



# SHELTERGRAM

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# Seasons Greetings

## OUR GUESTS IN 2019

In 2019 Shelter started out with five full apartments and ended with six.

**APARTMENT ONE - SUCCESS STORY TO BEAT ALL SUCCESS STORIES!!!** Family of five - mom, dad, and three children - followed our program rules, saved more than 30% of their income, built up their credit, worked hard every day and did their due diligence – and were able to move out of our apartment and PURCHASE THEIR OWN HOME. They are now landlords and are hoping to one day rent to Shelter, bringing their journey full circle.

Shortly after this family left our landlord decided to sell the building. Shelter gave up that apartment and were lucky to find another to rent within 3 weeks.

We moved a single gentleman into this apartment. He was disabled and just couldn't make ends meet. His father had passed away and he was hoping to receive some income from the estate once it was settled. He saved 30% of his income each and every week, filled out housing applications, and left our program in October.

Next was a single young lady. She had just returned from Europe, doing charitable work there for a few years. Once back in the states she moved in

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## "HELP US MEET THE CHALLENGE" \$7,000 Anonymous Matching Grant

SFTS has been challenged to raise \$7000 by the end of December 2019!  
An anonymous donor will match the donations!

Please donate today and have your generosity matched dollar for dollar. Thank you!!!



**"The Mission of Shelter From The Storm is to provide transitional housing and support programs for the homeless."**



## SFTS ANNUAL MEETING January 16, 2020

236 Main Street - 6:30 pm

This meeting is for the Board, Committee Members and Friends of Shelter and is open to the public.

Board Members and Officers will be introduced.

Please join us and bring a friend!

There will be light refreshments.

### Our Guests in 2019 *continued from page 1*

with her parents, but due to many issues she was not able to remain with them. She had a job that did not pay her enough for her to maintain an apartment of her own, and just needed a helping hand. She has already procured a full-time, much better paying job, and is establishing a budget for herself so that she will be able to afford a place of her own after her stay in our program.

**APARTMENT 2:** In December of 2018 we took a family of five: dad, mom and three children. Dad was working full-time at a job he did not enjoy and mom was awaiting surgery. Parents had been living in their van with children sleeping on the floor of a friend's apartment. Mom was not able to have the surgery she needed because she did not have a permanent address. They saved 30% of their income, found support services to help them, and mom had her surgery. Dad was able to find a job that he loved. They found an apartment in Jaffrey that they could afford, and moved out of our program a month early!



About 2 weeks later a mom and her three children joined our program. Mom and children were living with an aunt and asked to leave because she would not co-sign a lease that she knew she could not afford. Mom is working full-time, saving 30% of her income weekly, applying for support programs that she so desperately needed, and has studied with our Hi-Set (GED) Coach. She plans to take her Hi-Set exam in January and, if passed, will see an increase in her salary. We were also able to help mom get her children into a before and after school program. She is working on her budget and trying to get her credit score back up so that at the end of her stay with us she will be able to find a place of her own.

**APARTMENT 3:** At the end of December 2018, a mom and her toddler joined our program. Mom had been living with her boyfriend, and boyfriend decided the relationship wasn't working and kicked them out. Mom had been on her own since the age of 16. Mom had two part-time jobs, and scheduling was difficult. Her mother would babysit when needed. She stayed with us for three months. In that time she faced many issues. Due to extenuating circumstances our guest felt she needed to move on with her daughter. Recently she made contact with our office and is doing well, moving forward with her life.

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### A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR 2019 GRANTORS

- NH Charitable Foundation • TD Bank Charitable Foundation • People's Bank •
- Susan A. and Donald P. Babson Foundation • Agnes M. Lyndsay Foundation • C&S Grocers •
- Anonymous Grant • Eversource • Oleonda Jameson Trust • Walmart • KMS Foundtaion •

## SFTS ANTIQUE ROADSHOW & RAFFLE 2019

Our Annual "Antique Roadshow" and Raffle held at the Woodbound Inn was once again an overwhelming success. We were entertained by "Hot Mess" (Lisa & Monica), served wine by Chuck Saunders, exceptional food donated by Woodbound Inn, and appraisals by Sam and Jason Hackler and David Searles from the NH Antique Co-Op in Milford, NH. Thank you to all who joined us! Save OCTOBER 2nd for our Tenth Roadshow at Woodbound!!!



