

WESTCHESTER ACCEUIL RAISES \$7,500 FOR V.O.M. EMERGENCY FUND

Every year the French Community of the Sound Shore holds a Fall Bazaar and Craft Sale in Mamaroneck. Every year the proceeds of this Bazaar are given to fund the Village of Mamaroneck (V.O.M.) Emergency Fund. This provides emergency grants to Village of Mamaroneck residents to help with utility shutoffs, medications, transport, emergency food assistance, and school supplies. This year the Westchester Acceuil Fall Bazaar raised a total of \$7,500 for the V.O.M. Emergency Fund.

In 2009, the V.O.M. Emergency Fund was transferred from the Village to be managed by Washingtonville Housing Alliance. Since February 2009, W.H.A. has made twenty-six emergency assistance grants averaging \$291 for a total of \$ 7, 570. These grants were made for emergency utility shut-offs, emergency food, medical, bills and prescriptions.

Board Chair Beverly Brewer-Villa said, "We are very grateful to the French Community for their tremendous generosity. With the impact of the recession, we have seen a great demand for emergency funds, as has every other social service agency."

There are many families in Mamaroneck Village who will now again be able to say "Merci Beaucoup!"