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**Monthly Report to the Woonsocket City Council**  
**Department of Human Services**  
**Department of Economic Development**

October 2010 Report

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## Department of Human Services

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- In conjunction with the YWCA Northern Rhode Island and the HeatSmart campaign, this office was contacted by a homebound individual with medical needs. L. Plays made a home visit and brought 2 blankets to the deserving and thankful individual.
- Pumpkins in the Park event at River Island Park. Event was attended by hundreds. The event was a collaborative effort between the city of Woonsocket, the Main Street Riverfront Initiative, the Beacon Charter High School, RiverzEdge Arts, and NeighborWorks Blackstone River Valley.
- Assistance was given to female individual in need of warm winter clothing. A supply of warm hats and mittens is always on hand in this office for distribution through the efforts of the City Hall “Giving Tree.”
- Assisted female individual with housing relocation due to eviction. Female lives with four minor children ages 3, 5, 6 and 11. Outreach made through the Woonsocket Housing Authority and the Family Resources Community Action Program.
- Assisted Jill Anderson, Executive Director of Senior Services, with registering a van for the center—there was a tax issue, which was resolved through the tax collector’s office.

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- Numerous calls for heating assistance were once again directed to the Blackstone Valley Community Action program.
- Assisted multiple families from Burnside Avenue with housing relocation after receiving minimum housing water and electric violation notices for non compliance..
- Participation (by director) in grant review process for statewide grant supporting financial literacy and job skills training
- Selection and appointment process for Senior Center Board of Directors
- Activities related to heating plant failure at the Senior Center

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## Department of Economic Development

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- Meeting with purchaser of 754 Front Street to discuss policies and procedures for re-opening this building as a full service restaurant
- Participation in joint City and State meeting with ownership of 68 South Main Street regarding development of the building as an arts / cultural center
- Interaction to expedite / clear building permitting process for industrial tenant of Highland Park (building expansion)
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- Identification of possible sites for a discount consumer club and pro-active reach to their real estate siting agent
- Identification of possible sites for a prepared food distributor for RI EDC (maps, lot dimensions, suitability, etc.)

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- Enterprise Zone certification for Diversified Technologies, LLC; interaction with National Grid in connection with their upgrade of service; substantial savings realized for the business (DPW)
- Interaction with seller re: 171 St. Augustine St. transaction delays
- Approvals required for climate control emergency repairs at the Museum of Work and Culture