Special Raffles included a "Year of Wine" and Patriots tickets! \$2019 dollars in money raffle prizes (\$1019, \$500, and 2 - \$250) along with over 30 other raffle prizes were also given away. 118 Silent Auction baskets, local artwork, dining cards, and golf packages rounded out the night! Thank you to our local merchants and Friends of Shelter for your raffle and silent auction donations. As always special thanks to Rudy and Woodbound Inn for EVERYTHING they do for Shelter.

*Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love. -- Hamilton Wright Mabie*

### Our Guests in 2019 *continued from page 2*

In late April another mom moved in with her 2 year old and almost 1 year old. She was not working, did not have a driver's license, and had not signed up for any support programs. Throughout her stay with us we had and still have many challenges. Day by day we are earning her trust, getting her the support programs she needs. She has applied and is getting help through the Department of Health and Human Services, and we are hoping by the end of the year that she will be able to get into a two year transitional program in New Hampshire if she has not found an apartment of her own.

**APARTMENT FOUR:** In January a mom, dad and two month old moved in to one of our smaller apartments. They had been couch surfing and asked to leave as soon as possible. Mom was working night shift in Milford and both were searching for work closer to or in Jaffrey. Mom did not have her license so dad had to drive and pick her up each day with two month old in car. While with us dad got a job in Peterborough that would not allow mom to keep her job in Milford, so she chose to stay home with the baby. They were instructed to fill out all housing applications and get their credit report online.



Excuses were made as to why they weren't getting program requirements done. After 3 months or so their car broke down and we were able to find them another vehicle which they greatly appreciated. Due to anger issues dad was fired from his job in early April. We urged him to get counseling, but he adamantly refused. Mom immediately got a part-time job in Jaffrey with hopes of it becoming full time. Dad was told he needed to work, but again there were many excuses. By the end of May the family was given a list of things that needed to be accomplished in a

certain timeframe. List included filling out all housing applications, filling out job search for at least five jobs, and finding out their credit score. Our case worker had an appointment to see them the first week of June to go over their list. When he arrived they were packing up their car and had removed all their belongings from our apartment. He was told they had plans to go north.

On July 3rd Shelter received an emergency call from a family of five. They were sleeping in their car and had nowhere to go. Linda made some calls and was able to get them into one of Shelter's apartments that evening. Dad was working part time/full time at a job he had for a few years - a very hard worker. Being on call for his wife, who was on disability and a child who was disabled, was difficult. They only had one car and wife, due to her disability, was not always able to drive, so dad was required to pick up and take to all appointments. Boss was understanding, but pay was not enough to maintain a family of five.

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# 2019 Antique Roadshow & Raffle





An easy way to raise money for SHELTER FROM THE STORM at no cost to you!

## TD Bank-SFTS Affinity Program

**Do you have an individual or business account at TD Bank?**

If you do, please tell TD Bank you want to join SHELTER FROM THE STORM'S Affinity Program.

*Raising funds for SHELTER FROM THE STORM does not get any easier than this!*

**By joining the Affinity Program, Shelter From The Storm will receive an annual contribution from TD Bank simply because you bank there!**

**Joining TD Bank's Affinity Program for SFTS is easy!**

1. **Call or stop into any TD Bank office** (toll-free customer service number: 888-751-9000) or 532-1400 (JAFFREY TD BANK)
2. **Tell a bank representative** that you want to join the Affinity Program for SHELTER FROM THE STORM
3. **Give them your name and account numbers.** (TD Bank will keep all of your information strictly confidential.)



**If you do not currently bank at TD Bank:** Any bank associate can help you open an account and join the Affinity Program. Any TD Bank customer can join the Affinity Program benefitting SFTS, so **ask your friends, relatives, and business partners** with TD Bank accounts to call 888-751-9000 or 603-532-1400 and join too.

