STEPPING STONE & NEXT STEP

PEER SUPPORT & RESPITE CENTERS
JANUARY 2019

Stepping Stone 108 Pleasant Street Claremont, NH 03743 603-543-1388 Next Step 109 Bank Street Lebanon, NH 03766 603-448-6941

www.steppingstonenextstep.org





Remembering Betty Monroe

- Betty's way of connecting with others who were stressed was magical.
- ♥ Ohana ~ true amazing spirit and heart.
- She was funny and bubbly.
- She was committed to Peer Support and wanted the best for everyone.
- ♥ She loved her "me time."
- ♥ She was a great peer at Stepping Stone.
- Betty had a good sense of humor.
- ♥ She was like a mother to me. | miss her.
- She was great with WRAP®.
- ♥ | miss you very much and wish you were still here!
- We shared a love of Christmas.

If you are interested in contributing a story, poem, or other idea, please call Shanon at 543-1388.

WISH LIST

all holiday DVDs patio table digital camera



- Albert L. for a 13x9 cake pan & lending us his Christmas tree.
- Nancy R. for holiday gifts at both centers.
- Members who help with community meals.
- Members who donate to The Giving Room.
- Members for helping with the Newsletter.

If you know of a donation we haven't recognized, please see Shanon.



Please Note Changes:

Next Step and Stepping Stone will be closed on 1/1. Next Step will be closed on 1/11 for staff training and Stepping Stone will be open 2:30-7 PM.

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Community Meal Menus

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1/1 Closed 1/2 Mac & Cheese/hotdogs Salad

1/8 Mac & Cheese w/hotdogs/beans 1/9 Eggs w/veggies/toast Salad Salad

1/15 Meat Stir Fry 1/16 Raviolis w/garlic bread Salad Salad

Salad Salad

1/22 Spaghetti w/garlic bread 1/23 Chef's Choice Salad Salad

1/29 Chicken Mac salad 1/30 Beef Stew w/crescent rolls Salad Salad

Recipe of the Month - Breakfast cookies

- 2 Bananas
- 1 Cup Quick Oats
- 1 tsp Cinnamon

Preheat oven to 350°. Mash bananas in a medium bowl with fork. Add quick oats and cinnamon, stir well. Place rounded tablespoons on greased baking sheet. Bake for 15 minutes. Enjoy!



On the 3rd Friday of every month at Stepping Stone, we have a cake to celebrate all the birthdays in the month.

Please join us for cake and celebration.

Giving Back

We believe it is important to give back to our communities. If you have an idea for community volunteering or donations, or if you volunteer and want to be recognized, please see Shanon. Here's what we're doing now:

Arbor View visit: In December, we painted Christmas ornaments and shared stories and memories of our past. If you want to join us in January, please sign up at either site.

Claremont Fire Department: A Member volunteers to help outside.

Claremont Soup Kitchen: A Member volunteers putting together food boxes.

<u>Grafton County Senior Center</u>: A Member in Lebanon volunteers at the front desk and waitresses when needed. She also puts together meals for Meals on Wheels.

Meals on Wheels: A Member in Lebanon volunteers to deliver meals. A Member in Claremont helps package meals.

Sullivan County Health Care: Two Members go there periodically and do a sing-along with nursing home residents.

Valley Regional Hospital: A Member volunteers to answers phones and direct people to where they need to go.

Woodlawn Nursing Home: A Member volunteers time once a week.

VT. Institute of Natural Science

Wednesday, 1/16/19 1–3 PM

Sign up for transportation at either site.

2018 PSA Outcomes Survey is available through 1/4/19

There are 3 options for you to complete the survey:

- 1. Use a computer at Stepping Stone or Next Step,
- 2. Use another computer and follow the link https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3L5WDLZ,
- 3. Complete a paper version at Stepping Stone or Next Step, which staff will enter online.

Your voice is important. Please complete a survey. Call Shanon at 543-1388 if you have questions.

Peer Respite in New Hampshire

The Stepping Stone Drop-In Center Assn. 108 Pleasant Street Claremont, NH 03743 Telephone: (603) 543-1388

The Alternative Life Center (ALC) 6 Main Street, PO Box 241 Conway, NH 03818-0214 Telephone: (603) 447-1765

HEARTS Peer Support Center of Greater Nashua 5 Pine Street Extension Suite 1-G PO Box 1564 Nashua NH 03060 Telephone: (603) 864-8769

Monadnock Area Peer Support Agency 64 Beaver Street Keene, NH 03431 Telephone: (603) 352-5093

Hannaford Helps





During January, the Hannaford store at 220 Washington Street, Claremont, will sponsor Stepping Stone and Next Step in the Hannaford Helps Reusable Bag Program. For every reusable bag you purchase, we will receive \$1. Please spread the word and visit Hannaford to purchase a bag or two. You will be helping us while you help the environment.

