



WIC Program
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Serving Washington and Hancock Counties



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Town of Steuben
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Dear Sir or Madam,

This year, WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) program celebrates fifty years of service to some of the most vulnerable members of our communities. Time flies when you are doing the good work for good people! Once again this year, I am reaching out to the towns we serve and asking for your continued support. At its core mission, WIC provides essential, nutritious foods for income-eligible women who are pregnant, have just given birth and may be breastfeeding and customized food packages for infants (including formula) and children up to the age of five years old.

In addition to the federal funded part of our program, WIC is proud to also support families through our Farmer's Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) and produce gleaning initiatives, free infant and toddler car seats and safety checks, free well water test kits, oral hygiene supplies, diapers, baby wipes, books and more! We have an extensive breastfeeding program that offers one-to-one peer counseling, prenatal and post-partum education, breastfeeding supplies and loaner breast pumps – all of which are critical to a family's ability to feed their babies. It may also surprise you to know that our WIC agency provides counseling and support (including medical formulas) for high risk infants and children, Comfort Cases for children entering into foster care.

Last year, 53 residents from the Town of Steuben participated in WIC, receiving \$38,796 in food benefits. This year, the Women, Infants, and Children Nutrition Program respectfully requests financial assistance in the amount of \$2,650, representing \$50 per resident served last year from the Town of Steuben. Federal funding will match up to \$2,000 of municipal contributions, amplifying your support and enabling WIC to serve even more young families in need.

We are proud to serve our communities throughout Hancock and Washington counties and understand the critical need to be accessible, especially in our more rural areas. In addition to our main offices in Ellsworth, Machias and Calais, we provide in-person access through our outreach clinics in Bucksport, Stonington, Milbridge, and Eastport. Your local community support is so important to our mission and we hope you will consider saying "yes". Without financial support from the towns we serve, we simply would not be able to provide as much as we do for our families. We are grateful for your consideration.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me.

With much gratitude,

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