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happy holidays!

Please join us and support Shelter From The Storm at our
11th Annual Antique Roadshow & Raffle
Woodbound Inn - December 2 - 5:30-8:30

You do not need to be present to win any of the raffle prizes.

Tickets for the event are available at the Shelter Office;
Woodbound Inn; Jaffrey Chamber; or online at
[www.shelterfromthestormnh.org/Upcoming Events](http://www.shelterfromthestormnh.org/Upcoming%20Events)

Below are two of our **SPECIAL RAFFLES!**

(Please see the poster on the back page for more details.)

Barca Lounge & Ottoman

NEW by Regina Andrew
Valued at \$3,750.00



26 Chances
for \$10

Do not need to be present to win raffle prizes.
(Call Shelter at 603-532-8222 to purchase ticket now.)

WINE RAFFLE



A Year of Wine

Enter to win 52+ Bottles!

TICKETS
\$10



Buy now: Shelter 603-8222, Jaffrey Chamber,
Woodbound Inn, or online at
[www.shelterfromthestormnh.org/upcoming events](http://www.shelterfromthestormnh.org/upcoming%20events)

You do not need to be present to win.
All proceeds benefit Shelter From The Storm!

OUR GUESTS IN 2022

OUR STORY TO DATE: Our year started off with our five apartments full. #1 Apt - Mom with three boys had been with us for 11-1/2 months. Ex tried to burn down their trailer with mom and children inside. We were able to help her pay off debts, establish children in local schools, find her a vehicle, and help her with social programs she was entitled to. Family moved out the end of January 2022 to a safe place. We then moved a mom and her son into this apartment. Mom had witnessed dad overdosing on heroin and dying in front of her in their bathroom. Mom had been clean for six years but was afraid to move out, thinking she would not be able to do it on her own. Both mom and son had medical issues which we helped to resolve. Mom has a job and car waiting for her once medical is resolved. 6 year old son is in local schools.



Apt. 2 - Mom and 1 year old moved into this apartment in May of 2021. Mom had a good job, saved more than 30% of her income each month, filled out all applications for subsidized housing, and realized she would not be eligible for that type of housing, even though she had completed a Recovery Program for drugs, because she had a felony on her record. She did her due diligence and was able to find and rent an apartment of her own at the end of February. She is now looking into buying a home of her own. Our next family consisted of a mom, a 7 year old girl and 7 month old girl. She had talked to us a year ago, but at that time she wasn't quite ready to leave her abuser. He promised to change. He did not. Mom has some health issues which are holding her back from getting

her license, so friends are helping her with babysitting and getting her to and from work. Once health was stabilized family was able to move into their own place. At present we have a family with one child. Their apartment burned down last November and they had been couch surfing ever since. Dad is working fulltime and they are saving more than 30% of their income in hopes to move out early and possibly get a low income mortgage to buy a small house.

Apt. 3 – Right after Christmas of 2021 we moved a family of 4 children and a mom into this apartment. There was a history of unstable living quarters and parenting. It was difficult for her to follow the rules of our program, and within two months she chose to move in with her parents. Our new “tenants” are a father and older son. Our “boys” had been living in a shed for two years in the backyard of a home where they had been helping the owner do odd jobs. They had redone the shed and made it into a little “Tiny Home” with a refrigerator, shower from Home Depot, sink, TV, and beds. Someone found out that it was not up to code and reported them to the town. Town gave them 7 days to leave. When they called us we had an apartment that had just become available. This rarely happens. We interviewed them and were able to have them move within two days. They both had seasonal work and started jobs in the spring, as well as doing part-time odd jobs. They saved money, and moved into their own apartment. Presently we have a family of five in this apartment. Mom and dad both work full time. We are helping them to budget their money, pay off debt, and either find an apartment or possibly a small house by the end of their stay with Shelter.



Apt. 4 – In October of 2021 our next guest joined us with her 1 year old daughter. She was pregnant, but not married. She and the baby's father had talked to us about the program over a year ago. Shortly after that the

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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.



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

A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL

We especially want to thank all of our community, donors, grantors, volunteers and supporters of our program at Shelter From The Storm.

