

Attention: Residents of Berkshire County Hilltowns!

Here's how the Neighbor-to-Neighbor challenge grant works:



We have an extraordinary opportunity to help our neighbors in need this winter.

Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation's Central Berkshire Fund has offered a challenge grant of \$100,000+ to support the Neighbor-to-Neighbor program in our region. They will match \$7 for every \$1 raised by the 14,550 residents of Becket, Cummington, Dalton, Hinsdale, Peru, Washington and Windsor.

Each town must raise \$1 per resident up to its population size with a minimum of 10 gifts per town by December 21, 2009. All of the funds will be dedicated to the Neighbor-to-Neighbor program for that specific town, providing emergency aid to residents in need.

Every town's donation will be matched individually so long as the full challenge amount is raised. If any town raises less than the challenge amount, its donations will go the Neighbor-to-Neighbor program, but will not be matched.

Please see the other side of this flyer for details about the program.

We need your help!
Donations of ANY size will make a difference.

TOWN	PARTNER AGENCY ACCEPTING DONATIONS	POPULATION*	TOTAL \$ NEEDED FROM NO FEWER THAN 10 DONORS	CENTRAL BERKSHIRE FUND MATCH	TOTAL \$
Becket	Town of Becket 557 Main St. Becket, MA 01223 413.623.8934	2,000	\$2,000	\$14,000	\$16,000
Cummington	Hilltown Family Center 33 Main St. Cummington MA 01026 413.634.5362	1,000	\$1,000	\$7,000	\$8,000
Dalton	Dalton CRA 400 Main St. Dalton, MA 01226 413.684.0260	7,000	\$7,000	\$49,000	\$56,000
Hinsdale	Town of Hinsdale 39 South St. Hinsdale, MA 01235 413.655.2245	2,000	\$2,000	\$14,000	\$16,000
Peru	Town of Peru c/o Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation 271 Main Street, Suite 3 Gt. Barrington, MA 01230	1,000	\$1,000	\$7,000	\$8,000
Washington	Town of Washington 8 Summit Hill Rd. Washington, MA 01223 413.623.5059	550	\$550	\$3,850	\$4,400
Windsor	Friends of Windsor PO Box 21 Windsor, MA 01270	1,000	\$1,000	\$7,000	\$8,000
TOTAL		14,550	\$14,550	\$101,850	\$116,400

*Population figures based on rounded 2000 census numbers.

We must raise this money by December 21, 2009! Please donate today!

Make checks payable to Berkshire Taconic/Neighbor-to-Neighbor (your town). Return in envelope or drop off at your town partner agency. Questions? Please contact Maeve O'Dea, Program Director at maeve@berkshiretaconic.org.

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About Neighbor-to-Neighbor

Extraordinary times inspire extraordinary generosity.

Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation's Neighbor-to-Neighbor program provides emergency assistance for local residents who are in economic distress. Neighbor-to-Neighbor makes small grants (generally around \$500) to help those with overdue utilities, medical bills, short-term housing costs, and transportation problems. Checks are written to the vendor (landlord, utility company, pharmacy or mechanic) on behalf of the community member in need. The funds are not intended for long-term or ongoing assistance, but for strategic intervention to help achieve a measure of stability and avert further crises.

Neighbor-to-Neighbor is an expansion of Berkshire Taconic's Emergency Relief Fund, which for more than 15 years worked with social service organizations and churches to help those in desperate need. Neighbor-to-Neighbor now gives everyone in our region the opportunity to offer help to their neighbors.

Neighbor-to-Neighbor is partnering with Berkshire Community Action Council, a countywide social service agency, to administer this program for the Central Berkshire Fund.

If you know someone who needs help, please contact:

Wayne Cronnell, Berkshire Community Action Council
413.445.4503 or wcronnell@bcainc.org

About Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation and the Central Berkshire Fund

The Central Berkshire Fund seeks to improve the quality of life for the residents of Becket, Cummington, Dalton, Hinsdale, Peru, Washington and Windsor. It is an endowed fund of Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation that makes grants annually to nonprofits serving the hilltowns. Grants have supported food pantries, enrichment programs for schools, community recreational trails and youth empowerment programs.

Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation builds stronger, more vibrant communities and improves the quality of life for all residents of Berkshire County, MA; Columbia County and northeast Dutchess County, NY; and northwest Litchfield County, CT. Since 1987, we have been an agent for positive change in the region we serve. Through education, health care, basic human services, transportation, the arts, youth and senior programs, our grants touch all aspects of life and every person in the Berkshire Taconic region. Each year, we help thousands of donors achieve their philanthropic goals and hundreds of nonprofits carry on their good work. Berkshire Taconic is a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization.

Together we can make a difference!

Donations of ANY size to the Neighbor-to-Neighbor programs in Becket, Cummington, Dalton, Hinsdale, Peru, Washington and Windsor will be matched \$7 to \$1 by the Central Berkshire Fund.

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Please donate and spread the word! Thank you.**

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