VAN DRIVERS WANTED!

Do you have a few hours to spare in the morning? We need volunteers to drive our vans and pick up food donations at various locations in the greater Manchester area. We are looking for drivers who can make a regular commitment to drive once or twice weekly, biweekly, or monthly; for shifts that normally run from 8:00am – 12:00pm. Teams of two are welcome, or we can pair another volunteer with a single driver to assist with picking up the donations. Must have a valid driver's license and some lifting is required. Please contact the reception desk at New Horizons, by calling (603) 668-1877 or email receptionist@newhorizonsfornh.org, if you're interested!

NEW HORIZONS WELCOMES

NEW BOARD MEMBER

Sarah Jacobs

Director of Strategic Initiatives UNH Manchester

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

This letter is to let the people, that support the New Horizons' shelter, know that two months ago a single mom who was a victim of domestic violence, who had no-where to turn, came to the New Horizons shelter and has been here for 2 months. This shelter is a safe haven for people like me. I want to thank them with a true heart and to give them appreciation for everything they have done for me. Now I will soon have an apartment and I'm on my way to not only feeling like a person again but to be a stronger, independent mother and woman because of the guidance I received from the New Horizons staff. Thank you so very much to your supportive and caring staff.

- Anonymous client August 2015

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Many of these individuals have mental health or substance abuse issues, or both. I understand those whose initial reaction is: "Why would you provide these people with their own place; isn't that just throwing government funds away?" It is an understandable reaction, but the evidence shows it is unfounded.

It is quite costly to take care of the homeless. Shelters, emergency room visits, ambulance calls, police, the courts - none of that is cheap. In New Hampshire, the cost to house a homeless individual is close to $12,000. Politically speaking, no one wants to put a line item in their budget of several hundred thousand dollars, but a cost-benefit analysis shows that over time funding homes for the homeless produces a dramatic savings, in addition to moving many chronically homeless people off the streets and into a safer environment. The Housing First model includes supportive services and connections to community-based programs people need to keep their housing and avoid returning to homelessness. Participation in services is actively encouraged and service providers do what they can to help the person achieve goals related to housing stability. In communities that have made a commitment to Housing First, they have found high retention rates for participants and fewer chronically homeless on the streets.

New Horizons for New Hampshire began participating in Housing First on a small scale last year. We have received $15,000 through the City of Manchester's CIP funding and have successfully housed three chronically homeless people. The first client we placed has now moved on from the Housing First unit and into his own apartment where he pays his own rent. Although that might not sound like much, these are three individuals who are off the street and have a place to call their own. If they continue to take advantage of the support services that we offer and remain permanently housed, the city will have reduced the number of chronically homeless people and saved money while doing so. For the chronically homeless this program provides crucial access to the first rung on the housing ladder.

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UPCOMING events

TONS OF TURKEYS

Stop by one of six area Hannaford locations Saturday, November 21st from 9:00am-3:00pm for the annual Tons of Turkey event. New Horizons, 96.5 The Mill and Hannaford Supermarkets partner for this annual event at which Hannaford shoppers can purchase turkeys to donate to the New Horizons food pantry. This event is critical to our Thanksgiving basket program which gives out 1,200 baskets right before Thanksgiving to individuals and families in need. This year's participating Hannaford locations are John E. Devine Drive and Hanover Street in Manchester, Bicentennial Plaza in Hooksett, Mast Road in Goffstown and Colby Court and Jenkins Road in Bedford.

AUTOFAIR THANKS FOR GIVING

AutoFair Makes It Happen!

Throughout November, AutoFair's five New Hampshire-based dealers - AutoFair Honda, Ford, Hyundai, Volkswagen and Nissan will donate a portion of the proceeds from every vehicle sold to New Horizons. Last year this event raised a record $13,400 which provided over 3,500 meals to individuals in need. Thank you Andy Crews, President and CEO, of AutoFair for selecting New Horizons for the third year as the beneficiary of AutoFair's Annual Thanks for Giving event!

CHARILE'S OP ED FROM NH UNION LEADER

In Manchester, finding permanent housing for the homeless has been a persistent problem. The median rent in the city has risen 8.6 percent in the last decade to reach $1,054 a month. Even when charitable organizations help the homeless obtain basic skills, getting and keeping an apartment is a financial struggle. But at New Horizons, we have found a program - from the Federal Government, believe it or not - that has worked. When I heard the Federal Government had a possible solution in the fight to end homelessness, I was skeptical. However, after studying the new program, called "Housing First," I came to the realization that maybe it was worth a try. Housing First is for the chronically homeless.

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executive Director's Corner

Earlier this month, I was on the phone with a longtime donor to New Horizons. During our conversation he told me that he had been making donations four times a year in the envelope that was mailed along with our quarterly newsletter. He said he enjoyed reading the newsletter and keeping up with some of the projects we were doing and some of the programs and services that we offered to our clients. I asked him when the last time was that he had visited New Horizons and he informed me that over the years he had volunteered in the soup kitchen but hadn't been here in many years. I then invited him to come in for a tour so I could show him first hand the services we provide to those in need as well as some of the improvements we have made over the past few years. We set up a date for his visit and we had a wonderful meeting. He had no idea that we provided supportive services to clients who stay in our shelter, he wasn't aware of the Healthcare for the Homeless program in our lower level, he loved seeing our greenhouse and our new indoor waiting area.

