

# STEPPING STONE & NEXT STEP PEER SUPPORT CENTERS JANUARY 2025



Stepping Stone 132 Pleasant Street, Suite 1 Claremont, NH 03743 603-543-1388 Next Step 109 Bank Street Lebanon, NH 03766 603.448.6941

www.steppingstonenextstep.org



# Life is an Echo

By: Pam Lamott

The past is the door to the future.

The future is the key from the past.

One learns through education, expression and experience.

Our journey is full of trials, tribulations and triumphs.

Our story may be a cheerleader for others to grasp and be able to conquer and win instead of feeling like you can't.

If you are interested in contributing a story, poem, or other idea, please call Shanon at 603-543-1388.



# ce to January's schedule

Next Step

1/9, Open 10:30 AM-5 PM 1/24, Open 11 AM-7 PM

Stepping Stone

1/1, Closed 1/24, Open 12–4 PM WISH LIST

Word Search books

New chairs

Kitchen knife set

New Christmas tree



# Date & time—TBD

Keep a lookout at the centers for updates and sign up.



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

On the <u>2nd Wednesday</u> of every month, Next Step will have cake to celebrate all the birthdays in the month.

Please join us for cake and celebration.

# **Quote of the Month**

"Tomorrow belongs to those who can hear it coming."

-David Bowie -born January 8, 1947

# **Taco stuffed Sweet Potatoes**

- 2 sweet potatoes, about 1 pound each
- 1 tablespoon avocado oil
- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1 tablespoon ground cumin
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder

- ½ teaspoon onion powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup water
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1 cup shredded Mexican cheese blend, divided
- 1 cup shredded romaine lettuce

Prick sweet potatoes all over with a fork. Microwave on High until soft, 10 to 12 minutes. Meanwhile, heat oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add beef, chili powder, cumin, garlic powder, onion powder and salt; cook, breaking the beef up into small pieces until browned and no longer pink, 4 to 6 minutes. Whisk water and tomato paste in a measuring cup; add to the pan and stir to coat the mixture. Stir in 1/2 cup cheese. Halve the sweet potatoes and mash the flesh a bit with a fork. Top each half with 1/2 cup of the beef mixture, 2 tablespoons cheese and 1/4 cup lettuce.

*Our Vision:* We envision a world where peer support promotes social change and eliminates the stigma associated with mental health.

*Our Mission:* To support our mental health peers on their personal paths toward wellness within a community free from judgment where we share feelings, experiences, and tools in a respectful way.

Our programs are funded in part by a SAMHSA Block Grant and the NH Department of Health and Human Services. Our supports are free to NH residents.



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TO LIVE FULLY WITH DIGNITY.
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THESE VIRUSES THROUGH
EDUCATION & UNDERSTANDING.

SUPPORT FOR ANYONE LIVING WITH OR AT RISK FOR HIV & VIRAL HEPATITIS:

Syringe Access, Case
Management, and Community
Education

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#### **MOBILE SYRINGE EXCHANGE**

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BY APPOINTMENT
UPPER VALLEY VT & NH

#### We offer:

- Support For People Who Use Drugs
- Harm Reduction Supplies
  syringes and safer injection works
- · Narcan
- · Fentanyl and Xylazine Test Strips
- Overdose Prevention Training
- Hepatitis C & HIV prevention, testing and referrals to care
- · Education & Referrals
- Connection to recovery support, medical and social services
- Help signing up for health insurance and other support services

#### Meeting You Where You're At.

For more information or to schedule a meetup:

Ryan (603) 276-9698 Ryan@H2RC.org

Laura (603) 306-1105 Laura@H2RC.org

# Board of Directors <u>News</u>

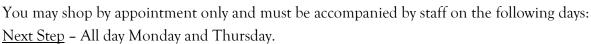
We're looking for volunteer Board members. If you can contribute your time and ideas and are Interested in exploring this opportunity, contact Shanon Laferte at 603 543-1388, and she will give your contact information to the Governance Committee.





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.

# The Giving Room



Stepping Stone - All day Monday and Wednesday.







62 Pleasant St. Claremont, NH 03743 603-287-7127

24 Hanover St. Lebanon, NH 03766 603-790-3779

### Facebook:

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

We believe that the key to long-term recovery is a strong foundation of support and community. 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.



