

# The Family Support Fund

**Question:** When is a handout more than a handout?

**Answer:** When it is targeted to provide a springboard to help people improve their own lives.

A little more than three years ago, Family Continuity created this "springboard", an initiative called the Family Support Fund. It was created to provide emergency assistance to our client families for a wide variety of needs that come up in real life, but for which there is no family, state, or other support. However, the assistance is only provided on the recommendation of the family's worker and is tied to support an important goal and the effort that families make to achieve it. Since its inception, the Fund has provided support to many families in Massachusetts in critical areas of need.



**Here are just a few examples of how the Fund helped families in need in 2011...**

- The cost of child care for a month, while a young mother completed her CNA certification
- Fees to process and license a "rescue dog" to provide companionship to a home-bound elderly woman
- Ferry tickets to enable a child to receive corrective dental surgery and support
- Repair of a wheelchair for a client struggling with spina bifida and depression
- Replacement of clothing and personal belongings lost in a house fire
- Emergency auto repairs, to enable a father to start a new job
- Utilities and moving expenses to move a family away from the threat of serious domestic violence

Add to these examples, help to obtain a driver's license, computer training, heating oil assistance, special recreational opportunities for young children, day camp registrations, and other opportunities to improve one's life, and you will have a true sense of the impact that the Family Support Fund can have.

The Family Support Fund is **funded entirely by donations**. Board members, staff, friends of the agency and vendors contribute money that we set aside specifically for the Fund. We encourage you to join the others who have given and designate a fully tax-deductible gift to the Family Support Fund!

**Yes, I would like to donate to the Family Support Fund to help others in my community.**

\$1000.00   
  \$500.00   
  \$250.00   
  \$100.00   
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