

WAIM Report to Member Faith Communities

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The Windham Area Interfaith Ministry uplifts and unites our community by providing caring service and resources to meet our neighbors' needs with dignity and respect.

During 2008, WAIM's provided clothing, furniture, appliances and household items to approximately 410 households each month. 809 families visited WAIM for the first time in 2008. Those served came to us from Windham/Willimantic, Mansfield/Storrs, Ashford, Andover, Bolton, Chaplin, Columbia, Coventry, Hampton, Lebanon, Scotland and Willington through the Material Goods Program. The greatest number served was from Windham/Willimantic.

During the same period, we provided energy assistance to 475 families and other Emergency Financial Assistance to 190; served 76 families through the Adopt-A-Family Program; 276 children through Back to School; 85 children through Gifts for Teens and 29 children through For Kids Only.

Thanks to the hard work of our volunteers and the great support of our congregations and community at large, our fundraisers again had successful outcomes in 2008. WAIM's share of the Steeple Chase income was \$28,386. The Walk for Warmth brought in close to \$28,000, and the January Grinder Sale brought in \$2,446. These annual fundraisers were supplemented by the 2008 Spring Fling Dance that brought in an additional \$2,776.

The remainder of WAIM's budget is mostly derived from contributions from individuals and congregations, United Way and other community grants, rental income and some minor income from Ebay, the community garden and truck donations.

Thank you all for everything you do to support WAIM. Without the help of our faith community volunteers and donors, we could not provide the vital service to those in our community who depend on us to be there when they need a helping hand.