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Dear Neighbor:

“People aren’t usually this nice to a person like me.”

Last week, we handed a young woman a gas card who is working part-time. She was very low on gas for her car. She had applied for a second job as she is barely making it. As she accepted the gas card, she burst in tears and said; *“People aren’t usually this nice to a person like me.”* It took a while for her to compose herself. Her tears were so painful to see. We help people every day.

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This past year, with your help, we made a difference in the lives of many people. Between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016, the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center:

- Provided over 100,000 **Emergency meals**, valued around \$610,658 through the Emergency Food Pantry.
- Provided 268 children with food valued at \$138,632 every Friday *through our Weekender Backpack Food Program for Children.*
- 216 tax returns were prepared at the PNC for low income individuals, at no cost to them, **by partnering with TVCCA’s Volunteer Tax Assistance Program.** \$458,090 was returned to residents in the local economy. Additionally, **AARP** processed over 100 tax returns, at no cost, for Seniors at the PNC.
- **42 Seniors** took **14,052 one-way rides** to many essential appointments such as medical, physical therapy, grocery shopping and banking.
- **84 active Seniors** participated in 10 exercise and/or creative classes.
- We met with **28 homeless individuals** and provided as much help as they were willing to accept in the way of food, clothing and temporary shelter. Two were homeless Seniors.

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- 10 times during the year, a *free Community Breakfast* was cooked on site by the *Lions Club of Pawcatuck* and offered to everyone to enjoy.
- *A free Community Lunch Program* was begun as a pilot program.
- In addition to partnering with TVCCA Fuel Assistance, Operation Fuel, United Way's Project Warm-Up, *the PNC spent \$10,383.74 of its own funds* received from grants and individual donations to keep people warm.

We recently began a small *Pet Food Pantry*, recognizing a pet is sometimes the only family a person may have. They need pet food not "people food". The pet is not abandoned, nor is the person deprived of an important relationship in their life.

108 Volunteers come to the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center every month, on schedule, to work in every program area. This past fiscal year, *almost 12,000 hours* of their time was donated to the accomplishment all that we do.

Thank you for helping our neighbors and especially for helping those who feel;
"People aren't usually this nice to a person like me."

Very truly yours,



Vicki Anderson
Executive Director