

From Cold Nights to Warm Futures

How your support helped David and Shauna end their cycle of homelessness.

“I was scared, sometimes not knowing if we would wake up.”

Shauna lay restlessly beside her husband, David, anxiously staring at the rusty portable heater connected to the propane tank outside their makeshift home. Despite the risks, it was their only defense against the relentless New Hampshire cold. They couldn't afford to spend another night shivering, hopeless.

Little did they know, warmth and better days were on the horizon, thanks to the compassion of Catholic Charities NH donors.

Despite working hard, saving money was a constant uphill battle for these high school sweethearts. Unable to afford an apartment, they spent their newlywed days in a cramped hotel room. When their savings ran low, they purchased a modestly used van with a bed, a fridge, and all their possessions packed in bags.

Without a permanent address, they didn't qualify for food stamps. Their van broke down, hindering their ability to get to work and run errands. A hole formed in the van's aging metal, and the tarp they draped over it barely protected them from the elements. The portable heater was their only way to stay warm.

The couple eventually found an apartment but could only afford half the security deposit. Frustrated and out of options, they made a call to Catholic Charities NH – a call that sparked a series of life-changing events.

Thanks to the compassionate support of donors like you, David and Shauna received the help they needed: financial assistance for the deposit, furniture, connections to a local food pantry, utility assistance, and financial literacy training to build a sustainable future.

David and Shauna's journey from uncertainty to stability illustrates the power of your support, moving from sleepless nights in a van to the comfort and security of a warm home where they can dream of a brighter future.

Get inspired by their full story
at cc-nh.org/betterdays.



Happenings in the Community

Great Gatsby! Liberty House celebrated its 20th anniversary serving New Hampshire's veterans community with a "Roaring 20s" gala in Portsmouth on April 6.



Fire trucks, racecars, bearcats, and plenty of fun and laughs at the Second Annual Touch-a-Truck on May 18 to support Liberty House veterans.



Kayla Mantia - Kayla Leigh Photography



The power of corporate goodwill shone at New Generation, where Timberland volunteers spent a fulfilling day giving back to the community.



Scrabble set the stage for a great day of social enrichment at a recent Monadnock at Home member gathering.

Upcoming Events

Mulligans for Moms Golf Tournament, benefiting the moms and children at New Generation Monday, September 16, 2024
Breakfast Hill Golf Club, Greenland, NH

Liberty House Veterans Day Breakfast
Saturday, November 9, 2024
LaBelle Winery, Derry, NH
libertyhousenh.org/events

2025 Mardi Gras
Saturday, February 22, 2025
DoubleTree by Hilton, Manchester NH
cc-nh.org/mardigras



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Grant Recognition

Thank you to the following organizations that recently awarded grants to support CCNH's programs:

- Bedford Women's Club
- Department of Homeland Security - FEMA
- M&T Charitable Foundation
- Mary Gale Foundation
- Nashua Citizens Advisory Commission for Community Grants
- NH Department of Education
- Norwin S. & Elizabeth N. Bean Foundation
- Raskob Foundation for Catholic Activities
- Saul O. Sidore Foundation
- Town of Hampton

Your Legacy

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Kevin's Life-Changing Moment

Thanks to donors, this veteran is well on his way back to regaining stability.

Kevin looked down and proudly smiled at the small laminated card. It was a momentous day for him.

A veteran and current resident of our Liberty House program, Kevin got his driver's license after years of not having one. It was a significant step towards reclaiming his independence after enduring homelessness and other significant challenges.

Regaining essential personal documents like a driver's license is often the first step toward stability for many veterans at Liberty House. Now, Kevin can travel to work, attend appointments, and manage his daily life with greater ease, becoming more self-reliant.

In just the past year, thanks to the generosity of our donors, 23 Liberty House veterans obtained their birth certificates, 22 secured their social security cards, and 20, including Kevin, acquired their driver's licenses.

Kevin is one of many examples of the transformative impact of your support of Catholic Charities NH, helping veterans and others like him take massive steps to rebuild their lives.

