AN INNOVATIVE STRATEGY ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS

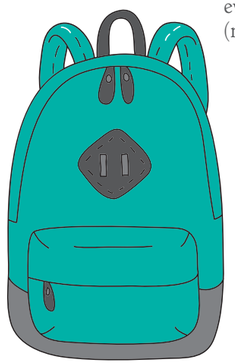
HOUSING FIRST

Housing First is based on the concept that a homeless person's first and primary need is to obtain stable housing and other issues that may affect the household can and should be addressed once housing is obtained. This innovation in treatment of the homeless is alternative to the system of shelter progression New Horizons has known as the Tier system. Rather than moving homeless individuals through different "levels" Housing First moves the homeless immediately from the streets or shelter into their own apartments with supportive services available and in close contact. These programs have been documented as successful in many cities across the United States.

In Manchester a pilot project was developed by New Horizons, The Way Home, The Mental Health Center of Greater Manchester and Alderman Pat Long. Recently two long-term homeless individuals, selected from 53 chronically homeless, were selected to participate. The two scored at a high risk for dying this winter. They were each moved into an apartment, rent free, for a year. Their rents are paid by Federal housing money channeled through the City of Manchester totaling $15,000. So far both are on track for a successful year!

ADULT BACKPACKS NEEDED

We are in dire need of adult backpacks! A backpack is the ***most important*** possession to a homeless person. Without a backpack he or she struggles carrying their possessions in plastic supermarket bags, which we all know break easily, or duffel bags which are inconvenient to carry for long periods of time. Some of our homeless clients have mobility issues due to foot injuries and pain and some even use crutches, which makes the backpack even more important. Any adult backpacks you can donate (new or gently used) would be greatly appreciated!



OUR WISH LIST:

1. Adult Backpacks
2. Hooded Sweatshirts (M/L/XL/XXL)
3. Bath Towels
4. Twin Sheets & Blankets
5. Ground Coffee
6. Dried Creamer
7. Laundry Detergent

SAVE the DATE

HULA HUSTLE

5K & 10K

IN MEMORY OF BILL KELLEY

July 19th

Hosted by Executive Health & Sports Center.
Register at millenniumrunning.com

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THANK YOU THANK YOU

Thank you Governor Maggie Hassan and the first family for helping to serve in our soup kitchen the week of Christmas. We appreciated your visit!

LEAVING YOUR LEGACY

A donation to New Horizons through your estate plan provides you with piece of mind that your legacy will continue. When creating your estate plan, please consider a gift to New Horizons. Thank you!

Milly's TAVERN

Peter and Christine Telge, owners of Milly's Tavern, hosted their annual Christmas party to benefit New Horizons - their event raised $10,400! As always, it was a great event filled with music and holiday cheer!

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MARCH 2015

WALK AGAINST HUNGER

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2015

Join the many people committed to ending hunger and homelessness in our community!

This year we have shortened the walk to a 5K which begins at noon. Registration and t-shirt pick-up will begin at 11am.

There are many ways to participate: Organize a walk team. Walk. Become a walk sponsor: $5,000, 1,000 and $500. Or make a donation.

Awards will be given to the walker or team who raises the most money to support New Horizons or Angie's. Walk award categories:

- **Angie's Team**
- **Business Team**
- **Family Team**
- **Individual**
- **School Team**
- **Walking Team (churches, groups, non-profits)**

Be sure to include your company match to double or even triple your contribution.

All donations can be counted only once toward the award category of your choice. Deadline to submit donations and pledges is May 17th at noon. Awards will be given out after the walk concludes.

To help kick off the walk - we are available to come to your school, work or organization to make a presentation introducing New Horizons and this worthwhile event.

Register or donate today at newhorizonsfornh.org or the day of the event! See you there!

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executive Director's Corner

AS the winter of 2015 continues to set records for snow amounts and freezing temperatures, I often think, where would the folks who look to New Horizons for New Hampshire for shelter and food go if we were not here? We have seen record numbers seeking shelter during the extreme cold and snow and for the first time in our history, we have worked with the City of Manchester and their Emergency Management team to set up an overflow shelter at the former Manchester Police Station.

