

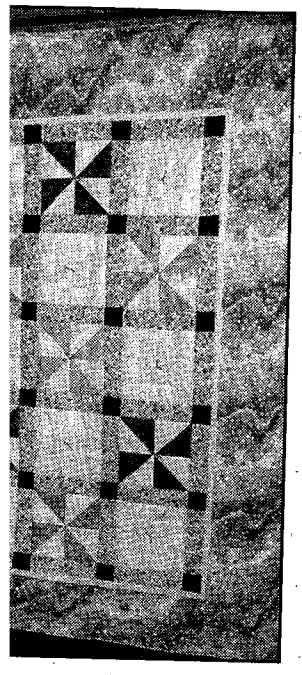
3439 leaves via bus from St. North Brookfield at 8 a.m., the Big at 8:15 a.m. and then onto the lot in Spencer. The bus departs

at 8 p.m. in Chapin Auditorium at Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley. Admission is free. Reservations are recommended and may be made by e-mailing mhcdance.reservations@gmail.com or calling 413-538-2848.

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RCAP offers rental assistance for families in transition

Despite the increasing amount of individuals who are seeking financial assistance, help is still available for those in need. Not for profit RCAP Solutions with offices in Gardner and Worcester is currently accepting applications for their R.A.F.T. (rental assistance for families in transition) program. The funds available can be used for the following: Security deposits for first and last months rent, rental arrearages to avoid eviction, mortgage arrearages to avoid foreclosure, furnishings for homeless families - limited to bedding, cribs, dinettes and refrigerators, car repair for employment related transportation up to \$1,500.

"Funds are still available for those who qualify," stated Pamela O'Neill Deputy Director of Client Resources. "People throughout the region are grappling with the effects of the diminished economy, now more

then ever we desperately would like to distribute the money to those that fulfill the program requirements."

Applications are accepted on a first come, first serve basis. The program is for families only, two or more persons living together, one of whom is a dependent child under the age of 21, disabled or a single expectant parent. Single individuals do not qualify. The applicants family must have experienced a one-time extraordinary event (loss of job, illness, etc.) that caused their financial hardship. Applicants must provide evidence that they can sustain their housing going forward.

For more information on this program offered by RCAP Solutions, people may call the R.A.F.T. Hotline at 800-630-6771 to request a pre-screening application or download via the Website at www.rcapsolutions.org.



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