

## ARAW.

### The Association for the Relief of Aged Women of New Bedford

Operates under the General Laws of Massachusetts as a private non-profit 501<sup>c</sup>(3) corporation.

The Association's mission is **"to furnish assistance to and to promote the welfare of elderly women"**.

Rachel Howland, our first president, organized this benevolent organization in 1866 and it has provided assistance, relief and friendship to thousands of elderly women over the course of more than 150 years.

Today the Association is led by volunteer board members and an Executive Director who meet the needs of between 150-200 women annually.

In addition to providing financial assistance, the board members visit our beneficiaries on a monthly or annual basis with some visits for friendship only, if no material gift is needed.

The Association's motto, **"not alms alone, but a friend"** prevails as the core of what makes the Association's work so compelling and compassionate.

## COMMUNITIES SERVED

Acushnet  
Dartmouth  
Fairhaven  
New Bedford  
Westport

## ELIGIBILITY

### AGE:

Ongoing support (age 70+)  
One-time assistance (age 65+)  
Emergency funds (age 65+)

### RESIDENCE:

Preference is given to women living alone  
within our service areas for at least 5 years.

### INCOME:

Monthly income must be under \$1,300  
(subsidized) or \$1,600 (non-subsidized).

Liquid assets must be under \$10,000  
(excluding home and auto).

## REFERRALS

ARAW staff handle inquiries by phone  
508-717-0400 or by email [info@arawofnb.org](mailto:info@arawofnb.org)

Formal applications are handled by partnering social service organizations within our service area. Contact a local Council on Aging for more information.

## SUPPORT

**ARAW** supports individual women, as well as programming and services within our service area, with an aim to improve the quality of life and health of elderly women. This support may include, but is limited to:

- Financial support for daily living needs
- Friendly Visitors
- Inspirational Art Program
- Licensed Social Workers
- Social Day Scholarships
- Social Day Trips and Events
- Transportation

## GRANTS

**ARAW** is a grant maker to agencies supporting our mission. We welcome new initiatives and meaningful ways to address the need of elderly women.

Please contact our Executive Director at

[crandall@arawofnb.org](mailto:crandall@arawofnb.org)

## DONATIONS

Donations and bequests are accepted and appreciated.

## Partnering Agencies 2018

- Acushnet Council on Aging
- Inspirational Art for Seniors, Inc.
- Community Nurse Home Care
- Dartmouth Council on Aging
- Greater New Bedford Community Health Center
- Fairhaven Council on Aging
- The Inter-Church Council of Greater New Bedford
- New Bedford Council on Aging
- Westport Council on Aging



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### CONTACT INFORMATION

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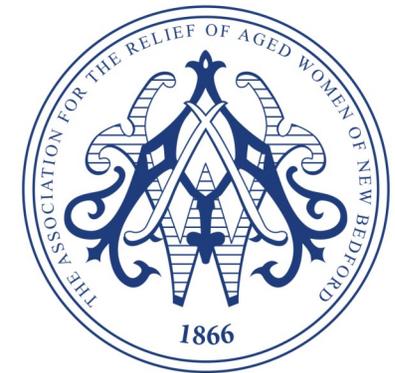
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