



FHO News

A newsletter for our friends and supporters

From the Director's Desk, Nancy Egner, LICSW, MPA

The last time I sat down to write this, I was in the mood of gratitude, and that was the theme of the newsletter. I still (or again) find that to be true! A lot has happened for Fellowship Housing over the last three months. We have SO MUCH to be grateful for but still have more challenges and opportunities ahead.

One of the things we have to be grateful for is the success we had with our first big public information and fundraising event on November 12 (a presentation of "God Knows Where I Am" at the Red River Theatre). We were blessed to be joined by a great crowd for the movie, reception and panel discussion! We also had great panelists, superb vendors, amazing staff that organized and got everything done, and wonderful business sponsors that helped us get it off the ground.

Another thing I am grateful for is a wonderful residential team who always work together to make sure everything gets done from daily paperwork to holiday celebrations with residents and covering extra shifts while their teammates have some much deserved time off. I am so proud and thankful for this entire team!

I am also grateful for the support we receive from others including being the recipient of a substantial grant from the Horne Family foundation and the Dobles Foundation! I am grateful for the business sponsors and friends that bought tickets for our Movie Event, those that donated during Giving Tuesday, the vendors that send us unsolicited donations, the Concord City officials that have informed us of available grants, and for NHHFA and CSH for offering technical assistance and training to assist FHO and others to do what we do. We are part of a community and we are all in this together, and for that, I am thankful.

Lastly, at this time, I am grateful for the tenants I have come to know. Each have their own struggles, and work hard to enjoy the life they have made for themselves, often under difficult circumstances. Most are very appreciative of the support they get from FHO and others to enable them to live their best lives and FHO is grateful to be part of their lives and to be able to assist.

And I am grateful for YOU!! We at FHO hope this newsletter finds you healthy, happy, and with those you love this New Year and New Decade!!!

Resident Story

Another one of our residents from Fellowship House, our 24-hour staff licensed community residence, moved into his own apartment within the Fellowship system during the month of December! He worked hard learning to manage his illness, learning skills to care for himself, and learning to live in the community. He did well and was extremely excited to 'graduate' to the next level, into permanent housing! As always, FHO will continue to be available to support him in his new home through outreach services and he will always be welcomed back to visit his friends or have dinner at the House whenever he wants!

Please join me in congratulating and wishing him well!

A big thank you to the Horne Family Foundation and the Dobles Foundation for the very generous grants awarded to Fellowship Housing!!

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Highlights from Movie Night at Red River Theatre November 12, 2019

In November, we hosted a showing of God Knows Where I Am, the poignant story of a homeless, mentally ill woman from the Concord area. It was a wonderful night filled with a host of supporters and a marvelous video tribute from Representative Annie Kuster. Following the movie, we had a panel discussion about the movie and the issues it raised. We hope it was a very informative and thought provoking night for all! Thank you to all the sponsors that contributed to the success of this event (see below).



2019 Giving Tuesday Donations

This year's Giving Tuesday slogan was "Everyone deserves a little warmth!" Thanks to the generous donations we received, we were able to purchase gifts in time for Christmas for every one of the 60 people who call a Fellowship Housing building their HOME! Everybody received all the essentials for a New Hampshire winter including hand warmers, foot warmers, earmuffs, a hat, gloves, socks and a scarf! Thank you to everyone who helped make this possible including all the Unitil employees for their amazing donations to our Giving Tuesday campaign!



Fellowship House residents received a wonderful gift bag from the East Congregational Church of Concord again this year! Thank you for your continued support!



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