

# Connecticut Alliance For Basic Human Needs

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Dear Friends:

As we approach the new year, CABHN once again asks that you make a donation to support the work of CABHN and the publishing of *CABHN Fever*. Your contributions are so very important if we are to continue to remain active around poverty issues, both in Connecticut and across the nation. While many are focusing on national security concerns, we must remember that economic security is just as important if we are to help families through these difficult times.

We are pleased to report that in the past year, with your help, we have:

- ◆ Continued to supply timely and necessary information about changes in the welfare system to over 3,000 individuals and agencies through *CABHN Fever*.
- ◆ Worked to make the system more responsive to the needs of poor people, through meetings with Congress members, working with other national and state coalitions, and being actively involved with anti-poverty efforts in Connecticut and Washington, DC.
- ◆ Conducted CABHN meetings and workshops throughout Connecticut to keep agency staff and their clients informed of changes to the welfare system so that they can better advocate for themselves and their programs.

Therefore, today we are asking you to contribute to CABHN so that we can continue to work and expand our efforts in the coming year. With TANF Re-Authorization happening in 2002, we need to keep *CABHN Fever* going to the people who will be most affected by this sweeping legislation--YOU! The cost of producing *CABHN Fever* has been steadily rising over the years as we continue to increase our membership. Our mailing and printing costs are over \$1,300 each month or over \$15,000 per year.

In order to cover these costs, we ask that individuals consider a contribution of at least \$25 and that organizations who receive multiple copies of *CABHN Fever* for their staff contribute at least \$100. If you make a \$30 donation, you will receive a free copy of *Mapping Change*, the latest summary of the programs affecting people with low incomes.

Thank you in advance for your generosity. We look forward to working with you in the coming year.

Sincerely,

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Coordinator, CABHN  
Executive Director, LARCC

Deborah Noble  
Community Liaison, CABHN



*PS - Please be as generous as possible - and please use the form on the back of this letter to make sure that we have the right information about you or your organization.*



# Help Set CABHN's Legislative Priorities for the 2002 General Assembly Session

The 2002 Session will be short (February through the beginning of May). We expect money will be tight and that it will be hard to initiate new programs. The list below reflects the items that seem most *important* and *possible*, given these limits.

## Please tell us what you think CABHN should focus on in the coming year:

Rank these issues in order of importance 1-5, with **1 being the most important** and **5 being least important**

\_\_\_\_ Opening Safety Net services to families losing TFA(cash benefits) due to hitting a lime limit. Currently, these services are only available to families who have been sanctioned off of TFA.

\_\_\_\_ Re-instating non-emergency transportation services to SAGA medical recipients.

\_\_\_\_ Increasing funding for T-RAP (Transitory Rental Assistance Program) and creating Housing Counselor positions to help clients secure housing using the various rental assistance programs

\_\_\_\_ A Recession Initiative which would re-open TFA to families who have exhausted benefits in the past, if the country falls into a recession.

\_\_\_\_ Allowing all legal immigrants to be continuously eligible for public assistance benefits, including but not limited to cash, food stamps, medical, and housing assistance programs.

\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_



## Please check the appropriate boxes:

I've enclosed a donation of \_\_\_\_\_

*(A copy of Mapping Change will be sent to those making a donation of \$30 or more)*

I will contact my legislators about key issues; add me to CABHN's legislative alert system.

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### Return this form, and a contribution if possible, to:

CABHN, c/o LARCC, 80 Jefferson Street, Hartford, CT 06106-5050. Make checks out to CABHN.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!