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Helping Others Help Themselves

Andrew Price
Social Services Caseworker

After one year working as a caseworker in the Social Services Department, Andrew Price has one thing he would like to let Windsor residents know: "We are here!"

Andrew and the entire Social Services staff carry out a multitude of services for those who may need just a little extra assistance in hard times. And while the department, together with a dedicated army of 25 volunteers, assists 330 households at the Windsor Food bank and approximately 90 with other financial assistance needs, there are many other services available that Andrew feels people may not know about.

"A lot of our work is steering people in the right direction and linking them to resources that many do not even know exist," he says. In addition to the commonly known services such as the food and fuel banks, Andy and his co-workers help residents navigate through questions about insurance coverage, Medicare and food stamps.

Aside from those duties, the Social Services staff offers an array of support groups and volunteer opportunities including a diabetic support group, caregivers support group and the Windsor CARES program that currently has 20 active volunteers doing great work in the community.

Andy's dreams of becoming a professional basketball player faded during his college years when he developed a passion for helping others and in social work. Eventually, he earned a masters degree in the field and went on to spend eight and a half years as a case manager at Connecticut Community Care, Inc.

Andy remembers that he disliked the subject of history in high school, but now enjoys reading historically themed books.

Married and a father of two children, Andy has found his work in Windsor rewarding and hopes to make a little history of his own assisting all those who need some help.

