

Dear Friends of Beechwood,

One of the goals of the Friends of Beechwood (NKSA) Board of Directors in 2017 has been to raise funds to assist in replacing the Senior Center's aging 16 passenger bus. While the existing bus is still safe to use for transport, it is nearing the end of its projected road life. Repairs have frequently taken it out of service, leaving the center with only one bus to use often cancelling transportation to grocery stores, local trips, or to the Senior Center. These are all necessary quality of life trips for homebound adults.

Members and friends of The Association recognize the importance of transportation services available through Beechwood and have opened a designated fund to help cover the additional costs giving the Town the ability to purchase the bus this Fiscal Year. The Town will pay for most of the projected cost of a new bus. The shortfall is estimated to be \$20,000.00.

Our fundraising efforts continue. We are writing to ask you to consider adding your contribution to this fund before the end of the year, if you have not already done so. Your contribution would be supporting a very important service provided to seniors who are unable to drive. For those who have already donated, thank you for your generosity, we appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Please consider adding your tax deductible contribution to this fund. Checks should be made payable to Friends of Beechwood (NKSA), clearly marked for "bus replacement fund" and can be delivered to the welcome desk at the Senior Center or mailed to the Association at Beechwood Senior Center at PO Box 313 North Kingstown, RI 02852. Please mark your correspondence to the attention of Roger Biron Treasurer.

Thank you for considering this appeal.

Sincerely,

The Friends of Beechwood Board of Directors