**There is absolutely no cost to you.**

**How does the TD Bank Affinity Program work?**

TD Bank will make an annual contribution to SFTS if accounts are linked to the SFTS Affinity Program. The amount of TD Bank's contribution is based on the average annual balance in the account of the customers who join the Affinity Program. Joining the program does NOT alter the terms or condition of your TD Bank accounts, and none of your funds or personal information will be given to SFTS.

If you have any questions, please call Shelter From The Storm at 603-532-8222.



### GIFTING THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE



Please consider your next gift for an upcoming birthday, anniversary, holiday, or special occasion to be a Gift Card from Shelter From The Storm. By donating in honor of someone else, or in memory of someone else, you will help to provide a home to those in need.

Gift Cards are sent to the people on your list stating a gift has been made in their name. You are identified as the donor. Your donation amount is not identified. Shelter From The Storm will send the cards directly to the people on your gift list. If you prefer, gift cards may be sent directly to you for personalization.

To purchase gift cards, please contact Shelter From The Storm at 532-8222 or mail in your donation with your request.





**Mother's  
Group  
2019  
East Hill  
Farm**



# wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday!!

## OUR GUESTS IN 2019 cont'd. from page 3

One of our "angels" heard about this family and donated monies for them to get a second car. Since they moved in the dad has gotten a much higher paying job; saved 30% of their income including disability; have support services they need; have an appointment for their child to have a professional diagnosis for her disability; and sisters were able to go to camp this summer. Children have also maintained a relationship with one of our volunteers who takes them to church activities on Sunday and throughout the week. At the end of their stay with us the family will be able to move into an apartment of their own.



**APARTMENT 5:** We have a mom with three children who was a victim of domestic violence. Mom was working full-time nights but found it was too much for her to do. She chose to work part-time days in health-care until a full-time position was available. While with us she saved 30% of her income, applied to support programs and sent in all her housing applications. Shortly before her stay with us was coming to an end she was able to get into subsidized housing and is presently still there. They are doing very well

In June a dad and his two boys moved into this apartment. Dad had custody while mom was in a detox program. Family was living with dad's family, but it became very stressful and they were asked to leave. Mom has recently received 50/50 custody of the children and are now co-parenting, trying to support one another. They are not a couple. Dad works full time and is saving 30% of his income, has filled out housing applications, and is hoping to get a subsidized apartment in the area convenient to his work. Dad is also considering going back to college and getting a degree. We are encouraging him to try.

**APARTMENT 6:** On November 1 we rented a sixth apartment. Pregnant mom and 2 year old little girl joined our program. Mom is due the end of November. Dad has drug issues. Mom tried to keep the family together, but recently it became clear to her that it was not going to work. Dad moved out and went into detox program. Mom had a full time job as a CNA but had to leave because she could not do heavy lifting until after the birth. She was working per diem and was told after she had the baby that she would be welcomed back. Mom will go back to work after the baby is born. She works 40 hours throughout the weekend. Mom is able to care for children during the week and grandma will watch both children on weekends. Mom has already filled out housing apps and applied for all support programs.

Presently the office gets at least one call a day and/or an email from families or singles in need. Shelter has a waiting list for the first time in many years. Sadly, the need continues to grow.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>PMC MEETING</b>	December 6 - 2:30 pm
<b>BOARD MEETING</b>	December 13 - 3 pm
<b>HANUKKAH</b>	December 22-30th
<b>CHRISTMAS</b>	Tuesday, Dec. 25
<b>FREE COMMUNITY SUPPER</b>	Thurs. Dec. 27 5:30-6:30 UCC Church - Main Street
<b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b>	Tuesday, January 1
<b>PMC MTG.</b>	January 8 - 2:30 pm
<b>ANNUAL MEETING</b>	January 16 - 6:30 pm
<b>BOARD MTG.</b>	TBA
<b>VALENTINE'S DAY</b>	February 14
<b>PMC MTG.</b>	February 12 - 2:30 pm
<b>MOTHER'S PROGRAM</b>	Friday Mornings 9:30-11:30 - United Church of Jaffrey
<b>FREE COMMUNITY SUPPER</b>	4th Thursday of the month - 5:30 - UCC Church - Main St. 5:30-6:30 - UCC Church - Main Street
<b>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS</b>	March 8

## Thank you for your continued support!

