



Person-to-Person

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**The Community Fund of Darien Awards Special \$5,000 Grant
to Person-to-Person for the Emergency Assistance Program**

Darien CT, March 23, 2010 – According to Ceci Maher, Executive Director at Person-to-Person, the agency provided assistance to nearly 25,000 individuals last year; and twenty-five percent of that number was people who had come to the agency for the first time. “Our clients were the first to feel the effects of the recession and even though the economic outlook is improving,” notes Maher “our clients will be among the last to benefit from a turnaround.”

To meet the growing need, Person-to-Person relies on the generosity of grant-makers, individual donors and group contributors who – with monetary and in-kind giving – enable the agency to provide food, clothing and financial assistance to those who come to them for help.

“This special grant of \$5,000 from The Community Fund of Darien is intended to help P2P provide critical support to people living in poverty in lower Fairfield County and it will,” Maher says, “because we’ll be able to help individuals and families in a variety of ways – keeping on the lights and heat, or transitioning from a temporary shelter to a permanent residence, or preparing three meals a day for seven days.”

As an independent, local, volunteer-driven, not-for-profit organization that addresses health and human service needs, The Community Fund of Darien is dedicated and committed to building a healthy community in Darien, Norwalk and Stamford. Maher points out that The Community Fund has been enormously generous to and supportive of Person-to-Person over the years. “We appreciate their assistance. More important, we know that our clients are very thankful for their assistance.”

About Person-to-Person

Person-to-Person, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit agency, was originally established in 1968 by St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Darien. Its mission was simple: to bring together the needs of people in disadvantaged areas of nearby communities with the resources of people in Darien and the surrounding areas, thereby providing basic emergency services to low-income individuals and families living in lower Fairfield County. A volunteer-driven agency, Person-to-Person is committed to helping clients achieve self-sufficiency through practical help, advocacy, education and problem-solving initiatives. Programs include Emergency Assistance, Campership and Scholarship. In 2009, Person-to-Person helped more than 24,780 people avert crisis and make ends meet. These efforts are made possible by in-kind donations, a force of more than 2,000 volunteers and financial contributions. More information may be found on the web at www.p2pdarien.org or by calling (203) 655-0048.

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