# 141 Mascoma Street, Lebanon, NH 03766 Phone: 603-448-4872 Email: info@headrest.org

Headrest supports individuals and their families, friends and neighbors affected by substance use, navigating recovery, or in crisis, by providing effective programs and treatment options that support prevention and long-term recovery. Headrest will never turn anyone away.



Mon-Thu 8:30am-6pm Fri 8:30am-4pm 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 Services**

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 603 542.3160 for more information about the Emergency Shelter Program or Housing Stabilization Counseling.

# How to Reach Us

Stepping Stone

Phone: 603-543-1388

Fax: 603-543-0131

Center hours:

Monday 8 AM–5 PM Tuesday 8 AM–5 PM Wednesday 8 AM–5 PM Thursday 8 AM–5 PM Friday 8 AM–4 PM **Next Step** 

Phone: 603-448-6941

Fax: 603-448-0702

Center hours:

Monday 9 AM—3 PM Tuesday 9 AM—5 PM Wednesday 9 AM—5 PM Thursday 9 AM—5 PM Friday 9 AM—7 PM

Saturday 10:30 AM-2:30 PM

Transportation Phone: 603 287-3231

# Peer Support Warmline

Our Warmline is available Sunday-Thursday, 4-9 PM; Friday, 4-8 PM: Saturday, 4-9 PM.

To reach our Warmline, call 603-543-1388. If calling long distance within NH, you may call toll free at 888-582-0920.

Peer Respite in New Hampshire

H.E.A.R.T.S. Peer Support Center of Greater Nashua 5 Pine Street Extension Suite 1-G

PO Box 1564 Nashua NH 03060

Telephone: (603) 864-8769

Monadnock Peer Support 24 Vernon Street

Keene, NH 03431

Telephone: (603) 352-5093

## NH Recovery Oriented Step-Up/Step-Down Programs (SUSD)

## **Connections Peer Support Center**

161 1st NH Turnpike, Northwood, NH 03261 603.427.6966 Office; 603.373.6519 Fax kali@connectionspeersupport.org

## H.E.A.R.T.S. Peer Support Center

5 Pine St. Ext. 1G, Nashua, NH 03060 603.882.8400 Office; 603.864.8482 Fax cherylt@heartspsa.com

## **Monadnock Area Peer Support**

24 Vernon Street, Keene, NH 03431 603.352.5093 Office; 603.550.5506 Fax karen@monadnockpsa.org

#### On the Road to Wellness

59 Sheffield Road, Manchester, NH 03103 603.232.6250 Office; 603.232.6158 Fax susd@otrtw.org

# Upcoming Events & Meetings

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

> Board of Directors Meeting Wednesday, 1/8, 3:30-4:30 PM via computer:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87115911999?pwd=MGxxU Uw5RG9jb0RpbUxrMGVqZXB6Zz09

> Meeting ID: 871 1591 1999 Passcode: 684790

#### via smartphone or Tablet:

+13126266799,,87115911999#,,,,\*684790# US (Chicago) +16465588656,,87115911999#,,,,\*684790# US (New York)

## via Telephone:

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) +1 646 558 8656 US (New York) Meeting ID: 871 1591 1999 Passcode: 684790

Arbor View Connections
Thursday, 1/9, 2-3 PM
Sign up for transportation
from either site

Newsletter Workgroup Monday, 1/13, 10-11 AM Next Step

Monday, 1/13, 1:30-2:30 PM Stepping Stone

NH Behavioral Health Planning & Advisory Council Tuesday, 1/14, 9:30 AM-12 PM

Sign up for transportation from either site.

Or Via computer or smartphone: https://nh-dhhs.zoom.us/j/2680146033? pwd=UmxiaXl6VWswclFkcDR0aUZYUkp4dz09

You can also dial in using your phone. United States: +1 (312) 626 6799 Meeting ID: 268 014 6033 Password: 691279

> Educational Event Tuesday, 1/14, 1-2 PM Advocacy with New Futures Stepping Stone

> Educational Event
> Wednesday, 1/15, 1-2 PM
> Advocacy with New Futures
> Next Step

NH Mental Health Peer Alliance
Tuesday, 1/21, 10 AM—12 PM
Via computer or smartphone:
<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84071785517?">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84071785517?</a>
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Meeting ID: 840 7178 5517 Password: 269641

<u>Upper Valley Humane Society</u> Date/Time—TBD