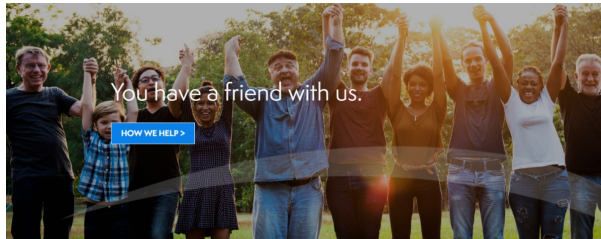


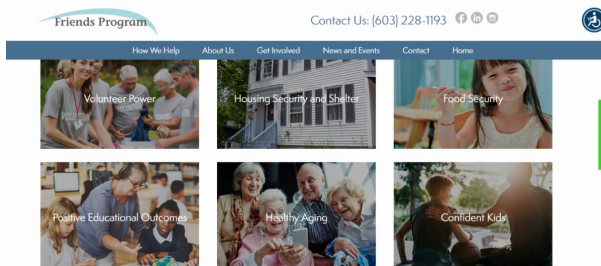
Friends Program

Check out the new website!



Welcome...We are the Friends Program.

The Friends Program works to build positive connections and solutions for at-risk youth, families and seniors. Since 1975, we have been working to inspire confident kids, increase access to stable housing for families, improve food security, improve educational outcomes for youth, enhance resources for healthy aging and leverage the power of volunteers to meet community needs across the state of New Hampshire. Join us!



We are beyond excited to announce that the Friends Program has [a new website!](#) Thank you to the expert guidance of the team at [Firehorse Creative](#) and funding from a Merrimack County ARPA grant! The new website features volunteer stories and accomplishments, up-to-date news and events and ways that you can get involved. The new site has an accessibility tool, and an on-demand translation tool is coming soon. Please share feedback (or if you find a typo) with Laura Miller at lmiller@friendsprogram.org

Meet our new staff!

The shelter construction has begun!



We held a mini-groundbreaking event on September 6th to celebrate resuming construction, thank donors who contributed to phase one of the renovation of the Emergency Housing property on Thompson Street in Concord, and businesses who purchased tax credits to help fund the next round of the project. *Pictured above are Executive Director Nancy McKeon, and Director of Emergency Housing, Glenda Leon. We are deeply grateful to: Ken and Ilene Stern, j. st. hilaire, Laura Scott, Steve Gamlin, United Baptist Church, Timothy and Lee Ames, William Faulkner, Eastern Bank, Merrimack County Savings, Orr & Reno, Cleveland Waters and Bass, TF Moran, Lincoln Financial, NH Charitable Foundation, Leonne, McDonnell and Roberts, Bank of New Hampshire, Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce, Grappone Auto Group, CDFA and Beach Bum Philanthropy.*

[Please follow the Home Stretch Renovation progress on our website.](#)
[We value your support!](#)

AEG & RallySound
10 / 7 at Bank of NH Stage

Help us support Friends Program with monetary donations

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Emily Infinger joined Friends staff as a Foster Grandparent Program Coordinator. She grew up in Rochester, NH before attending Plymouth State University to receive her Bachelor's degree in Psychology. In her free time, Emily loves to watch cooking shows, read sci-fi/fantasy novels, and training her new dachshund puppy.

Casey Murphy, Youth Mentoring Program Manager, is also a NH native and has always enjoyed spending time outdoors and taking in the sights of the Great North Woods. Despite this, he has quite the nerdy side and can be found gaming, playing Dungeons and Dragons or Magic the Gathering.

Back to school!

These dedicated volunteers are busy back in action stuffing backpacks for students in the Merrimack Valley School District who might need some extra support over the weekend. This amazing AmeriCorps Seniors project is a collaboration with Friends of Forgotten Children and the NH Food Bank.



Join us October 7th for an amazing concert with the Adam Ezra Group. They are sponsoring us to spread the word about the Home Stretch Renovation! [Tickets at Capital Center \(Bank of NH Stage\)](#)



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"I decided to volunteer because I had to rely on a volunteer driver program once and now I can extend that lifeline to someone else."



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The demand for volunteer drivers continues to increase. If you are over 55 and you have a few extra hours a month, you can make an enormous difference in the life of a senior in Merrimack County! You can volunteer on your schedule. Please contact Laura Rundell at 603-228-7616 or lrundell@friendsprogram.org to learn more.



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PUMPKIN DECORATING WITH FRIENDS!

**Saturday October 28th
11 am- 1pm**

City Wide Community Center 🎃 Canterbury Road 🎃 Concord

FREE SIZES
Infant to 3X
Halloween Costumes
12:00-2:00 pm

ALSO ACCEPTING COSTUME DONATIONS

SPECIAL GUESTS!

S.C.A.R.E.

Because no child should miss out on the magic of Halloween



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Join us for this fun family event-
Kids of ALL ages are welcome!

**“Mentoring is a brain
to pick, an ear to
listen, and a push in
the right direction.”**

John C. Crosby, Author

Mentor is a big word for someone who is simply a kind, caring and trusted adult who wants to help a young person develop, grow confident and more resilient to take on life's challenges, all while having fun and trying new experiences.

If you are over 18 and interested in making a difference in a young person's life, we would love to talk to you! We have lots of ways to fit your busy schedule. Please reach out to ym@friendsprogram.org

<https://friendsprogram.org> 603-228-1193



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