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***“Every family needs a home...every child deserves a home.”***

## **A SUMMARY OF OUR HOMELESS PREVENTION PROGRAM AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS THROUGH MAY 6, 2011**

MetroWest Outreach Connection, Incorporated (MWOC) is an all-volunteer 501c3 non-profit organization that is dedicated to preventing homelessness. The Homeless Prevention Program works to stabilize individuals and families in their homes or to reduce the length of time they stay in shelters. People who may be eligible for the program include clients that are in imminent danger of eviction or those who are homeless and seek permanent housing. The program assists our low and very low-income residents. MWOC only provides funds to households that are able to sustain their rent payments once they receive financial assistance.

We collaborate with other organizations such as South Middlesex Opportunity Council, Metro West Legal Services, Advocates, City of Marlborough Department of Human Resources and Catholic Charities. They use our Eligibility Guidelines and Application Form to screen and recommend clients to MWOC.

MetroWest Outreach Connection's funding comes from grants, donations and fundraising activities. During 2010, we expended \$80,012 to provide financial assistance to 94 clients and their families. We must raise approximately \$110,000 in 2011 to be able to sustain the Homeless Prevention Program at the peak level of need we experienced in 2007 and 2008.

### **Relevant Information and Accomplishments**

1. Since the Homeless Prevention Program commenced on August 2, 2004, MetroWest Outreach Connection has raised approximately \$675,000 for this program. We have received funds from grants, donations and fundraising. Our 2010 Walk to Prevent Homelessness raised approximately \$12,000.
2. During the past six and a half years, we have provided financial assistance to 714 clients which include 1,908 individuals. During 2010, the average assistance per client was \$851, below the \$952 average in 2009. The range over the six and a half years is \$65 to \$3,323.
3. While 46% of our clients lived in Framingham in 2010, the other 54% resided in Metro West as well as some cities and towns beyond that region. We assume they are still there.
4. Because we are sometimes asked about the racial breakdown of our clients, we do collect that data. In 2010, 51% of our clients were White, 27% were Hispanic, 19% were Black and 3% were Asian. We do not discriminate against any groups as indicated in our Non-Discrimination Policy.
5. Ninety-seven (97) percent of all funds raised are spent to help these low income households.
6. We checked the housing status of 83 clients funded twelve months prior to January 25, 2011. The data indicates that at least 96% of those clients are still permanently housed; that figure could reach 100%. Since our inception, over 91% of our clients have been permanently housed during their one-year monitoring period. Our next check will be at the end of July 2011.
7. Six hundred one (601) families that include 938 children have been helped so far.