

HUNDRED NIGHTS

HUNDRED NIGHTS INC • COLD WEATHER SHELTER • OPEN DOORS RESOURCE CENTER

A Few Words from Mindy...

We have had a very busy summer here at Hundred Nights. As you may know, when April 16th came around and it was time for the Cold Weather Shelter to close for the season, we made the decision to keep the three families who were still experiencing homelessness indoors in the shelter. It was not until mid-July that the third family finally moved out. Unfortunately it wasn't the happiest of endings for that family – Mom and her three daughters couldn't find an affordable apartment on their limited income and they ended up going to the southern states to try to find something that is affordable. We sincerely wish them the best in their endeavor to make a new life for themselves. Their situation truly pointed out to all of us who were trying to connect that family to landlords and housing options in the community how few options you have if you are poor. At the "real" end of the season in mid-July 178 different people (125 males and 53 females) had received 5,358 bed-nights of shelter, including 7 veterans and 16 children age 13 and under in 8 families.

At the Open Doors Resource Center our Monday through Friday lunches and weekend dinners have been well attended as we seek to make sure no one goes hungry before dinner at The Community Kitchen, especially children who are not in school during the summer months. We have held daily afternoon programs for any guests who are looking for an outlet. We have afternoons filled with board games/tournaments - it's amazing how many people love cribbage! - journaling and, weather permitting, we go out for hikes to interesting areas in the neighborhood or to help clean up the trails.

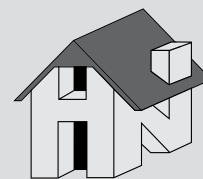
We continue our search to find a facility that will meet our needs for a larger space that will also meet the criteria for city approval of a lodging license. We do have a few irons in the fire but it is way too early for anything definitive.

The summer months are always a challenge for our non-profit financially. It's a time when many of our donors are on vacation and busy with summer activities. Unfortunately our expenses do not go on vacation. If you are able to, please use the enclosed envelope to help us defray our expenses or pass it on to a friend or neighbor you might think would like to help. It would be much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mindy Cambiar

Executive Director
603-352-5197



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Hundred Nights, Inc. is to provide shelter and crisis related services to the displaced or homeless. Our goal is to support the invisible members of our society who deserve dignity and a voice that is heard; through community, collaboration and guidance.



We have very exciting news regarding an event that will be taking place soon. Subaru holds the "Share the Love" program nationally each year at which Subaru dealerships are able to choose a hometown charity to receive \$250.00 from the sale of every new Subaru that is sold from November 15th through January 2nd at their dealership. Four national charities and one hometown charity are selected for this program. Fenton Family Dealerships has chosen Hundred Nights, Inc. to be the hometown recipient at their Subaru of Keene dealership. We are so grateful to be a part of this program! This event will be ongoing during late November until early January. We will be kicking off the program with an event we will be hosting. We invite you all to come in to Subaru of Keene during that event. There will be a showing of the movie "Hidden in Plain Sight" by local film-maker Greg Pregent, face painting for the kids, popcorn and a few other surprises. Stop in and check out the awesome new Subaru inventory. Come Share the Love with Hundred Nights - stop in and say hi. Mindy will be there along with a few other Hundred Nights friends. We would love to see your smiling faces. Tell your friends and neighbors about this opportunity to Share the Love with Hundred Nights. A firm date has not been set yet but we wanted to give you a heads up now. Watch for more information to be forthcoming on our website and on our Facebook page.

CAUSE AN EFFECT



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER – CAUSE AN EFFECT!

Here is your chance to have a yummy meal at Chipotle Restaurant in Keene and help Hundred Nights, Inc. to raise some funds! On Monday, August 28th from 4 to 8 pm Chipotle will donate 50% of their sales to Hundred Nights, Inc. So bring yourself, bring your family, bring your friends and help raise some funds that will help keep Hundred Nights' doors open. There are flyers on the Hundred Nights Shelter Facebook page and website that you can print, or bring this Hundred Nights newsletter with you when you order. See you there!

