FROM THE SHELTER

Did you know…

The New Horizons Service Access System, commonly called the "Tier system," began ten years ago with 3 tiers of services that can be accessed. We see this system is bearing positive results in that half of those needing longer term shelter have shown true effort at working toward self-sufficiency. All guests enter the shelter at Tier 1. We encourage guests to avail themselves of this system, even listing this rule upon intake: "All guests are required to meet with their case manager within three business days of being at NHNH." The case managers introduce the system to the client and these individuals develop and follow a goal plan with the end result being an exit from the shelter and into their own sustained living situation. Homelessness should always be a transitory situation and not everyone who comes to NHNH even stays three days. The depth of engagement varies case-by-case depending on individual needs and efforts, but tracking over the past 5 years of all guests staying more than 3 days shows that 50% have progressed beyond Tier One.

FROM THE FOOD PANTRY

Happy summer!

Sadly for many of our food pantry clients it is not. Most of our families receive reduced rate or free school breakfasts and lunches. We hear from many families how tough it is to keep enough food on their plates during summer vacation. Many of these young families will also use our bread line to pick up produce and baked goods to help with the breakfast and lunch meals while school is closed. Last year we saw an increase of 10% in children utilizing the food pantry with their families. We are able to accommodate the extra numbers by purchasing more food. Please consider donating one or more food items for the pantry this summer to help us continue our mission during these tough summer months.

SEEKING MATCHING GIFTS FOR PANTRY PROJECT

New Horizons has been invited to apply for a Challenge Grant from the Agnes M. Lindsay Trust in the amount of $10,000 for reconfiguration of the loading dock as part of an overall food pantry remodeling project. This project will include an overall reconfiguring of the interior of the pantry including loading dock and a new indoor waiting area for clients. Please consider sending in a matching gift.

NEW HORIZONS

Welcomes New Board Members

David H. Cassidy, Jr.,
Executive Vice President,
Director of Lending & Credit,
Centrix Bank

Sandra S. Pappajohn
CPA, Manager, BerryDunn

Ty DeMato
Attorney, Mullen &
McGourty, PC

Kristi Scarpone
Corporate and Foundation
Relations, *FIRST* Robotics

Nicole Mattia
Assistant Director of Service
Education, St. Anselm College

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On April 17th, the Greater Manchester/Nashua Board of Realtors hosted the 2nd Annual Spring into Style women's expo to benefit Angie's Shelter for Women which raised $4,644! The event, held at the Manchester's Country Club, featured free consultations on fashion, fitness, skin, hair, makeup, jewelry and more.

Thank you to Color Me Rad for partnering with us for your first NH event and a huge thank you to the 130 volunteers who made the event possible – because of you we received $10,813 from Color Me Rad. The colorful run was very successful and 3,500 participants were doused in a rainbow of colors. Next year's event is scheduled for April 26th.

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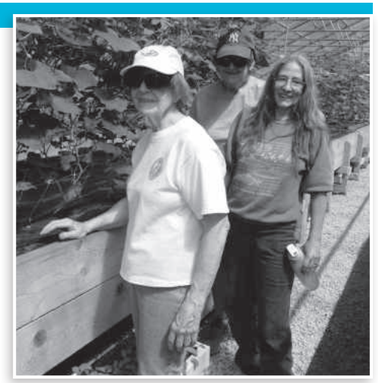
BLOOMING NEWS FROM OUR GREENHOUSE

Our greenhouse is fully operational.



Greenhouse volunteer leaders Kate, Helen and Gail

The last greens of winter were harvested in mid-April. When new soil arrived, the greenhouse once again became a hub of activity. Volunteers turned all the growing beds to the north-south direction and filled them with the fresh soil. After the tomato, pepper, zucchini, scallion and onion seeds were sown in trays; they were placed in the incubator tank to sprout. Once they reached the seedling stage, they were transplanted into individual pots to continue growing until planting day, May 30.

At the end of May, 55 fourth grade students and their teachers from the Wilson School arrived on foot, ready to plant not only the cabbage and broccoli plants they had started from seeds in their classrooms, but also to help the adult volunteers put 56 zucchini and 48 tomato plants into the growing beds. They knew that their work that day would contribute to feeding hungry people.

The cucumbers had been planted mid-May and were already showing signs that they were serious about producing food for the soup kitchen. On June 17, the first cucumbers found their way to the kitchen and were received with welcoming hands.

The task of expanding growing areas both inside and outside the greenhouse is the next challenge. Donations to purchase lumber and additional soil will be most appreciated. We already have a host of dedicated volunteers ready to do the work.

Follow greenhouse activity on Facebook at Greenhouse@New Horizons NH

Students from Wilson Street School (top)
Our first tomato plants (right)

executive Director's Corner

AS you peruse this New Horizons for New Hampshire newsletter, you will see stories and photos about donations we have received, fundraising events that have raised all important dollars to fund our mission and pictures of volunteers who give of themselves day after day to help those in need in our community.

In order for us to do what we do, we rely of the goodness of volunteers. Some are here a few hours a month, some help out weekly and others are here five days a week. Last year we recorded over 30,000 hours of volunteer time. There is no other organization in the entire State of New Hampshire that comes close to that number.

