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OUR GUESTS

Success! Since our last newsletter in December we have had many success stories! One of our single moms, with the help of our Life Coach, was able to find and afford a great two bedroom apartment for herself and her daughter close to her work; another mother of two was approved for subsidized housing and recently moved with Shelter providing them with furniture and basic necessities needed; and another mother and son will be moving out soon, finding a two bedroom apartment that fits their budget!



Our apartments continue to be full with our guests learning how to budget, save "for a rainy day", increase their credit rating, find support programs, fill out housing applications and maintain their vehicle so they will have dependable transportation to and from their jobs.



This is ETHAN!

Ethan's dad reached out to Shelter last winter. Ethan was very concerned about the homeless and how he could help, especially with the frigid cold weather. "I wanted to help the homeless because when there is a bad storm they don't get hurt and when it is really cold they aren't freezing." Ethan wanted to make a difference. He did.

This is a photo of Ethan and Charlotte Hutchinson in January 2018 delivering a winter jacket and three sets of boots for one of our families.

Ethan wanted to make a difference. He did.

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

SFTS is truly thankful for the kindness and generosity of others . . .



A GIFT from BELLOWS NICHOLS

SFTS received a \$1,000 gift from Bellows Nichols Agency and Cooperative Insurance Companies. "We think Shelter From The Storm does great work in our community," said Laura Akerly of Bellows Nichols Agency. "We are very proud to support this organization."



CAMBRIDGE TRUST CO. of NH

Susan Martore Baker of Cambridge Trust presents a check for \$2500 to Linda Harris, E.D. of SFTS to use to support Shelter's mission.



FPU SCA's MAKE BLANKETS

Senior Community Assistants from Franklin Pierce University made felt blankets for their community service project. The Experience Directors chose the project and the SCA's worked on the blankets together to set an example for the rest of the staff. Materials were purchased through the Residential Life Budget. SCA's chose the patterns for each blanket. Many hours were spent making the blankets.

Blankets were presented to Shelter From The Storm and will be given to their guests when they enter the SFTS program.

*FPU SCA'S Back: Rachel Sayward, Jeremy Blydenburgh, Katherine Potts;
Front: Amanda Holland and Tori Williams*



MFS ADULT CARE in JAFFREY

Chris Selmer and Richard Marino of Monadnock Family Service Adult Care Center in Jaffrey presented a contribution to Linda Harris, E.D. of Shelter From The Storm.





GIRL SCOUTS DONATE

These donations are from Jaffrey Junior Girl Scout Troop 10550 (14 girls in grades 4-5).

The girls raise money for their troop every year through the Girl Scout cookie sale. Proceeds help pay for badges, activity supplies, field trips, and community service projects. After learning that Shelter From the Storm had a need for paper products and cleaning supplies, the girls decided to put together donation boxes filled with these supplies.

The girls repeat the Girl Scout Promise and Law at every meeting. The Girl Scout Law goes as follows:

I will do my best to be..

- honest and fair
- friendly and helpful
- considerate and caring
- courageous and strong
- and responsible for what I say and do



And to

- respect myself and others
- respect authority
- use resources wisely
- make the world a better place, and be a sister to every Girl Scout.



Helping the community is one way that the girls live the Girl Scout Law.

THE HOLIDAYS & BEYOND



Thanks to the following for going over and above: Interact Group at Conant; C&S Wholesale Grocers in Keene; Lab 'n Lager; Summerhill Assisted Living in Peterborough; Fitzwilliam Inn; Christ Lutheran Church in Troy; Martha & Bill Raymond; Black Swan; Peterborough United Methodist Church; Ann Hogan; and to many others too numerous to mention. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY!!!**

MONADNOCK QUILTERS & PROJECT LINUS

These wonderful groups supply new blankets, afghans and quilts for all of our guests! We cannot thank you enough!!!

We like to call them "Welcome" gifts. Parents receive quilts and children receive a fuzzy blanket to make their initial stay with us warm and cozy.



Your kindness is appreciated.

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS of AMERICA

is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported one-to-one relationships that change their lives for the better, forever.

For more than 100 years, Big Brothers Big Sisters has operated under the belief that inherent in every child is the ability to succeed and thrive in life. As the nation's largest donor- and volunteer-supported mentoring network, Big Brothers Big Sisters makes meaningful, monitored matches between adult volunteers ("Bigs") and children ("Littles"), ages 6 through 18, in communities across the country. They develop positive relationships that have a direct and lasting effect on the lives of young people.



By partnering with parents/guardians, volunteers, and others in the community they are accountable for each child in their program achieving: Higher aspirations; greater confidence; better relationships; avoiding risky behaviors; and having educational success.

They are especially in need of male mentors in our area. If you would like more information call: 603-352-9536

MOTHER'S GROUP - We continue to partner with the River Center of Peterborough and the United Church of Jaffrey to sponsor our Mothers'/Parenting Group. Hours are 9:30-11:30 every Friday at the United Church when school is in session and all are welcome. Guests go on field trips, learn about nutrition, and learn from each other. Childcare is provided. For more info call 532-8222.



A NOTE FROM A GUEST . . .

The shelter from the storm completely exceeded my expectations. You have all treated me and my children with dignity and that has truly touched my heart in a time in my life i was so ashamed of my situation. I will forever be grateful. I have learned great money management skills and now have a keen interest in human services. You have inspired me and restored my faith in people.

