process and answer any questions.

Gardner CAC, Inc. Annual "Time for Sharing" Campaign



Your annual gift will go a long way towards helping us meet the needs of children, families and individuals of Greater Gardner. *Thank you* for your generosity.

"Huhtala Oil is involved in helping the less fortunate in our greater Gardner community by supporting the Gardner CAC. On our 50th anniversary in 1995 we began hosting a charity golf tournament to assist the Gardner CAC help those less fortunate. We are proud of their achievements."

David and Paul Huhtala
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"Caring About Community."*

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<i>Gold</i>	<i>\$1,000 to \$1,999</i>
<i>Platinum</i>	<i>\$2,000 and over</i>

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