My point in telling this story is many of you are generous to donate to support our mission to provide food, shelter and supportive services, but I feel it is important that you see how your dollars are spent.

Please, if you have a half-hour or an hour to spend, let me show you where your dollars go and how we use those funds do assist those in need, right here in our community.

As we approach the upcoming holiday season, I want to **Thank you** for your support of New Horizons for New Hampshire. For many in our community New Horizons is where they will spend their holidays, and thanks to you, we are able to provide them with a hot meal and a warm place to sleep.

Charlie Sherman, Executive Director

UPCOMING events

GMNBR Greater Manchester/Nashua Board Of Realtors

5th Annual GMNBR Turkey Bowl

The Greater Manchester Nashua Board of Realtors will be holding its 5th Annual GMNBR Turkey Bowl on November 14th at the Merrimack Ten Pin from 3:00pm-6:00pm. Please consider gathering team of 4-6 people and spend a fun few hours with us! The cost is $25 per person which includes shoe rental, pizza, soda and three hours of bowling. Registration information can be found on our website.

22nd Annual Thanksgiving Breakfast

Our largest annual fundraising event is our inspirational breakfast which kicks off the holiday season each year. This year's date is Tuesday, November 24th and will be held at the Radisson Center of New Hampshire from 7:15am to 9:00am. It's always a great morning featuring guest speakers who offer their perspective on the role of New Horizons and the importance of giving back, a raffle, a silent auction and other ways to support New Horizons. Our guest speakers this year are Arthur Sullivan of Brady Sullivan, a member of the clergy and an alumnus of Angie's Shelter for Women. Ticket information can be found on our website.

LEAVING YOUR LEGACY

When creating your estate plan, please consider a gift to New Horizons. Thank you!

A donation to New Horizons through your estate provides you with peace of mind that your legacy will continue.

THANK YOU

EMPTY BOWLS

Thank you to everyone who participated in our annual Empty Bowls soup fundraiser! We sold over 400 bowls, raised $8,000 and guests enjoyed lots of mouthwatering soup! Special thanks to the New Hampshire Potters Guild for their year-long effort to make beautiful bowls, to contributors UNH, NHIA and Studio 550 students, to the Brookside Congregational Church for hosting, to the SNHU Women's Lacrosse team for volunteering, to Brad Wright for musical entertainment and 16 local restaurants for donating delicious soup!

RELIGIOUS RESPONSE TO HUNGER

Thank you Temple Adath Yeshurun for organizing its annual Religious Response to Hunger! This year's food drive was extremely successful bringing in 500 bags of food to our food pantry (that's 2,500 lbs!). A special thanks to Judith Jolton who organized it this year and all the many donors!

Participating religious organizations: Temple Adath Yeshurun, Brookside Congregational Church, First Presbyterian Church of Manchester, Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Longmeadow Congregational Church, First Congregational Church and St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

Participating businesses who hosted a food drive: E & R Cleaners, McLane, Brady Sullivan, Temple Israel, Interim Health Care, Keller Williams Bedford, Silvertech, CCA Global Partners, Bigelow & Company, Prestige Auto and Nixon Peabody.

HULA HUSTLE

HULA HUSTLE 5K & 10K ROAD RACE IN MEMORY OF BILL KELLEY

Thank you to the Executive Health and Sports Center for organizing and hosting the annual Hula Hustle 5K & 10K Road Race in Memory of Bill Kelley! Thanks to all the sponsors, runners and volunteers who make this a great event and fundraiser! This year's race raised $20,000 for New Horizons...the largest amount in its 11 year history!

Thank You to These Generous Supporters!

1. NH Carpenter's Local 118 built a storage shed.
2. Anthem Day of Service
3. Girl Scout Troop 10417 donated their famous cookies.
4. Arby's at Mall of NH did a "kitchen takeover" and provided roast beef meals for a soup kitchen dinner.
5. Bernstein Shur came in for a day of service and painted our remodeled food pantry.
6. Chris Bean, owner of CLD Engineering, donated $2,000 from their annual golf tournament.
7. FedEx volunteers helped in our soup kitchen.
8. Girl Scout Sara Watkins, of Troop 22726 in Kingston, built a bookcase and collected books for our shelter TV room.
9. Glendi donated tons of delicious Greek food from their September festival.
10. Andy Dionne from Grainger donated $10,000 to us!
11. Bonnie Frisard donated dog and cat food for our clients' four-legged friends.

Citizens Bank is one of our longest-standing serving teams in the soup kitchen…Thank you!!

12. Merchant's Automotive We Care Wednesdays donated $1,320.
13. Turkish Cultural Center donated 40 cases of meat and helped in the food pantry.
14. New Hampshire Healthy Families donated $1,500 and held a food drive.
15. My Brother's Keeper quilting group honored Lisa Fortin, a wonderful member of their group, who passed away this year. They have donated 1,000+ sleeping bags to New Horizons over the years!
16. Trinity High School's annual Cardboard City in October raised $4,000!
17. Citizens Bank volunteers helped in our soup kitchen.

CHRISTMAS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Come help us deliver Christmas food baskets to Manchester residents in need. Fifty teams of two are needed on Saturday, December 19th for two-hour blocks of time from 8am -1pm.

Volunteering around the holidays is great way to get out and give back!

SIGN UP AT OUR WEBSITE TODAY!