

Connecticut Alliance For Basic Human Needs

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Dear Friends:

As we begin a new year, CABHN once again asks that you make a donation to support the work of CABHN and the publication and distribution of *CABHN Fever*. Your contribution is very important - it will enable us to continue to remain active around poverty issues. Right now, the information and advocacy provided by CABHN are crucially important, as the state debates whether to cut more programs to balance the budget.

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

- ✓ **supplied timely information about the welfare system to over 3,000 people and agencies monthly through *CABHN Fever*;**
- ✓ **worked to pass legislation which would make the system more responsive to the needs of poor people in Connecticut**, including the Federal TANF Re-authorization legislation, the Alternative Base Period for Unemployment Compensation, voter restoration rights, and health care availability for all Connecticut residents. We are also advocating for better tax and budget policies by working with groups like One CT, CT Voices for Children, the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, and the Internal Revenue Service.
- ✓ **celebrated CABHN's 10th Anniversary** with a fundraiser and awards ceremony in which CABHN founders and friends were honored for their dedication and hard work.
- ✓ **worked with a variety of broadcast media** to ensure that we are able to reach out to all Connecticut residents and keep them informed on vital issues

Today we are asking you to contribute to CABHN so that we can continue and expand our efforts in the coming year. For the past ten years, the printing and mailing of *CABHN Fever* has been made possible because organizations and individuals like you have recognized its importance and made donations to CABHN.

We are doing our best to control the cost of producing and mailing *CABHN Fever*. But we want to be able to distribute this important resource widely. Please help us continue this important effort.

We are asking 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, when it is published early this year.

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

Sincerely,

Jane McNichol
Coordinator, CABHN
Executive Director, LARCC

Deborah Noble
Community Liaison, CABHN



**Help set CABHN's Direction
for the 2003 General Assembly's Session**

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

Rank these issues in order of importance 1-6, with 1 being the most important and 6 being least important.

___ State budget and tax issues

___ Federal welfare issues

___ Federal employment issues

___ State welfare issues

___ State services and protections for low-income working families

___ Education and training for low-income families and individuals

___ 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.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Day Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

FAX: _____

Return this form and a contribution if possible to:

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!