Our volunteers log time assisting in our food pantry, they help to prepare meals, they serve dinner in our soup kitchen and as of last October, they volunteer in our New Horizons greenhouse.

Let me offer one example of how strong our army of volunteers is. Recently, we partnered with an organization called Color Me Rad to put on a fun 5K color run. In order to partner with them, we were required to provide 130 volunteers the day of the event. Our volunteer coordinator put out the call and not only did we provide the 130 but there were others who showed up to help.

We are always looking for volunteers to assist with events and day to day tasks. If you would like to get involved, please contact volunteer coordinator Mary Silva at 668-1877 ex. 122 or email her at mary.silva@newhorizonsfornh.org.

Thank you,

Charlie Sherman, Executive Director

SAVE THE DATE

September 18th
Fight to Educate Verizon Wireless Arena

October 5th
Empty Bowls 11:30 AM-2:00 PM
Brookside Congregational Church

October 6th
Religious Response to Hunger

November 25th
Thanksgiving Breakfast
7:15 AM-9:00 AM Radisson Center of New Hampshire

COMMUNITY BINGO

New Horizons is excited to announce our latest fundraising event. We now sponsor bingo every Wednesday night at the Community Bingo Center in Manchester at 1050 Holt Ave. There are exciting games, great pay-outs, and special promotions for our players. Join the friendly staff for a chance to win some money and have a fun evening out, while at the same time, supporting New Horizons. Doors open at 3:30 PM with the games starting at 6:45 PM.

Join our bingo e-mail list by visiting us a www.communitybingo.org to sign up for our VIP e-mails and be the first to know about all our specials. Also, visit the Community Bingo Center on Facebook to see our current list of bonuses and prizes.

As a thank you, if you bring in this newsletter during the month of July, you will receive $5 off any package purchased.

LET'S PLAY BINGO"

Community Bingo Center

UPCOMING events

Hula Hustle 5K & 10K in Memory of Bill Kelley

July 20th at 10 AM at the Executive Health & Sports Center

The Hula Hustle is a Hawaiian themed 5K & 10K road race with post-race Luau at Sizzle restaurant's poolside tiki bar! The first 500 registrants receive a Hula Hustle Tech Shirt and a grass skirt. For more information and registration visit www.millenniumrunning.com

Granite State Brewers SummerFest

July 26th 1-5 PM with VIP admission starting at Noon, Arms Park

A brewers festival and chicken wing competition organized by the Granite State Brewers Association and Intown Manchester to benefit Granite State Brewers Association, Brew NH and New Horizons. For more information and tickets visit www.granitestatebrewers association.org

Southwest Airlines MHT Fall Golf Classic

September 5th at Stonebridge Country Club

Join us for the 2nd Annual Southwest Airlines MHT Fall Golf Classic to benefit New Horizons. The Golf Classic will take place on Monday, September 5th. Four player scramble best ball. Shotgun start at 8:30 AM. For more information and registration visit www.newhorioznsfornh.org

WALK AGAINST HUNGER

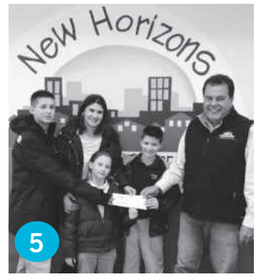
Another year, another walk!

This year's 24th Annual Walk Against Hunger, presented by Cogswell Benevolent Trust, was very successful in raising funds to help us help others in our community. A huge thank you goes out to the walkers, the many sponsors and to DJ Dave and Vive La Dance & Fitness for entertaining the crowd. It was a gorgeous day and over 725 walkers, including 34 teams, joined us!

2014 AWARDS

Given to the Highest Amount Raised In Each Category

Business Team: Bonneville & Son
Family Team: Team Ruth
School Team: Goffstown High School
Walking Team: St. Pius X Church
Angie's Team: Northstar Auto Service
Individual: Barry Wolper



1. The Derryfield School collected and donated winter coats.
2. Sandra Patient donated 200 new blankets in February.
3. A beachy time was had at the New Hampshire Business Review's BOB (Best of Business) Awards.
4. Macy's supports New Horizons with its Bag Hunger campaign.
5. Nuthin' But Good Times donated $950 from their Giving Tree.
6. Retiring Board Members Chris Grenier (President) and Jason Gregoire (Secretary) were presented with a resolution from the City by Mayor Gatsas.
7. Sanford Temperature Control donated $500 as voted on by their clients.
8. Skating Club of Southern NH donated $1,100 from their Great Skate Skate-a-Thon.
9. Alderman Jim Roy and Fire Captain Joe Butts prepare our St. Paddy's Day dinner.
10. First Annual Cigar Night was a great success!

MANCHESTER MIDDLE SCHOOLS WALK

A few days after our walk 3,000 Manchester Middle School students showed their support in their annual Manchester Middle Schools Walk Against Hunger. This is a great way to help students understand the value of helping others. Congratulations to McLaughlin Middle School for celebrating its 10th year walking against hunger raising an amazing ten-year total of $106,172!!