



# SHELTERGRAM

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## SHELTER FROM THE STORM

### 2018 NON-PROFIT OF THE YEAR IN JAFFREY

The Jaffrey Chamber of Commerce chose us! This is what they had to say: Congratulations to our 2018 Non-Profit of the Year-Shelter from the Storm.

Shelter From The Storm is a volunteer organization established in July 2005. Recognizing a significant need for transitional housing, support services and life-skills education for homeless families, this group of caring individuals created an opportunity for all people in need to receive dignified support enabling successful independence within the community. Through their dedication and devotion to improving the lives of our fellow neighbors, Shelter From The Storm has established an awareness of these issues in our area and works tirelessly towards helping the homeless in our area. We greatly appreciate their influential and significant contribution to the people of Jaffrey.



(Top L to R) Rob Beaven, Kendra Shea, Jennifer Whitehead, Marcea Gustafson-Belletete, Linda Harris, Martha Gilroy. (Bottom L to R) Shirley Despres, Chuck Saunders, Cassandra Leach. (Not present: Kork Little, Linda Brummer, Jeff Crocker, Todd Muilenberg, Bill Oswald, Florence Caouette)

Shelter From the Storm also hosts two major fundraisers – the Antiques Roadshow and the Taste of Monadnock. These extremely successful and popular events not only financially support the organization but also bring the community together and showcase a vast variety of purveyors in the region.

**Always be a little kinder than necessary .**

—James M. Barrie

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

## HOLIDAY SEASON 2018

Thank you to the following for your kindness and generosity: Peggi Brogan and her "crew"; C&S Wholesale Grocers in Keene; Summerhill Assisted Living in Peterborough; Contocook Valley Board of Realtors and Affiliates; Monadnock Mountaineers; Interact Group at Conant H.S.; and to many others too numerous to mention. You made it a very special holiday for many.



Received this from Jake Ferrell and Paddy McCarthy, leaders of the Interact Group at Conant: "It's been an interesting -- and Jake and I think very meaningful -- local project for Interact. Students really get excited about it, and read over the lists carefully and discuss where the best places are to get the items, whether they have an item themselves to donate (about half of the group contributed a few dollars to lessen the impact on our treasury.) My favorite comment was at the checkout at Walmart last week with 6-8 students, and one of them said, "You know what? It's really awesome to give gifts to people that you'll never know and who will never even thank you for them!!" Several of them also commented that they realized the things on their Christmas lists were all things they wanted, not that they needed. (insert happy and proud advisor...)



## AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS

Donations of beautiful new wool socks were donated to our guests from the American Heritage Girls organization in Peterborough, NH. Thank you, thank you!!!! Lots of toes were kept cozy and warm!



*Linda Harris, Peter Constant-owner, Ashley Lauzier chief cook and bottle washer.*

## CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT AT 532 CAFE - WE WON!



Well, we didn't win the tournament, but we did win!!! The 532 Cafe donated half of their contest fees to Shelter From The Storm. Winners of the event were Games2Go from Keene, NH. Once they knew what Shelter was all about, they donated their winnings to us as well! Thank you to both for their kindness and generosity to Shelter.

## 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.





*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**

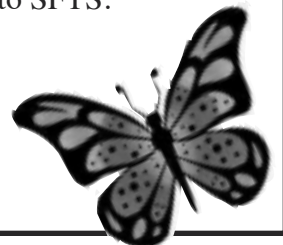
Any bank associate can help you open an account and join the Affinity Program. Any TD Bank customer can join the Affinity Program benefitting SFTS, so **ask your friends, relatives, and business partners** with TD Bank accounts to call 888-751-9000 or 603-532-1400 and join too.

**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.



## A NOTE FROM A GUEST . . .

My name is Joanne and I am fifty-one years old. This is my story. In November of 2015 I was admitted to the Brattleboro Retreat, broken and exhausted. I was an active substance abuser, in an abusive marriage, and severely mentally ill. I would be held on a court order for the next 95 days. Christmas Eve two sheriffs served me divorce papers and I was ordered out of the house. I was also now homeless.