Consumer Council call-in option...

Consumer Council wants to increase attendance by having conference calls with the Peer Support Centers throughout NH. If you would like to listen in or have things to share, here is some information:

- The number to call in for the Consumer Council meeting is 1-888-245-8770.
- You will be asked to key in your "Guest Room Number" which is 480682.

The Giving Room

Come browse items donated by Members which can be taken free of charge by other Members. Details are available at both Centers. Please contact Shanon or Amber before you drop off donations.

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Location

1 Pleasant St., Suites 104 and 105 Claremont, NH 03743 603-287-7127

Facebook

https://www.facebook.com/pg/recoveryresourcecenter

We believe that the key to long-term recovery is a strong foundation of support and community. The Center is a communal space for individuals and families seeking support for substance misuse and addiction-related issues. We host an array of peer-based, non-clinical programs, and services including recovery coaching, support groups, educational workshops, and drug-free/sober community events.



Mon-Thu 8:30am-6pm Food Shelf opens at 9 am

713 Hartford Ave, White River Junction, Vermont ∞ 802-295-6500 info@uppervalleyhaven.org

-a non-profit, private organization that serves people struggling with poverty by providing food, shelter, education, service coordination, and other support.

Southwestern Community Svcs

96-102 Main Street Claremont, NH 03743 Phone: 603.542.9528

Toll Free: 800.529.0005 TTY-NH Relay: 800.735.2964





Please call the Sullivan County shelter at 542.3160 for more information about the Emergency Shelter Program or Housing Stabilization Counseling.



Confidential

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24 Hours a day

7 Days a week

Upcoming Events & Meeting

Community Meetings Stepping Stone, Tuesday, 1-2 PM Next Step, Wednesday, 1-2 PM

NH Mental Health Planning & **Advisory Council** Tuesday, 1/8, 9:30 AM-2 PM Fox Chapel, BMHS, Concord Please see information posted at both sites.

Newsletter Workgroup Monday, 1/14, 9:30-11:30 AM Stepping Stone Sign up for transportation from Next Step.

> **Arbor View Connection** Monday, 1/14, 1 PM Sign up for transportation from either site.

Consumer Council Meeting Tuesday, 1/15, 10 AM-1 PM, BMHS, Concord. Sign up for transportation at either site. See page 3 for call-in option.

VT. Institute of Natural Science Wednesday, 1/16, 1-3 PM Sign up for transportation from either site.

Educational Event-West Central Behavioral Health with Suellen Griffin Tuesday, 1/22, 1 PM Stepping Stone

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Stepping Stone and Next Step Peer Support and Crisis Respite Centers is a private, not-for-profit agency dedicated to promoting emotional wellness and recovery. Our supports are designed and driven by people with lived experience, and we are committed to the creation of a safe, supportive, and educational environment for people working on wellness. Members share real life experiences with their peers as they move toward what they want. This program is funded in part by a SAMHSA Block Grant and the NH Department of Health and Human Services. Our supports are free to NH residents.

"I just live my life."

-Liam Hemsworth -born January 13, 1990



Suggestion Boxes are at both sites for your ideas and suggestions regarding the Centers. Please place your constructive suggestions in the box. Your name is optional.

Board of Directors News

We're looking for talented and thoughtful volunteer Board members. If you can contribute your time and ideas and are interested in exploring this opportunity, contact Shanon Pyatt at 603 543-1388, and she will give your contact information to the Board member in charge of Board Recruitment.

How to Reach Us

Stepping Stone

Phone: 543-1388
Fax: 543-0131
Center hours:
Sunday 11 AM—3 PM
Monday—Thursday 9 AM—4 PM
Friday Noon—7 PM
Saturday 11 AM—4 PM

Next Step

Phone: 448-6941
Fax: 448-0702
Center hours:
Monday—Thursday 9 AM—5 PM
Friday 11 AM—6 PM
Saturday 11 AM—4 PM

Peer Respite

Our program is free to NH residents who meet the guidelines of being at risk for using mental health services, are already using mental health services, or are referred by other services. Call 543-1388 for more information.

Peer Support Warmline

Our Warmline is available 4–9 PM, seven days a week. To reach our Warmline, call 543-1388. If calling long distance within NH, call toll free at 1-888-582-0920.



WE'VE GONE DIGITAL!!

In an effort to reduce costs, we need to reduce the number of Newsletters we send in the US mail. Please consider accessing your Newsletter via email or our website. Also, we are unable to send individual Newsletters to Vermont.

Contact Shanon at shanon.pyatt@steppingstonenextstep.org to indicate your preference.

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