

Our Membership

FOCUS ON CANTON is comprised of representatives from:

- Avon/Canton Rotary Club
- Canton Board of Selectmen
- Canton Chamber of Commerce
- Canton Community Baptist Church
- Canton Connections
- Canton Food Bank
- Canton Fuel Bank
- Canton Lions Club
- Canton Seniors
- Cawasa Grange #34
- Cherry Brook Health Care Center
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
- Collinsville Congregational Church
- First Congregational Church of Canton Center
- Gifts for Canton
- North Canton Community United Methodist Church
- Saint Patrick's Roman Catholic Church
- Trinity Episcopal Church
- Canton residents interested in making sure that ALL of our Canton residents are being provided with personal and community services in order that they may lead happy and healthy lives.



Officers:

President	Nancy MacKie 693-6794
Co Vice President	Ann Gagnon 693-4988
Co Vice President	Lorinda Pane 693-8142
Co Vice President	Kathy Corkum 693-8612



Our intention is not to intrude on Canton residents, but rather to assist them as needs arise. This may include getting them in touch with federal, state and municipal programs. It may include assistance to residents in conjunction with town services. We address each situation with strict confidentiality.

New members and all interested parties are always welcome. Meetings are generally held on the 1st Thursday of the month in March, April, May, June, September, October, November, and December at 7:00 PM at the Canton Community Center, 39 Dyer Avenue.

If you have or know someone with a need, please contact:

FOCUS ON CANTON, Inc.

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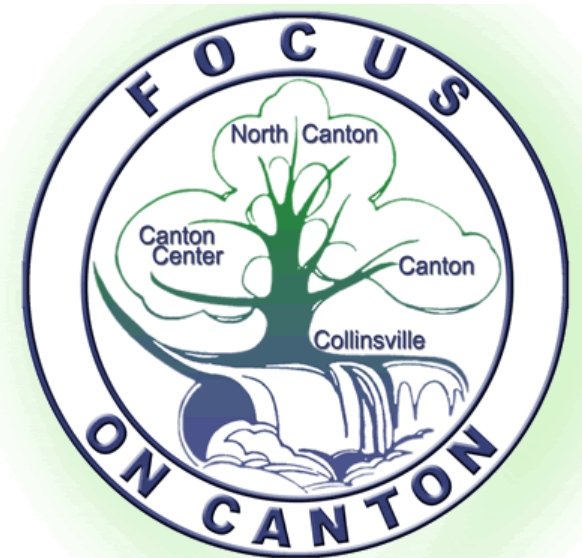
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Focus on Canton is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

Tax-deductible contributions are greatly appreciated.

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Neighbors Helping Neighbors

FOCUS ON CANTON, Inc.

is a non-profit community-based group dedicated to nurturing, assisting, and supporting the residents of Canton. It was created as an outreach program to coordinate community efforts that assist Canton residents with personal and community needs not otherwise met.

Our Community Outreach

FOCUS coordinates with the Canton churches, Canton Social Services Department and other community organizations to locate resources to assist the needs of its residents that are not otherwise being met. We have helped with heating oil, rent, utility bills, car repairs, child care, etc. We have also helped with prescriptions, eyeglasses, hearing aids and walkers.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors Day

Annually, volunteers gather, bring work tools, smiles and determination to accomplish tasks such as yard clean-ups, window washing, garden weeding, grass cutting, curtain changing, mattress turning and general house cleaning. The work is done for those residents unable to accomplish these tasks because they do not have the physical, financial or family means.



Medical Transportation

Due to generous grants and donations, we can offer medical transportation outside the Canton Dial-a-Ride territory to our elderly (60 and over) and disabled (any age) Canton residents. Longer-term medical transportation is also available for any Canton resident (i.e., dialysis, chemotherapy, etc.) by a pool of dedicated volunteers.

Crop Walk

The annual CROP WALK is held the last Sunday of September. The Walk has raised thousands of dollars to provide food to the hungry people of our world. Each walker is sponsored by friends, family or co-workers. The Canton Food Bank receives 25% of the monies raised.



Canton Thanksgiving Dinner

A Canton tradition that provides a Holiday meal to those in need. The food is donated by the area churches and other volunteer residents.



Youth Scholarships

Funds are available for Canton summer camp, pool memberships and other youth programs.

Other Community Resources

Canton Food Bank

The Canton Food Bank is located in Trinity Episcopal Church on River Road and is open to Canton residents every Tuesday from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM. Financial donations and non-perishable items are always welcome and may be dropped off at any of the Canton Churches or at the Food Bank anytime. Fresh and frozen foods may be delivered to the Food Bank on Tuesday mornings.

Canton Fuel Bank

The Canton Fuel Bank provides fund for fuel and utilities for eligible recipients and is funded by donations and managed by Collinsville Savings Society.

Gifts for Canton

Gifts for Canton collects holiday gifts and raises funds to provide gifts and necessities for Canton's less fortunate. Collection boxes are placed throughout Canton beginning November 15th of each year.

Canton Connections

An after school program, Canton Connections is staffed with trained adult and teen volunteers. Open to a limited number of Canton students for a minimal fee. The program offers crafts, sports, homework assistance, free time, computer time and snacks.