The annual Tons of Turkey in November was a huge success! We are so pleased with the results! All six Hannaford locations collected a total of 24.50 tons of turkeys and food! We received 2,023 Helping Hands boxes, 1,379 Bags of Fixin’s and $2,764 in cash collections. A big thank you to 96.5 The Mill and Hannaford Supermarkets - our partners in this important event. Thank you to sponsors New Hampshire Union Leader, Family Dental Care of Milford, Pelmac Industries, Cross Insurance and Arbella Insurance.

This event is critical to our Thanksgiving basket program which provided 1,485 food baskets this year right before Thanksgiving to individuals and families who were so grateful to receive them! This unfortunately was a 19% increase over last year. Also, a big thanks to the dozens of volunteers who helped to distribute them!

24th ANNUAL THANKSGIVING BREAKFAST
This year’s Thanksgiving Breakfast was very successful raising over $194,500! Thank you to the 600+ people who attended and supported our annual inspirational breakfast. Thanks to Underwriting Sponsor Cogswell Benevolent Trust, Thanks for Giving Sponsor AutFair, Breakfast Meal Sponsor Eastern Bank, Mission Sponsor Spectrum Marketing Companies and Premier Sponsor Bishop’s Charitable Assistance Fund.

25 YEARS – THANK YOU STARK BREWING!
Long-time supporter and board member Peter Telge, owner of Stark Brewing Company, held his 25th and final Christmas for the Homeless breakfast this past December. The event broke all records with more than 150 attendees and $13,530 in donations from a Facebook fundraiser and a holiday party. In addition, Peter himself was pleasantly surprised by the huge quantity of goods donated to his event – food, clothing, blankets, backpacks, boots, cases of toiletries and much much more. More people than ever attended thanks to shuttles. Ours was driven by Bill Herlicka and a shuttle orchestrated by Bill Sullivan of Crown Trophy and his managers, shuttled people as well. Attendees received a hearty meal and plenty of supplies. All the extras were taken over to New Horizons to share with others. Peter, 25 years of giving up your own Christmas is beyond generous. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you!

BACK UP PLAN COMPLETE THANKS TO THE BEAN FOUNDATION
Thank you Bean Foundation for granting us $25,000 to cover a portion of the purchase and installation of a whole facility backup generator. This backup generator will enable us to continue to deliver our critical services without disruption if our facility loses power. Our back up plan is now complete!
Dear Friends,

This is an exciting time for Families in Transition-New Horizons. As we move throughout this new journey as one entity, our continued goal is to integrate services, identify specialty services, scale programs, and eliminate gaps to help serve more people in need of emergency shelter, affordable housing, food, and supportive services. We appreciate your continued support through this exciting time.

We’re excited for our upcoming events and hope that you’ll mark your calendars to attend! On Thursday, May 3, we’ll hold our Cinco de Mayo celebration (fitnh.org/cinco). All money raised will support Families in Transition programming. Additionally, there are three upcoming events New Horizons, the Walk Against Hunger in May, the Hula Hustle 5K & 10K in July and the Manchester Brewfest also in July. Information about those three events is featured in this newsletter.

Stronger Together! Continued from front story... During this year of learning and exploration, our goal is to keep you informed because you care about the organization and the people we serve. During this first year of coming together, you may still receive fundraising appeals and information from each program (though we are now combined as Families in Transition-New Horizons). However, it is your choice as a donor to designate your gift to one of three choices: 1. Families in Transition-New Horizons, wherever the need is greatest 2. Programs of New Horizons 3. Programs of Families in Transition

You can do so by either writing a check directly to any of the above or by going to either website to donate online. We are currently developing materials with mechanisms for you to clearly identify your designation.

So, while our organizations have officially merged, we will be working over this year to bring all aspects together – including philanthropy. Thank you for your continued patience and support during this exciting time of growth!

Sincerely,

Maureen Beauregard
President

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Thank You!

**THANK YOU! SUPER STAR SUPPORTERS!**

1. Barnum & Jeeves Fund Drive for Turkey (sold 2 TONS of turkeys - and it’s not over) Thanks to the staff and board for working so hard selling, food and beverages from the staff for Barnum’s Holidays!

2. Second Annual Greater Manchester Turkey Bowling (raised $540)

3. Empty Bowls held its 2nd annual food drive - we were one of a couple lucky stops.

4. Of Christmas Trees! Thank you to the Manchester Garden Club for holiday trees.

5. Downtown Food Service Manager for a month of hard work and sacrifice.

6. Mary Silva, Food Service Manager, winner of the staff ugly sweater contest!

7. Primary bank and its staff for hard work selling, food and beverages from the staff for their Thanksgiving Day.

8. Leadership Strong for our food and coffee drive during their lunch break.

9. Thanks to the families of Mount Saint Joseph for serving food and drinks to the students for their energy while volunteering in the food pantry.

10. Second Annual shop on auto day! Sponsors to receive a special basket including a month of home items and in exchange for a second annual shop with us.


12. Despite the Patriots loss, Super Bowl Sunday was still sweet! Thank you to Ben & Jerry’s for providing us with warm cookies to our clients for Super Bowl Sunday once again.

13. Thanks to staff from Southern New Hampshire University for their continued support with our food pantry.

14. To Manchester School of Engineering Dental Clinic for volunteering for our - 5 year strong!

15. To the 2015-2016 summer who held an Advent Christmas and collected $1,500 and a truck full of dry goods (water)!

16. CV Northern New England team from Bristol-Myers Squibb for volunteering in the pantry.

17. The Funders Academy, Chief Nick Willard and many from Group unlimited for volunteering in our food pantry.

18. Community First of NH collected lots of costs and cards during their drive at Bonnville & Son.

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Thank You!

**WE THANK YOU FOR GIVING**

AutoFair “Thanks for Giving” to New Horizons! During their annual Thanks for Giving event in November a portion of proceeds from every vehicle sold was donated to this fortunate organization. The event raised a record $14,500! Thank you to all the auto buyers out there who helped make this happen!

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**REAL CLIENTS. REAL STORIES.**

Kim started smiling two years ago when she arrived at Angie’s Shelter. Walking through the door she knew she’d be OK. After many years of suffering abuse and a lengthy hospital stay, causing her to lose her apartment, Kim had no home. She stayed with relatives and friends. She found a part-time job, but couldn’t find affordable housing. Her awakening happened after a rock was hurled in the window and narrowly missed her sleeping. She checked herself into The Elliot. She was overwhelmed with troubling concerns about what she was going to do and where she was going to go. She desperately wanted to feel safe.

Her counselor at the Elliot mentioned shelter living and encouraged her to call Angie’s. Kim started smiling two years ago when she arrived. As Kim carved out her path, the trajectory for her life changed for the better. Kim now lives in her own apartment with her dog. She says “I have the necessities of life and I’m very grateful.”

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**FAMILIES IN TRANSITION FOUNDER NAMED ‘CITIZEN OF THE YEAR’**

Maureen Beauregard, president and founder of Families in Transition-New Horizons, is this year’s Citizen of the Year. The Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce will honor her at its annual dinner April 19 at the Manchester Downtown Hotel. Congratulations Maureen!

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**LEAVING YOUR LEGACY**

A donation to New Horizons through your estate plan provides you with piece of mind that your legacy will continue. When creating your estate plan, please consider a gift to New Horizons. Thank you!

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**IN 2017 NEW HORIZONS COMPARED TO 2016**

- Stays in our shelters up 10%
- Boarded more for 1 week
- Use of food pantry up 8%
- Use of Bread Line up 13%