

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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DANBURY ELDERLY MUNICIPAL AGENT	203-796-1513
DANBURY ELDERLY SERVICES	203-797-4686
DANBURY VETERAN'S ADVISORY CENTER	203-797-4620
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES	855-626-6632
CONSUMER PROTECTION	800-842-2649
OFFICE OF THE HEALTHCARE ADVOCATE	866-466-4446
MEDICARE	800-633-4227
CENTER FOR MEDICARE ADVOCACY	800-262-4414
CT FAIR HOUSING CENTER	888-247-4401
STATEWIDE LEGAL SERVICES OF CT	800-453-3320

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Dear Friends,

Helping my neighbors face the challenges that aging brings is one of the favorite parts of my job. And not just because I'm 66!

We senior citizens look for assistance for health care, health insurance, jobs, and housing. I'm very happy that I have secured over \$4.2 million to update the Glen Apartments in Rogers' Park. Carolyn Sistrunk at the Danbury Housing Authority has kindly kept me informed of the progress of the rehab, from the individual units to major complex-wide improvements. She has kept the residents informed, and helped greatly in dealing with the inevitable disruptions construction can bring. She even hired a few residents to help out. Well done!

This special report provides you with basic information on some of the ways state government helps seniors (and veterans and the disabled too), and contact information. I hope it is helpful and useful. And, as always, if you have any questions or concerns on issues facing our state, please contact me.

Best wishes,



STATE REPRESENTATIVE
**Bob
GODFREY**

FREE CONSUMER LEGAL SERVICES FOR ELDERS

The Consumer Law Project for Elders (a project of Connecticut Legal Services, Inc.) provides free legal assistance to Connecticut residents age 60 or over who have questions about consumer rights, debt or collection problems, receipt of bills for items never purchased, identity theft, bankruptcy, and unfair and undisclosed loan terms. For more information call, (800) 296-1467.



LONG-TERM CARE

Does your health insurance include a long term care policy? If it does not, you may want to contact the Connecticut Partnership for Long-Term Care at (800) 547-3443.

CT HOME CARE PROGRAM FOR ELDERS (CHCPE)

Many seniors are blessed with family members who can provide needed care for us at home, rather than us having to go to a nursing home. But that can be burdensome, and costly. There is help available from the Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders. For information, brochures, and applications, call the Alternative Care unit at the CT Department of Social Services at (800) 445-5394.

CHOICES PROGRAM

Need help with understanding Medicare and other health insurance options? CHOICES (Connecticut Health insurance assistance, Outreach, Information and referral, Counseling, and Eligibility Screening) is an information source for services available to people age 60 and over, and those with disabilities. CHOICES can also provide referrals to state agencies for particular service needs. You can contact a counselor at (800) 994-9422 for information about your Medicare and health insurance coverage.



READY TO WORK PROGRAM

Although the economy and employment numbers are improving, there's still more work to do to help people find a job -- including job skill training for people 55 and older. To qualify, you must be unemployed and have an annual family income that is not more than \$14,588/single, \$19,663/family of two, and \$24,738/family of three. Participants are placed in temporary training assignments to gain on-the-job work experience and will work 20 hours a week for minimum wage. For additional information about Ready to Work, please call Associates for Training and Development at (800) 439-3307.

ASSISTANCE FOR GUARDIANS & GRANDPARENTS

Under current law, the Kinship Fund and the Grandparents & Relatives Respite Fund are available to people appointed guardians by the Probate Court, not just by the Superior Court as under prior law. If you or someone you know is a relative who is an appointed guardian of a child and does not receive foster care payments or subsidized guardianship benefits from the Department of Children and Families, you may apply for grants. Applications are available at the clerk's office of the Danbury Probate Court, (203) 797-4521.

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