GRANTS & SPECIAL DONATIONS

- NH Charitable Foundation • TD Bank Charitable Foundation •
- People's Bank • M&T Bank • Woodbound Inn •
- NHCN Nielsen Fund • Kiwanis • McIninch Foundation •
- Cogswell Benevolent Trust • C & S Grocers •
- Bank of America • Anonymous Grant •

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANTIQUE ROADSHOW	Dec. 2 - 5:30 pm
PMC MEETING	December 5 - 1 pm
BOARD MEETING	November 14 - 5 pm
HANUKKAH	December 18-26th
CHRISTMAS	Sunday, December 25
NEW YEAR'S DAY	Sunday, January 1
PMC MTG.	January 9 - 1 pm
ANNUAL MEETING	January 19 - TBA
BOARD MTG.	TBA
PMC MTG.	February 6 - 1 pm
VALENTINE'S DAY	Tuesday, February 14
TASTE OF MONADNOCK	July 30

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father was killed in a car accident. Devastated the pregnant mom moved in with family. A year passed and she applied to our program. Mom is studying for her GED and wants to pursue a career in the health field. We were able to help her fill out 55 death benefits for her daughter, help her apply for social programs she was eligible for and address car issues. She and her daughter were able to move out into a family home. She is now pursuing her LNA. Our next and present guest was a gentleman who had been allowed to live with a friend until he sold his home. Once the home was sold our guest had nowhere to go. He was working fulltime and commuting the 4 miles to work on foot. We found him a mountain bike to use to commute and are helping him obtain his driver's license. He is saving 30% of his income and now looking for a better job in hopes of affording his own apartment when he leaves our program. He is an extremely talented artist and eventually would like to get a degree in graphic arts.

Apt. 5 – This family also moved into our apartment in October 2021 - mom, boyfriend and two young children. Mom was a victim of domestic violence by the children's father who was in jail. Court hearings were in progress. While going through this trauma, Mom was studying for her GED and recently received it. She was also studying for her driver's license and passed both the written and driving tests with flying colors. She now has a registered vehicle in her name. Her 3 year old was able to go to Headstart and loves it, while the 2 year old was home with mom, helping her study, I am sure. Boyfriend was working fulltime and they were able to move into a two bedroom apartment of their own, having a nice nest egg when they moved out. While in our program mom also pursued her LNA through the NH Employment Program and received it shortly after leaving our program. We then moved in a young gentleman for a short period of time and had to give him notice that he would have to move out within seven days for not following our rules. Presently we have a mom and two children in this apartment. Mom fled domestic violence, is filing for custody of her children, and working as a health aide.

SFTS'S program is an on-going TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM for the homeless. We have helped 118 families since our first apartment in 2008, including 204 children and 143 adults. Currently all of our five apartments are full.

Our Life Coach and Peer Support Coach are required to do weekly detailed



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SHELTER FUNDRAISER BY FROGG BREWING IN HONOR OF DOUGLAS LEY, NH STATE REP.



ABOVE: Michael Guitard, Linda Harris, Mary Ley and Stephanie Guitard

Doug Ley, a personal friend of Michael and Stephanie Guitard, loved beer and traveling all over the country to try different beers. Frogg was opened because we all shared the love of craft beer. When he passed we thought it was only right to make a beer in his honor. "Doug" and Imperial Porter was made in his honor. As the label says - Some may know him as Professor, Doctor, State Representative, Union Rep, Mentor, Father & Husband... We know him as our friend.



We planned to donate a portion of the proceeds made from the sale of the beer to a charity he was fond of. When we asked Mary his wife she wanted it to go to Shelter From The Storm.

Thank you.



FOOD STAMPS IN NH

In our Shelter program almost all of our guests receive food stamps. They can buy milk and other dairy products; meat, fish, poultry, eggs and beans; cereals, rice, pasta and other grain products; any ingredient used for baking or cooking; fruits and vegetables; cold deli foods for home consumption; ice and water for human consumption; infant formula, some special dietetic or diabetic food and "natural" or "organic" food items; and garden seeds and plants for growing food at home.

They cannot buy any kind of beer, alcohol or wine; any type of tobacco products; non-food items like cleaning products, soap and paper products; drugstore medicines such as aspirin, cough syrup and vitamins; items to preserve food such as jars and freezer containers; any "hot" prepared foods that are ready to eat; and foods not for people such as pet foods.

We were very fortunate and thankful when a group of students at Conval offered to collect soap and paper products for our guests. Thank you to all who participated.



ABOVE: Sydney Rousseau, one of the Seniors who helped collect paper products for Shelter.



Gifting that Makes a Difference

"The mission of Shelter From The Storm is to provide temporary housing & transitional support to the homeless."

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 complete the form below and return it with your check to the address below.

Wherever a
man turns he
can find
Someone who
needs him.

