

**WELFARE DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL REPORT 2008**

	2008	2007
Trust Fund I Expenditures	\$750.00	None
Trust Fund II Expenditures	\$20,826.00	\$3955.00
Care and Share Donations	\$2200.00*	\$2100.00*
Care and Share Distributions	\$2458.00*	\$1494.00*
Salvation Army Distributions	\$ 835.00	\$200.00

During 2008, there were seven General Assistance cases in Chatham Borough. Case management included Employment and Training work search referrals, Legal Services of NJ, Social Security, and Division of vocational Rehabilitation referrals. As required, employable cases were monitored for client compliance in order to maintain eligibility for public assistance. All cash assistance granted to WFNJ General Assistance recipients is reimbursed 100 % by the NJ Department of Human Services to the Borough of Chatham. Quarterly advances by the State of New Jersey to Public Assistance Trust Fund II are predicated on case activity and the submission of monthly financial and statistical reports to the Department of Human Services Financial Reporting Unit.

During the year, the municipal welfare department received requests for assistance with utility payments, rent, prescriptions and emergency food from Borough residents who were not eligible for any public assistance programs. Care and Share and Salvation Army funds were used to address these requests, as well as food certificates donated to the department by the United Methodist Women and the Board of Deacons of the Ogden Memorial Presbyterian Church. In addition, donations to the Care and Share Fund were received from the Chatham Fire Department Association, the Chatham Jaycees, the Ogden Presbyterian Church and several private donors. Thanksgiving and holiday requests were addressed through donated food certificates and Care and Share funds. Toy donations were also received from Weichert Realtors in Chatham. Eight Borough households (28 individuals) received gifts and food at Christmas. Members of the Local Assistance Board and the welfare director shopped for holiday gifts; holiday deliveries were made by the welfare director. The identity of all recipients is confidential.

The Local Assistance Board, appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the governing body, is an advisory board comprised of four members from the community; in addition, a member of the council serves as a liaison to this Board. The Board meets four times annually and provides oversight and direction to the municipal welfare department. The ongoing generosity and thoughtfulness of Borough residents, churches and organizations has enabled the Borough welfare department to respond to emergent social service situations that come to the attention of the department in a confidential and expedient manner.

* Includes donated food certificates (\$700.00) and distributed certificates (\$800.00)

