

# SEA Helping Members!

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One of the many benefits of SEA Membership is enrolling in the Death Benefits and Emergency Fund program. We here at SEA hope you took advantage of the Open Enrollment period this past month and joined if you weren't already a member. This program is a mere \$10 per year per member. This program benefits SEA members in their time of need. Here are a few general examples of the help provided by this program. Names are omitted and situations are described very generally to protect the anonymity of our members.

This fund has helped a variety of members over the past few years. When a home owner's nightmare struck and a member was forced to move out of their home temporarily, the SEA was able to assist a member in their time of need. When a member tragically passed, SEA was able to get the \$3000.00 benefit check to the member's spouse the very next day! Another member unexpectedly lost a family member and needed assistance. The fund was there to assist that member in their time of need. Additionally, the fund has helped members on long term medical leave to pay a portion of their health insurance.

As the Thanksgiving holiday draws near, we are thankful that by uniting together through our fund, SEA members are able to help fellow members in their time of need.