Speaking of shelter, by the time you receive this newsletter our new indoor waiting area should be completed. This area, located inside of our food pantry, will allow clients for our pantry, soup kitchen and shelter to wait indoors. For far too long, New Horizons has been referred to as "the place where people wait outside in all kinds of weather". Thanks to the Singer Family of Merchants Automotive, Hannaford Supermarkets, The Agnes M. Lindsay Trust, The Anagnost Companies and A.W. Rose Construction we have been able to make this waiting area a reality.

Charlie Sherman, Executive Director

UPCOMING events

APRIL

Spring Into Style

April 16th 6PM-9PM - Manchester Country Club, Bedford

The Greater Manchester/Nashua Board of Realtors 3rd Annual Spring Into Style event will benefit our Angie's Shelter for Women. Join us for this uplifting Spring Extravaganza! Experience free expert consultations for fashion, fitness, skin, hair, makeup, jewelry and more. Tickets are $10 in advance and $15 at the door and can be purchased at www.gmnbr.org.

Dr. Harp Blues Revue Band

April 19th 4PM-8PM - Central Street Saloon

$10 donation at the door, non-perishable food donations welcome. All proceeds benefit New Horizons.

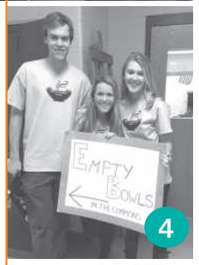
Color Me Rad 5K

April 26th 10AM - Veteran's Park, Manchester

JOIN US FOR THIS FUN RUN! Color Me Rad is coming to Manchester on April 26th and New Horizons will, once again, be the beneficiary of this fun run! Color Me Rad is a 5K event which is not competitive and not timed. Walkers and runners are both welcome. Every 0.62 of a mile there are "color stations" where volunteers throw colored cornstarch and squirt colored gel on the participants, turning them into colorful running works of art. Register at www.colormerad.com. Please use promo code: HORIZONS so we receive a portion of the registration fee.

OR JOIN US AS A VOLUNTEER!

We are seeking 100 volunteers to assist with the Color Me Rad 5K on April 26th. Volunteers are needed for packet pick-up, registration, course help, merchandise selling, color and water stations and clean up. We receive a donation from Color Me Rad for every volunteer. Please sign up at www.newhorizonsfornh.org.



THANK YOU TO THESE WONDERFUL DONORS!

1. Fifty teams delivered 1,000 Christmas food baskets to those in need.
2. Billy LaBerge, owner of Billy's Tavern, donated holiday presents to clients.
3. The Greater Manchester/Nashua Board of Realtors donated $2,913 from their annual Turkey Bowling fundraiser.
4. Bedford High School's Empty Bowls fundraiser raised $800.
5. The Morning Buzz Christmas Ball Buzz Ball raised $3,500.
6. The 2nd Annual NHSportspage.com Coaches for a Cause preseason basketball jamboree raised $3,300.
7. Community Bingo Center giving trees resulted in donated clothing and other needed items.
8. Labor Ready in Manchester donated $1,000.
9. Jewell Electric Instruments donated $1,000 from its fundraiser.
10. Manchester Area Retired Educators Association donated $2,000.
11. The Schubert and Anagnost Families sponsored Christmas Dinner for $2,500.
12. St. Lawrence Church in Goffstown donated $2,131.
13. Wicked Salon in Goffstown held a food drive.
14. Our Christmas serving teams were: Temple Adath Yeshurun, Temple Israel, Lubavitch of NH and Islamic Society of Greater Manchester.
15. Home Depot employees from NH and MA volunteered in our food pantry.
16. Our food pantry remodel project progresses.
17. Manchester High School Christmas Hockey Tournament donated $500.
18. Bedford Presbyterian Church donated $500 in honor of Brian Mikol and Richard Pease.
19. Ben and Jerry's donated yummy sundaes for our Super Bowl Party.
20. Charlie calling Bingo at the Community Bingo Center.
21. Sun Shui of Bedford celebrated Chinese New Year with us and donated a meal in the soup kitchen.
22. National Charity League's Bedford Chapter raised $3,000 to buy us a new kitchen stove.
23. Northwestern Mutual donated 47 pairs of high quality boots.
24. Jewett Construction volunteered in our food pantry.

THANK YOU!