

## P. O. Box 572 Keezerfund.org

Truro, MA 02666 FID #04-3452253

The Mission Statement of the Dexter Keezer Community Fund is "to assist Truro residents in need of temporary financial assistance in a timely manner."

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The fund grew out of the vision of Dexter Keezer, a public-spirited Truro resident. In 1999 through the initiative of his daughter, the DKCF first came about in an informal manner and in 2002, the fund became an independent 501c3 non-profit organization through the efforts of the trustees at that time.

In keeping with the mission of the fund, the current trustees have developed relationships with a number of local organizations, including the Homeless Prevention, Lower Cape Outreach, the Truro Council on Aging, Helping our Women, as well as local houses of worship and our schools. In this way we are able to reach out to those who may need assistance.

Because of the generosity of our many donors, we have been able to assist residents with rent and mortgage assistance, auto repairs, utilities, medical devices and equipment not covered by medical insurance. We generously assist many families and elderly residents during the holiday seasons and have been a major supporter of the Truro Food Pantry for many years. In addition, recently, we have begun to assist families with the cost of school programs including as well as Truro recreation programs, which their children would otherwise be unable to attend due to the cost.

## From a grateful recipient of holiday cheer;

"My children and I so appreciate the help we receive from The Dexter Keezer Community Fund. The generous gift cards make things easier and add so much to our holidays. Thanks to all the good people who make this possible" From Maggi Flanagan, Program Director, Homeless Prevention Council;

"During the calendar year 2015, Homeless Prevention Council assisted twenty-eight households from the Town of Truro. As the rental housing market becomes more and more difficult it is even more crucial to prevent homelessness whenever possible. Resources to assist with back rant or first, last and security are limited."

"We are so very grateful to the Dexter Keezer Community Fund for their commitment to the community of Truro. Whenever we are working with a resident of Truro, we know we can call on the DK Fund to partner with us to prevent that household from falling into homelessness. The DK Fund plays such a vital role in this community. They are helping to ensure that even those who may struggle on occasion are able to continue to live here. They are truly representative of that old tradition of neighbor helping neighbor."

## From Kelly Sullivan Clark at Rec;

"We feel so fortunate that our Truro families have a community fund that can provide assistance during challenging financial times. Families on the Outer Cape struggle to live and work in our community due to high costs of living and without the assistance from the Dexter Keezer Community Fund, these families would struggle to pay for child care and other recreational opportunities. The support provided by the Dexter Keezer Fund allows children to attend our programs, which allows parents and guardians to work and thus strengthen the economic state of our community—all while their children develop healthy habits and learn and grow." The Trustees of the Dexter Keezer Community Fund are so very grateful for all of the support that we have received from our many benefactors. All donations, from the smallest to the largest, are essential in enabling us to continue in our mission "to assist Truro residents in need of temporary financial assistance in a timely manner."

Your donations may be mailed to:

The Dexter Keezer Community Fund, P.O. Box 572, Truro, MA 02666

Or visit us at <u>www.keezerfund.org</u> to donate on-line

For those who may need assistance from the fund you may contact any of the following organizations:

Helping Our Women:	(508) 487-4357
Homeless Prevention Council:	(508) 255-9667
Lower Cape Outreach Council:	(508) 240-0694
Outer Cape Health Services:	(508) 349-3141 X2107
Truro Council on Aging:	(508) 487-2462
Truro Recreation Dept:	(508) 487-1632
Truro Central School:	(508) 487-1558
Your House of Worship	

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Grants made October 2015- September 2016							
Food Pantry	Mortgage Rent	School Costs	Auto Exp	Utilities	Holiday Help	Other	
\$12,000	\$8,033	\$4,398	\$2,903	\$362	\$3,675	\$2,423	