

OUR DAILY BREAD FOOD PANTRY

Mansfield's food pantry, Our Daily Bread: Friends Caring and Sharing, has been serving the Mansfield community since 1997. Each week food is distributed on Saturday mornings between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Food items are available to any Mansfield resident in need. Clients may come to the pantry as long as needed. If you are new to the pantry please bring proof of Mansfield residency with you.

Donations can be made at:

Town Hall	Mansfield Public Library
Shaw's	Mansfield Bank
Stop & Shop	North Easton Savings Bank
	Rockland Federal Credit Union

This local resource for families is located at 15A West Street in Mansfield.

Our Daily Bread is always looking for volunteers. Please email Info@mansfieldfoodpantry.org for more information or call 508-349-1343

The SHINE Program

Serving the Healthcare Needs of
Everyone
(Mansfield Residents on Medicare)

Medicare Open Enrollment begins October 15th – December 7th with changes taking effect on January 1 2019. During open enrollment a candidate can enroll/dis-enroll from their current plan. This is a good time to go over your plan and see if there are any cost savings available to you for next year.

At the Council on Aging we have two SHINE Counselors available to meet with you and offer unbiased health care information, counseling and assistance with open enrollment.

Please call Lynette or Rose at 508-261-7369



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Town of Mansfield
Social Services
Town Hall – 6 Park Row
Phone: (508) 261-7464

Council on Aging
255 Hope Street
(508) 261-7368

The Council on Aging provides quality elder services and programs that enhance elders, mental, physical, and emotional well-being.

Social Services

Mansfield Town Hall 3rd Floor

The purpose of the Social Service office is to provide assistance to families, individuals and children in the areas of food, utility assistance, clothing and information and referral on a variety of other services. The department is staffed by a full time social worker, Sharita Gregory, LSW.

Services/Information & Resources Available:

- Utility Assistance Programs
- Mental Health referrals
- Food Resources/SNAP
- Fuel Assistance
- Thanksgiving/Christmas for kids
- Government Subsidized program referrals

ELDER PROTECTIVE SERVICES AND CHILD ABUSE & WELFARE ISSUES

Elder Abuse Hotline – To report concerns of physical, emotional, financial abuse to elders contact 1-800-922-2275- 24 hour service

The Department of Children & Families in Taunton can be reached from 9:00am – 5:00pm Monday – Friday at 508-821-7000. If after hours and weekends call the Child-at-Risk Hotline at 1-800-792-5200



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Help Is Available

Mansfield Social Services has resources to help those in need within our community. Call today to speak with an Outreach Specialist or Social Worker.

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support

Community VNA is pleased to host a free monthly support group designed for caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias.

When: First Tuesday of each month from 1:30-2:30pm

Questions: Please call Joyce Colletto, RN at 1-800-220-0110

*Where: 10 Emory Street,
Attleboro MA*

www.communityvna.com

MANSFIELD COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE FUND

In a cooperative effort by West Side Benevolent Circle, Town of Mansfield Council on Aging & Social Services, Mansfield Bank and Mansfield Electric, a charitable donation fund has been established to provide financial assistance directly to Mansfield residents who are struggling to pay their energy bills. In difficult times, families struggle to pay for heating, energy and utility costs due to loss of employment, unexpected healthcare costs or a serious illness. This fund is unique in two ways. First, it will help those who are not income eligible for state and federal funding programs. Second, it will be completely funded by Mansfield residents for Mansfield residents.

All inquiries are kept confidential and may be completed by calling the following numbers:

Residents 60 years and under please call Social Services at 508-261-7464

Residents 60 years and older please call the COA at 508-261-7368

HEATING ASSISTANCE

The Fuel Assistance Coordinator is available to help individuals and families apply for Self-Help's fuel assistance program. This program is open from Oct. 1st – April 30th. Guidelines are based on several factors, including income. If your income falls into the one of following categories you may be eligible:

Single individual - \$35,510	Family of four - \$68,289
Family of two - \$46,437	Family of five - \$79,215
Family of three - \$57,363	Family of six - \$90,141

Please contact Kristen Madeira at the Social Services office to set up an appointment to complete the fuel assistance application.

Individuals 60 years and older please call the COA for an appointment. 508-261-7368

SNAP

Supplemental Nutrition Program provides benefits to low-income individuals and families and provides economic benefits to communities. Recipients spend their benefits (which are provided on an EBT card that is used like an ATM card) to buy eligible food in authorized retail food stores.

Mansfield Residents can apply for SNAP benefits right here in town!

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Residents 60 years and older please call the COA at 508-261-7368