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FISCAL YEAR 2018

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FOOD

9,733 persons have been served in 4,884 visits to the **Nantucket Food Pantry** and has distributed over 20,000 bags of food.

♥ The **Nantucket Food Pantry** provides food on a temporary basis to persons with no income or inadequate income to feed themselves and their families. The Food Pantry's assistance is available until the client's circumstances improve.

♥ The **Nantucket Food Pantry's** goals are to strengthen the quality and reach of healthy food acquisition & distribution programs; partner with local and regional initiatives to maximize local food assets and end hunger on Nantucket; and share research, stories of impact, food literacy tools and local food asset maps with the community.

♥ The **Nantucket Food Pantry** has an army of dedicated volunteers that are the cornerstone of the daily operation of the Pantry. Together they donate over 2,000 hours of their time to helping with all things related to the pantry. We couldn't do it without them.

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FUEL

The **Fuel Assistance** program kept 42 homes warm this winter. 38% of recipients were elderly, sick, or injured.

♥ **Fuel Assistance** is provided to residents, who face a sudden financial crisis which results in shut off of heating utilities or by providing relief to those low income households that are most vulnerable to high home heating costs.

♥ The **Fuel Assistance** program was created in 2014 to assist low income families, individuals and seniors, with the application process under the Massachusetts Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program and the Salvation Army Good Neighbor Energy Program. 24 households received benefit under these programs.

♥ In 2017, a grant from the William Hosier Trust enabled **Fuel Assistance** to expand its services to directly help families who do not qualify for traditional energy programs. For those households, **Fuel Assistance** offers a limited short term benefit to keep a household heated while the clients undergo serious financial difficulty due to serious illness, injury or loss of employment. 18 households were kept warm under this direct assistance.

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RENT

61% of **Rental Assistance** clients have lived on Nantucket for ten or more years. 50% of **Rental Assistance** clients were elderly or faced a major illness or injury

♥ **Rental Assistance** provides short-term, temporary financial assistance to help with payments for year-round rental units. Funds are based on financial need to avoid homelessness, eviction, or to move out of substandard or seasonal housing .

♥ **Rental Assistance** is designed to prevent both homelessness and substandard living conditions by providing moderate and low income working families with help to either: Pay first and last month rent to move from substandard or seasonal living situations into stable year-round housing; Pay a substantial amount of the monthly rent for a short period to help the family deal with a temporary financial crisis due to illness, temporary wage loss or other critical emergency; Pay a small subsidy over a longer period to help cut the family's cost of housing.

♥ **Rental Assistance** is often the difference between a family having housing or becoming suddenly homeless.