

Hospitals For A Healthy Environment Food Pantry Awarded \$5,000 Grant

Lakes Region General Health-care recently hosted the Hospitals for a Healthy Environment conference at Franklin Regional Hospital. Hospital representatives from around the state were in attendance along with members of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Pollution Prevention, Environmental Protection Agency, and the New Hampshire Hospital Association.

The mission of Hospitals for a Healthy Environment is to educate, motivate, and engage health care professionals to adopt the best environmental practices that increase operational efficiency, and support an environmentally sustainable system that improves the health of patients, staff, and the community.

Besides their commitment to providing the highest quality of care to every patient, Lakes Region General Hospital and Franklin Regional Hospital are also very proud of the level of detail given to their environment and

ecological footprint.

"Solvent recycling, installation of energy efficient lighting, and variable frequency drives (VFD) for the HVAC equipment is just a few examples of our efforts to maintain and improve practices for both hospitals," said LR-GHealthcare Compliance and Waste Stream Management Department Director Angela Drake.

"The HVAC system provides all of the heating, ventilating, and/or cooling for the buildings, and using the variable frequency drive alone is calculated to provide an annual KiloWatt-hour savings of 16 percent."

Drake added, "Education and awareness with staff is crucial to our success. All staff is oriented to safe practices of disposal and occupational safety, and we also offer fun educational offerings, such as a planned Earth Day Celebration at both LRGH and FRH. Working together we can continue to maintain and improve our health care system to be environmentally aware."

The Twin Rivers Interfaith Food Pantry was awarded a \$5,000 grant from Franklin Savings Bank Fund for Community Advancement. The grant funds will enable the Food Pantry to distribute food baskets to families in need as they continue to serve an ever-increasing number of families.

"The Franklin Savings Bank donation literally saved our program," quoted Lynn Bastis, Food Pantry Board Member. "When we learned of the grant, our hopes quickly turned to reality as we were able to stock our shelves, once again."

"It is very rewarding to see the FSB grant serve so many families," commented Jeff Savage, Franklin Savings Bank President and CEO. "Our communities are fortunate to have such caring volunteers at the Food Pantry whose mission is to assist others in times of need."

Located at the former Saint Jude's Episcopal Church on Central Street in Franklin, the pantry serves over 1,400 meals per month to approximately 700 individuals in low income families from Andover, Danbury, Franklin, Hill, Northfield, Salisbury, Sanbornton

and Tilton. Last year alone, 120 new families came to the Twin Rivers Food Pantry. The increase in demand has the food pantry in need of donations.

As an all-volunteer non-profit organization, the Twin Rivers Interfaith Food Pantry continues to seek donations of non-perishable foods, money, volunteer time and commodities, all needed year-round, but especially as the number of families served grows. To make a donation, please stop by the Twin Rivers Interfaith Food Pantry or mail to PO Box 184, Franklin 03235. To inquire about volunteer opportunities, call Esther Cain at 286-8110.

The FSB grant funds help provide financial assistance to organizations with projects which will significantly enhance the lives of the people within the communities in the bank's service areas. Franklin Savings Bank's Fund for Community Advancement has distributed over \$468,500 through 80 grants since its 1997 inception. For information on the Fund for Community Advancement, a New Hampshire Charitable Foundation fund, please contact Dorothy Savery at 934-8316 or visit fsbnh.com.



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Applications for this grant can be found on fsbnh.com/funds-community-advancement-app.aspx and are due on January 1 and July 1.

Areas served by the fund include Franklin, Tilton, Northfield, Bristol, Boscawen, Hill, Sanbornton, Belmont, New Hampton, Andover, Alexandria, Laconia, Gilford, and Gilmanton. IRS 501(c)3 tax exempt organizations are eligible, as are public agencies.

Categories of support include but are not limited to: economic development, affordable housing, education, health care, social services, environment, arts

and humanities, human services, and programs or services addressing the needs of children, adolescents, and single parent families.

Also of importance are programs and services that address the needs of low to moderate income families and individuals. Grants will generally range upward from \$5,000.

In most cases, awards will be made to support projects, activities, and programs that can be completed within one year. Although a limited number of multi-year projects may be made, awards will not usually be repeated or renewed.

For more information, visit the Web site or contact Dorothy J. Savery, Franklin Savings Bank, PO Box 339, Franklin 03235 or savery@fsbnh.com or 934-8316.

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