

Acton-Boxborough United Way: Celebrating 30 Years of the Nonprofit Spirit

Letter from Rachel Sagan, Executive Director

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As I reflect on my 2nd year as the Executive Director for ABUW, I have a deep sense of gratitude for this community. Every day, I am impressed and appreciate the incredible talent of the volunteers and human service agencies that work to make this a healthy and supportive community where people can thrive.

When I started, it was the bottom of the recession and all non-profits were reeling from the perfect storm of decreasing revenue with significant growth in human needs. I have witnessed the strength and resilience of the human service community as it has rallied, held strong and continued creative and sometimes impossible efforts to help the people who rely on them and their services.

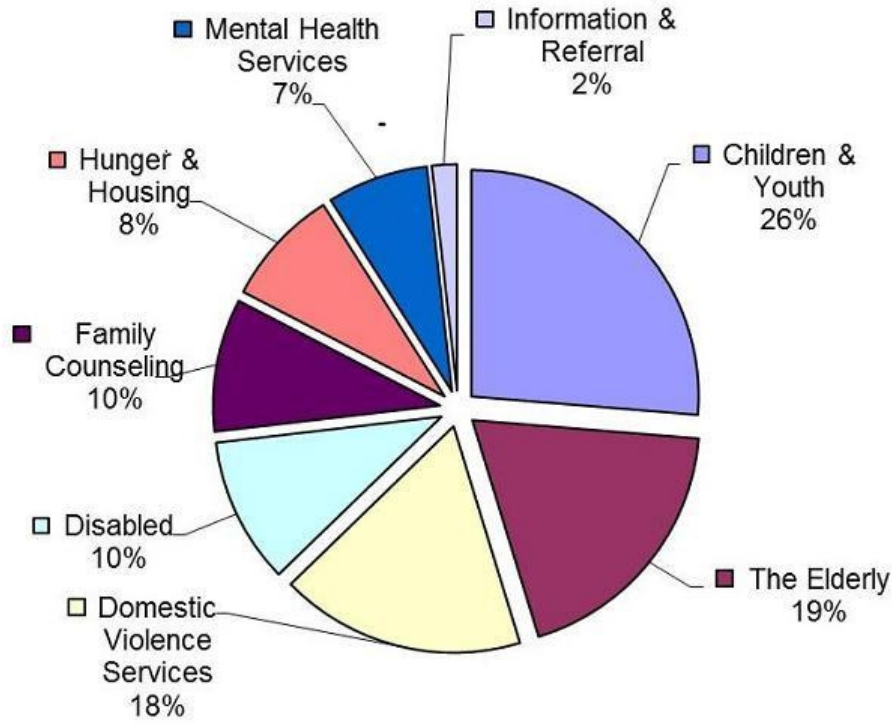
The residents of Acton and Boxborough have also stepped up their support and investment in the community with increased donations and volunteerism. We are celebrating 30 years of service to the community and will be creating a 30th Anniversary Fund for Human Services with a goal of raising \$30,000 in new donations in the coming year.

ABUW is proud to announce its investment of \$118,000 in grants to local health and human service organizations working to meet the needs of the community. The ABUW Youth in Philanthropy students carefully distributed a total of \$9,000 this year. ABUW supports nine different community impact areas as part of our Community of Care. ABUW also dedicated approximately \$35,000 worth of volunteer time including the Board of Directors and many business and community volunteers.

The most effective community based organizations, never say "I" but think and act as "we." With greater collaboration and integration of resources and services, we can all increase our impact. We look forward to another great year.

Rachel Sagan
Executive Director

Acton-Boxborough United Way Community of Care 2011-2012 Grant Allocations



- A Friend in Need
- Acton Housing Authority
- Acton-Boxborough Coalition for Healthy Youth
- Acton-Boxborough Community Education
- Acton Community Supper and Food Pantry
- Community Alliance For Youth (CAFY)
- Communities for Restorative Justice
- Community Partnership for Children (ITC)
- Cooperative Elder Services
- Doli Atamian Campership Fund
- Domestic Violence Services of Central Middlesex (DVSN)
- Eliot Clinic / Eliot Community Human Services
- English At Large
- First Connections/CFYS
- Friends of the Acton Council on Aging
- Friends of the Boxborough Council on Aging
- Household Goods Recycling of Massachusetts
- Mass 211
- Metro West Legal Services
- Minute Man ARC for Human Services
- Minuteman Senior Services
- Pediatric Intervention Team
- Restoration Project
- Stow Food Pantry

Youth in Philanthropy Program: Acton Community Supper and Food Pantry

Youth In Philanthropy Program: Restoration Project

Youth in Philanthropy Program: RFK Children's Action Corps/Bright Futures Adoption Center