

Dear Brother and Sister Grangers,

I am writing this letter to all of you to discuss the present condition of the NH State Grange Trust Fund.

As many longtime members will know the Trust Fund was established in 1959 when the Trustees for the NH Grange Home, Inc. realized that the dream of a retirement home for NH Grange members was not going to become a reality. The Trustees with the approval of the NH State Grange members at that time decided to establish a trust fund with the money raised for the proposed home. That is a very brief history of the origin of the current Trust Fund.

The funds received by the Trustees in 1959 were invested and a percentage of the income earned is available each year for any NH Grange member in need. The original Trustees also intended for additional donations to be received and the legal document governing the fund allows for one-half of each donation to be used immediately for members in need and the other one-half to be invested so the annual income will continue to grow. If a donor requests other arrangements the current Trustees will be glad to discuss alternatives with the donor.

Over the years donations have been received from individual members as well as Granges and we have been remembered in Granger's estates and on memorial donation lists. We were recently commended by the NH Attorney General's office-Charitable Trust Unit for having maintained our trust for so many years.

However, the current Trustees sometimes find themselves with more requests for aid than there are funds available. This means that we must sometimes either reduce the amount of money that we can grant to an individual or ask the individual if they can wait until more funds become available.

So now I come to the reason for this letter. Would you as an individual Grange member or perhaps your Subordinate or Pomona Grange consider making a donation to the Trust Fund? No amount is too small and all donations are gratefully accepted. Please make your check payable to NH State Grange Trust Fund and send it to the Trustees' Secretary Rhoda Davis, 317 Route 129, Loudon, NH 03307-1326.

If anyone would like more information about the Trust Fund or how to apply for assistance they may contact any of the Trustees as listed in the Roster.

Thank you for helping us to help our fellow NH Grange members in need.

Fraternally,

Gail M. Turcotte, Chairman Trustees of Trust Funds