—Albert Schweitzer

I would like to purchase a Shelter From The Storm Gift Card for the following:



Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Occasion: _____

Donation Total: _____

Donor's Name _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Donor's Signature _____

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reports and submit them to our Executive Director on the progress of our guests. These reports include:

- Budgeting – Daily expense sheets; budget sheets
- Childcare – dependable and affordable childcare so guest is able to work or apply for jobs
- Financial – 30% savings; credit reports; debt – create payment plan
- Employment – job search or status; applications submitted; resume writing
- Housing – Housing applications filed; status on wait lists
- Transportation – Vehicle condition; inspections; gas
- Support Programs – Monitor programs attended and help guests to apply for programs needed

Our Life Coach and Peer Support Coach also meet bi-weekly with our Executive Director and Program Management Chair to review goals of guests and discuss solutions and outcomes as well as monthly meetings with the Program Management Committee.

Guests attend an exit session with their Caseworkers, Executive Director, and Program Management Chair when leaving the program. We are able to track results and increase services if necessary. When guests leave our program we encourage them to maintain a relationship with us and we continue to offer support where needed. We are able to determine the effects of our assistance and provide feedback to the board and friends of SFTS. Results allow us to better meet the needs of the people in our program. We learn from our successes and failures, but realize whether our guests stay for one month or eight or twelve, we have helped.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING THE TASTE OF MONADNOCK A SUCCESS!

Our seventh annual TASTE OF MONADNOCK AND BEYOND fundraiser for Shelter From The Storm again went BEYOND our expectations. Over 500 people attended and were treated to great food, drink and entertainment.

This event would not have been the success it was without all of the amazing people who attended, our talented food, wine and drink vendors who brought tastings of their delicious products, our dedicated volunteers who helped to facilitate the event, donations for our raffle and silent auction, our wonderful musicians - Sheepdip, and our generous sponsors.

Special thanks go to Rudy Rosalez, owner of Woodbound, and his outstanding staff, for their ideas, timeless energy, endless help and perfect venue.

Proceeds will go to fulfilling our Shelter From The Storm mission of providing transitional housing and support programs for the homeless in our area. To date we have helped over 350 men, women and children with your help.

We look forward to seeing you all again next year!



2022 MCVP - ABOVE & BEYOND COMMUNITY PARTNER

Thank you to Monadnock Center for Violence Protection for honoring myself and Shelter From The Storm as MCVP's "Above and Beyond Community Partner" for 2022 at your 16th Annual Meeting and Awards night.

Having our Jaffrey office in the same building as MCVP has made it possible for me to work hand in hand with Vickie Gaolette to help many who have had domestic violence issues in our program as well as MCVP's.

Homelessness, as well as domestic violence, occurs for many reasons. Neither discriminate based on gender or age, nor family status or background. We are lucky to be able to partner with organizations like MCVP and to help one another help others.



• SILENT AUCTION • 50/50 • MUSIC • CASH BAR • ARTWORK •

ANTIQUE ROADSHOW & STYLE EVENT

All proceeds benefit Shelter From The Storm - Transitional Housing for the Homeless.

December 2 - 5:30-8:30 pm
Woodbound Inn • Rindge

\$35 per ticket - Admits 1 - Group Rate 10 tickets/\$300

Each ticket allows one item to be appraised by Greg Walsh of Rindge, a chance to win over 15 raffle prizes and \$2022 in cash prizes, complimentary food & wine!

SPECIAL RAFFLE - 26 Chances for \$10 each - BUY NOW!

To purchase, contact Shelter office (532-8222) if unable to attend event!

No need to be present to win raffle or money prizes.



Barca Lounge & Ottoman

NEW by Regina Andrew

(Valued at \$3,750.00)

or A Year of Wine

(Valued over \$650)

SILENT AUCTION

Over 75 ITEMS - ART, BASKETS, etc.



**WIN
\$2022
CASH PRIZES**

**LIVE MUSIC
SHEEPDIP TRIO**



RAFFLE TICKETS or EVENT TICKETS

may be purchased from Board Members and Friends of Shelter • Shelter Office - 532-8222
Woodbound Inn • Jaffrey Chamber • or online at www.shelterfromthestormnh.org / Upcoming Events

• 15+ RAFFLE & CASH PRIZES • COMPLIMENTARY FOOD & WINE •

JUST IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Our appraisers would love to see silver and gold coins, fine jewelry, sterling silver objects and anything you would like to be appraised.

A TICKET ALLOWS
YOU TO WIN
CASH PRIZES

\$1022

\$500

\$250

\$250

Plus over 20 more
raffle prizes!

&

OVER 100
SILENT AUCTION
ITEMS JUST IN TIME
FOR THE HOLIDAYS

INCLUDING

- 1 Ton Wood Pellets
- Golf Basket
- Restaurant G.C's up to \$250 in value!
- Baskets for everyone on your list!