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**And . . .** also consider subscribing to our monthly email newsletter, which includes news, events, Hope Pettegrew’s monthly column and acknowledgement of the many community organizations that help us achieve our goals.

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The Monadnock Area Transitional Shelter’s mission is to provide transitional housing, support and referral services to people who are homeless; to educate our community on issues of homelessness; and to advocate for possible solutions.

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**MATS Annual Community Report 2019**

May 2020

As unsettling as the past few months have been for everyone, most of us have a secure home in which to shelter with our families. In fact, the very idea of “home” has become a potent symbol of security as we practice social distancing, work from home, and home-school our children. But in our community, not everyone has a home, and the now-urgent problem of homelessness remains persistent in the Monadnock Region.

For the past 30 years, the Monadnock Area Transitional Shelter has provided hundreds of families with a safe and secure place to call home. Because of ongoing community support, we have been able to help families access housing services and transition into permanent and independent living situations. Our Program Manager provides our guests with connections to resources such as job training, child care, and counseling so that when they leave MATS, they have the day-to-day skills and support they need to avoid recurring homelessness.

*While assisting individuals and families in our region, over the past year MATS has continued to strengthen its mission and outreach as follows:*

- We served eight families at our apartment house: 26 people – 9 adults and 17 children from infants to teenagers.
- We received 265 inquiries from individuals and families looking for housing or housing resources. These included town welfare agencies, family members, therapists, counselors, school social workers, drug and alcohol programs, hospitals and others. We received 43 applications for housing.
- Families served were from the following towns: Peterborough, Antrim, Gilford, Greenfield and Wilton.
- Our Program Manager met with previous guests and families to help stabilize their housing situations, with the primary goal of preventing recurring homelessness.
- Our Program Manager also had 130 calls and contacts with people at The River Center, where she provides weekly housing-related counsel. These services include assistance with completing Section 8 and affordable housing applications -- and supporting tenants in accessing resources related to financial management and rental issues.
- The MATS information and outreach news column, written by former board member Hope Pettegrew, appears monthly in the Monadnock Ledger-Transcript.
- We sponsored the first annual Trivia Night fundraiser at the Shattuck Golf Club.
- MATS sponsored the annual Candlelight Vigil on December 21 in conjunction with National Homeless Memorial Day to remember the people who died in New Hampshire due to homelessness and related hardship.
- We raised operating funds through a fundraising campaign and received \$50,190 in individual gifts.
- We received grants from the Agnes Lindsay Trust, the Walmart Foundation, Bar Harbor Bank and Trust, the Cogswell Benevolent Trust, the Cochran & Klug Family Trust, the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, the Houston Family Charitable Fund, the Dobles Foundation, the Phyllis and Jim Rogers Donor Advised Fund, the Elsie P. van Buren Foundation, the Bank of America Charitable Foundation and C&S Wholesale Grocers for a total of \$53,050.
- Through the generosity of our community at large, which included donations from churches, agencies, families and individuals, we helped our guests have a bountiful Christmas.

**Highlights of Fiscal 2019**

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