A dear friend found the Shelter From The Storm program. She contacted them. My friend got the process of being accepted into the Shelter program started, while I recovered. The end of January I was finally released from the Retreat. This is when I first met Linda Harris and her team.

I was accepted to the program and moved into one of Shelter's apartments in February of 2016. I was facing a lot of issues – homelessness, financial insecurities and new sobriety. Shelter was very supportive. Over the next 8 months Shelter would help me budget and save money, assist me with housing applications, and offer me emotional support. I excelled. In October of 2016 I moved into my first apartment with great support from Shelter. I remained there for about a year. Finally one of the subsidized apartments Shelter helped me apply for came through. I moved into a beautiful, quiet, affordable apartment! It is now 2019. Today I am sober, financially sound and happy. I owe so much to the program. I wouldn't have made it without them! Shelter From The Storm saved my life!

## DONATION from NATURE'S GREEN GROCER



Left to Right: Greg Noble, Adrienne Parris, Nick Cheaney, Linda Harris and Cassie Stepanek. Nature's Green Grocer presents a check to Shelter From The Storm from their "Green Giving" for \$1991.49. Nature's Green Grocer is the largest full service natural food grocery store in the Monadnock Region.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>PMC MEETING</b>	MAY 8TH
<b>MOTHER'S DAY</b>	May 12th
<b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>	Monday, May 27th
<b>BOARD MTG.</b>	June - TBA
<b>TASTE OF MONADNOCK &amp; BEYOND</b>	
June 2 - 5:00-8:30 PM - Woodbound Inn	
<b>FATHER'S DAY</b>	June 16th
<b>PMC MTG.</b>	June - TBA
<b>FREE COMMUNITY SUPPER</b>	
4th Thurs/month	
5:30-6:30pm-United Church of Jaffrey	
<b>MOTHER'S PROGRAM</b>	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

## AMAZON SMILE

Amazon Smile is a simple way for you to support us every time you shop on Amazon. On your next visit to Amazon.com go to <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/42-1684761> or just AmazonSmile and select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Make sure to select "Shelter From The Storm"! The Amazon Smile Foundation will give .5% of your purchase amounts to Shelter.



# 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 2nd**

**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](http://www.shelterfromthestormnh.org) - Upcoming Events

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

# FESTIVAL 2019

# Taste of Monadnock & Beyond



## Food & Wine Festival



June 2, 2019

Shelter From The Storm will be holding their Fifth Annual TASTE OF MONADNOCK & BEYOND FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL at the WOODBOUND INN, Rindge, NH on Sunday, June 2nd 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.

SheepDip will provide rock 'n roll music live throughout with over 55 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 Red Sox Tickets, plus 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](http://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 • Doodle Eats • The Caramel Guy • Short & Sweet • The Bread Shed • Grafton Village Cheese • Monadnock Inn • Monadnock Oil and Vinegar • Emma's • Shipyard Brewing • Travelers • Woodbound Inn • Sunflowers • Main Street Cheese • Pig Roast by Woodbound • Bantam Grill • Biagio Cru Wine • Sebago Brewery • New Belgium Brewing • Truly • Stony Creek • Great North • Harpoon • Cooper's Hill Public House • Harpoon • Waterhouse • Angry Orchard • Woodbound • Bay State Wine • Biagio Cru • N.E. Sweetwater Distillery • Frogg Brewery • Cakes for All Occasions • Nuttin Ordinary • Local Artists • The Bread Shed • Jack's Crackers • Granite Roots • NE Uncorked • The Bagel Mill • Henniker Brewery • Flag Hill Winery \* Birchwood Inn • Rivers Edge • Grafton Village Cheese • Nature's Green Grocer • Machina • Nelson's Candies • Nuttin Ordinary • Simple Pleasures • and more...

