

## **Local Organizations Help Operation Fuel**

**West Hartford**, **Conn.**, -- Two local organizations recently made donations to Operation Fuel's energy assistance program.

Joseph Family Markets LLC donated \$607 after cashiers at its ShopRite store in West Hartford collected donations for Operation Fuel at the store's registers for two weeks in May. The donation will be used to provide energy assistance to West Hartford and Canton households.

"As a family-owned business in West Hartford, our team constantly strives to make a positive impact on our associates, customers and community right around our store. We are proud to support Operation Fuel's important work, providing year-round energy assistance for local families in need," said Chuck Joseph, owner of the ShopRite stores in West Hartford and Canton.

"We are so grateful for Joseph Family Markets' efforts to raise money and awareness for Operation Fuel. Through this partnership we were able to raise needed funds and educate ShopRite customers about our services," explained Operation Fuel Major Gifts Offer, Clayton Jason.

The Duncaster Retirement Community Outreach Committee donated \$1,000 to Operation Fuel this summer for energy assistance for Bloomfield households. Duncaster is a boutique continuing-care retirement community that offers an engaging lifestyle to seniors through excellence in living, life enhancement events and person-centered service.

"Duncaster and its Community Outreach Committee are honored to extend a grant of \$1,000 to Operation Fuel to support Bloomfield families. We believe it is important for others to understand that the need for fuel assistance is a yearround need, not something that happens only in winter months. As this summer's recent heat wave demonstrated, a loss of power in the summer puts families at risk for heat related health issues. We are happy and proud to be a small part of the solution!" stated Vanessa Giannasi, Duncaster's Director of Foundation and Community Relations.

"Operation Fuel is so thankful for The Duncaster's generosity and service to the town of Bloomfield. We are thrilled to be able to serve additional Bloomfield residents in need of our services," said Kim O'Brien Green, Director of Development at Operation Fuel.

Local organizations that would like to help Operation Fuel, should contact Clayton Jason at 860-243-2345, ext. 3313, or clayton@operationfuel.org.