

PRESS RELEASE – February 13, 2019

THANK YOU to the following vendors, businesses, organizations and individuals who helped the Charlton REAS Foundation raise over \$10,868.00 from the 10th annual Taste of the Towns and lottery calendar fundraisers:

To Fr. Bob Gratarotti, pastor of St. Joseph's Church in Charlton for allowing us to use the church hall. To the Volunteers and those who pitched-in to help: Bob Racki, Brian Garney, folks from Cornerstone Bank, Country Bank, and Savers Bank. A huge shout-out to first-time emcee Terri Gough – great job! To the Vendors: Bay Path Culinary (*sponsored by Southbridge Credit Union*), Ed Stearns Dressed Meats, Francesco's Italian Bakery, McDonald's-Sellia Corp., Old Sturbridge Village, Ronnie's Seafood, Sturbridge Coffee Roasters, Sugar Creative Confections, Suzy Q's Ice Cream Truck, Ted's Deli, Ted's Package Store, Zorba's Pizzeria. And of course to all who donated silent auction items, raffle items, door prizes and monetary donations.

In these past ten years, the Charlton REAS Foundation has given 309 awards to qualifying Charlton senior citizens totaling \$115,500. This would not be possible without all the volunteers, vendors, donors and board members. Our utmost appreciation to all who participated.

Still to this day, many senior citizens are on fixed incomes and sometimes have to make choices between food, medications, heating their homes, as well as other daily necessities. The Charlton REAS Foundation is here to assist with energy needs to possibly free up some funds so clients may not have to make such difficult choices.

As we New Englanders' know, some winters can be brutally cold, but many people don't think about the extreme hot/humid summer weather and what that may mean for some senior citizens. Older adults are more prone to heat stress than younger people and so the Charlton REAS Foundation offers qualifying senior citizens assistance toward an air conditioner or with their electric bill. If you know someone who may need assistance, the heating season begins October 1st and the cooling assistance begins May 1st. Please call 508-868-5289.

On behalf of the Charlton REAS Foundation Board of Directors, thank you for your support!

Debra & Ed Ciesluk, Michael Cunningham, Ray Delisle, Carl Ekman, Darlene Emco-Rollins, Kathy & Rich Kaczynski, Dorothy LaChance, Elaine Materas, Rick Swensen, Jean Vincent, Sabrina Webb.