Hearts and Minds Together



On Tuesday, June 6th the Friends of Hundred Nights volunteers officially merged with the Faith Communities Committee. We are very excited to have this joining of members from many churches, civic groups and the community. Many hands make for lighter work. Welcome to all who attended. We look forward to our ongoing mission to reach out to those experiencing homelessness in our community as we work together to find solutions. Our next meeting will be held on September 5th at 1:30 pm upstairs in the conference room at Hundred Nights Inc., 17 Lamson Street, Keene, NH.



TOUCH A TRUCK REDEUX

Due to the rainy weather on our original date we had to make the difficult decision to postpone our Touch a Truck event and reschedule it. Our new date is October 7th from 9 am to 1:00 pm. It will still be at Market Basket in Swanzey and will still have all the usual fun and games as well as the trucks. There will be vendor's booths also.

This is one of our most fun and family-friendly fundraisers and we hope the weather will cooperate! Bring the kids and climb in those trucks, play some games, eat some popcorn and have fun. There might even be a few surprises. Admission is \$5.00 for children and a canned food donation for The Community Kitchen for each adult. Come One, Come All! Help support Hundred Nights, Inc. while having some fun with the kids young and old.

WISH LIST

Thank you to everyone who so generously donates items that are needed here at Hundred Nights! We appreciate everything that you bring here. This is what is needed most at this time:

- snacks (beef jerky, fruit, yogurt, etc...)
- coffee & tea
- hot chocolate
- sugar & creamer
- tuna
- peanut butter
- jelly
- deli meats
- cheeses)
- milk
- butter
- mayo,
- ketchup
- bbq sauce
- backpacks
- razors
- deodorant
- shampoo
- conditioner
- tampons
- laundry soap (he)
- cases of bottled water

WANTED

In this fast paced and high tech world we are in need of someone who is savvy about Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, updating a website, etc. who would be able to volunteer some time as our Social Media Intern - it is greatly needed by the dinosaur in the office (Mindy) and would be greatly appreciated. This would also be a good opportunity for perhaps a communications major at any of our area colleges. If you know of anyone who might be interested in this please pass this message on to them. They can call Mindy or Jeff at 352-5197 and they will be happy to talk with them about it.





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COLD WEATHER SEASON

While the dog days of summer still linger and our spectacular autumn days will soon be upon us it is not too early to be thinking of the cold weather season which will be here before we know it. Orientation will begin in mid-October for those who are interested in volunteering to do intake or overnight shifts with Shelter Manager Jeff and our guests during the cold weather season. We open for the season in mid-November and close in mid-April. We are open 7 nights a week and nightly intake shifts are from 6:30 to either 9:00 or 10:00 pm. There is also need for overnight volunteers from 11:00 pm to 7:00 am. Our Open Doors Resource and Drop-In Center is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 4:30 during the shelter season and serves lunch at Noon. Weekend dinner is also served from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm. Volunteers are needed to help with preparing and serving meals, keeping our job listing board up to date, or with helping people fill in applications, write resumes and look for work and/or a place to live. Volunteers make their own schedule and it can vary from once a month to once or twice a week. Managers are on site during these times and are available to help. If you are interested in volunteering and want to attend an orientation session you can call 352-5197 to talk with Jeff or Mindy and we can get you started!

Homelessness is NOT a definition of character, it is a definition of circumstances.

Welcome!

Together they bring a wealth of knowledge and experience with the people in need of our services.

ROBERTA FRASER: Fundraiser, Selectperson and soon to be an RN

TERESA STARKKEY: Local Educator

DOUG IOSL: LSW at the Cheshire County Department of Corrections

JAN PETERSON: Recently retired from the NH Public Defenders Office in Keene

At our Annual Meeting in June four new Board Members were voted on to the Hundred Nights Board of Directors:

Welcome to New Board Members!