Thank you. God bless you all.



DONATION from NATURE'S GREEN GROCER

Joel, owner of Nature's Green Grocer Market and Cafe, presents a check to Shelter From The Storm from their "Green Giving" for \$852.39. From left to right: Marco, Peter, Joel, Linda and Keith. Nature's Green Grocer is the largest full service natural food grocery store in the Monadnock Region

UPCOMING EVENTS

BOARD MTG. May 4 - 8:30 am-Office
MOTHER'S DAY May 13th
PMC MEETING Wed, May 15 - 10:30 am
MEMORIAL DAY Monday, May 30th
BOARD MTG. June 3 - 5:30 am-T.O.M.
TASTE OF MONADNOCK & BEYOND
 June 3 - 5:00-8:30 PM - Woodbound Inn
PMC MTG. June 13 - 8:30 am-Office
FATHER'S DAY June 17th
TOWN YARD SALE June 23-24th
FREE COMMUNITY SUPPER - 3rd Thurs/month
 5:30-6:30pm-United Church of Jaffrey
MOTHER'S PROGRAM Friday Mornings
 9:30-11:30am - United Church of Jaffrey
 (when school is in session)

WISH LIST

- Car - Reliable
- Gift Cards for Gas, Market Basket, Walmart, paper products; toiletries; cleaning products



YARD SALE TO BENEFIT SFTS - Saturday, June 23RD

Shelter will be holding a yard sale on the front lawn of Despres Realty on June 23rd from 8 to 2 during the Town Wide Yard Sale. Maps will be available that morning in the Dunkin Donut plaza in Jaffrey.

If you have any items you would like to donate they would be greatly appreciated! Please save your "spring cleaning" treasures for us!

Any questions or for pick up call 532-8222! Thank you!



"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." -Aesop

SAVE THE DATE!!

ANNUAL

FOOD



Taste of MONADNOCK & BEYOND

& WINE



to benefit Shelter From The Storm
a transitional shelter for the homeless...

Join us for a "Tasting Dinner."

Sunday, June 3rd

5 pm to 8:30 pm

Woodbound Inn • Rindge, NH



- Beer, Food & Wine Tastings •
- Cooking Demos • Pig Roast •
- Rock & Roll Music by Sheepdip •
- Local Artwork • Raffles/Silent Auction •
- Year of Wine Raffle •



Advance Tickets: \$40 • Door: \$50

Group Bulk Rates: 10 tickets for \$350.00 available at 532-8222 or online.

Tickets may be purchased at Woodbound Inn, Sunflowers,
Jaffrey Chamber, Shelter From The Storm, or
online at www.shelterfromthestormnh.org - Upcoming Events

For a list of participants go to our website or call: 603-532-8222

FESTIVAL 2018

Taste of Monadnock & Beyond Food & Wine Festival Vendors to date!



Shelter From The Storm will be holding their Fourth Annual TASTE OF MONADNOCK & BEYOND FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL at the WOODBOUND INN, Rindge, NH on Sunday, June 3rd from 5 to 8:30 pm. Rudy Rosalez has once again generously donated the use of his restaurant, playbarn, ballroom, and grounds for this event. All proceeds of the event will help Shelter to fulfill their mission to provide transitional housing and support programs to the homeless.

There will be live music throughout with over 50 vendors participating, including well-known wineries, restaurants, local growers, brewers, cooking demos, local artwork, raffles, and much more. This year we will be raffling off "A Year of Wine" and a few more surprises! Have a "Tasting Dinner" with us. Enjoy the different specialties each restaurant has to offer, find a new restaurant or wine you might enjoy or a piece of art from the Monadnock region.

For more information please contact Linda at 603-532-8222. Tickets will be on sale at the Jaffrey Chamber, Woodbound, Sunflowers, Shelter Office, and online at our website www.shelterfromthestormnh.org. Tickets will also be available at the door. Charge cards are accepted online and at the door. Tickets are \$40 in advance, \$50 at the door, and group rates of 10 tickets for \$350.

Participants to date: 532 Cafe • Sam Adams • Bay State Wine & Spirits • Pearl Restaurant & Oyster Bar • Woodchuck Cider • Fitzwilliam Inn • Short & Sweet • Porter Hill Sweets • Brewbakers Cafe • Grafton Village Cheese • Monadnock Inn • Monadnock Vinegar and Oil • Emma's • Shattuck Catering • Shipyard Brewing • Travelers • Woodbound Inn • N.E. Everyday Goods • Sunflowers • Boggy Meadow Farm • Main Street Cheese • Pig Roast by Woodbound • Bantam Grill • Biagio Cru Wine • Sebago Brewery • New Belgium Brewing • Sub-Zero Nitrogen Ice Cream • Truly • Wachusett • Smuttynose • Stony Creek • Great North • Harpoon • Newburyport Brewing • Cooper's Hill Public House • Hill's Home Market • Deer Meadow Homestead • Harpoon • Baker's Station Bakery • Angry Orchard • Woodbound • Bay State Wine • Biagio Cru • N.E. Sweetwater Distillery • White Birch Brewing • Cakes for All Occasions • Nuttin Ordinary • Local Artists • The Bread Shed • Jack's Crackers • Granite Roots • NE Uncorked • The Bagel Mill • The Enchanted Baker • Henniker Brewery • Sandwich Master • Flag Hill Winery and more...

