



General Assistance Office
75 South Street
Gorham, Maine 04038
207-222-1670

Dear Gorham Community Member:

Every winter, low-income and needy families struggle to heat their homes. With the rising cost of oil, it brings a sense of urgency for all of us to work together as a community to ensure the health, safety and welfare of our most vulnerable residents. We can focus our resources towards those people who have fallen through the cracks by not qualifying for General Assistance or are in a bureaucratic process waiting for assistance from other entities.

With The current economic conditions, Federal and State funds being cut, families in need are receiving less or not qualifying for help at all. In Maine 75% of all households are heated by oil.

Taking this into consideration, the Town of Gorham has responded by creating the "Gorham Heating Assistance Fund". This fund will be supported by donations from Gorham citizens and local businesses and 100% of the funds received will go directly to people we assist with heating fuel. With many households facing increasing financial pressure due to the recession, we are now assisting more families who never expected to be in a position of needing to ask for help.

As another heating season approaches, it is expected that the demand for heating assistance will be great. We ask that you consider making a contribution to this fund to support our efforts to keep Gorham residents warm and safe this winter. By donating, you are truly making a difference in the life of a family in your community.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 222-1670 or jelliott@gorham.me.us

On behalf of all of those who will be benefitting from this fund, I thank you greatly for your consideration.

Donations can be made at the Gorham Town Clerk's Office or mailed to:

Gorham Fuel Fund
Gorham Town Office, Suite 1
75 South Street
Gorham, Maine 04038

Please make checks payable to Town of Gorham Fuel Fund

Other information on heating assistance programs

Maine LIHEAP 553-5900 heatingassistance@opportunityalliance.org

Community Concepts <http://www.community-concepts.org/for-homeowners/central-heating-improvement-program-chip/>

Opportunity Alliance <http://www.opportunityalliance.org>

Maine Equal Justice Partners <http://www.mejp.org/content/help-winter-utility-and-fuel-bills>