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## Contributions

Nashua Children's Home, with a long-standing history of being the recipient of community goodwill, has been the recipient of a number of major grant awards over the past year:

- The Dunahoo Family Foundation awarded \$50,000 in unrestricted operating support, but geared primarily at renovation projects within our Younger Girls Unit.
- Digital Federal Credit Union (DCU) awarded two grants, totaling \$40,000. DCU has topped the \$100,000 mark in total giving to Nashua Children's Home.
- The Club National Golf Tournament awarded \$20,000, bringing its total grant awards over the 20 years of this signature annual event to \$325,000 to support the Transitional Living Program (TLP) of Nashua Children's Home.
- Ella Anderson Trust awarded a grant of \$11,107 to support the enrollment of Nashua Children's Home boys and girls in various summer camps, the 13th year in which it has done so.
- The Bank of America Charitable Foundation awarded \$10,000 toward the operation of the TLP, its 9th annual gift to that program.
- TD Charitable Foundation awarded a \$10,000 grant to the operation of the TLP, the 5th consecutive year it has done so.
- The TJX Foundation contributed \$10,000 toward the operation of the TLP.
- Mr. Richard Petzold contributed \$10,000 toward Christmas presents of the boys and girls, in keeping with his long-standing, yearly support.



Check presentation at Club National



Please consider donating to help our cause.

- go to [nashuachildrenshome.org](http://nashuachildrenshome.org) and donate via credit/debit card or PayPal
- mail a check using the enclosed envelope
- trusts or gifts of stock (please call Executive Director David Villiotti at 603-883-3851)



THANK YOU



# NASHUA CHILDREN'S HOME



Enriching the Lives of Children and Families Since 1903

## Director's Corner By David Villiotti, Executive Director

The stories of the boys and girls placed at Nashua Children's Home are often encouraging, but also often sad. Theirs are lives filled with trauma, but also resilience. They experience the heartbreak of separation from their families, but also ample opportunities for success, via the efforts of the counselors, teachers and therapists of Nashua Children's Home. We know all too well, via news reports from our nation's southern border, of the tragedy and poignancy of the separation of children from their families.

Nashua Children's Home, in its admission processes, attempts to mitigate the heartbreak and discouragement of this separation by giving preference in admission to local boys and girls, thus enabling greater family involvement in our family-centered work, and also by making every effort to keep sibling groups together. Sometimes these boys and girls are placed at Nashua Children's Home simultaneously; at other times first one sibling is placed with us, then another, sometimes with Nashua Children's Home taking an activist role in reuniting the siblings. Keeping siblings united has always been a value embraced by Nashua Children's Home, best exemplified by having an entire triplet group here some years ago.

Throughout the past year, Nashua Children's Home, among its total census of a maximum of 46 boys and girls, had four sibling groups, three of which are pictured on the back page. One group, 13 year old Sophia, 14 year old Jason, and 16 year old Kyleigh, returned home to their grandfather in Berlin, NH at the close of the school year just passed. We continue with the brother/sister combo of 7 year old Allen and 8 year old Sahleena, 10 year old Ava and 11 year old Jacob and the trio of 12 year old Tavarius, 15 year old Tayeghan, and



16 year old Tabyas. The mothers of two of these three sets of siblings are closely involved with their programming, visiting their kids here and having them home for visits, and participating in family therapy at Nashua Children's Home. In addition to maintaining their membership in their families, these kids have each other. They visit on each other's unit on a daily basis, and typically call around, unit to unit, to wish each other a good night.

Also featured in this article are 34 year old Matt Fentross (staff) and his 32 year old brother, Zack (volunteer). The Fentross boys are shown preparing Thanksgiving dinner at Nashua Children's Home, with Matt often called upon for his culinary talents.

Being with one's siblings is a bonus, regardless of age. We hope to add to the sheer enjoyment of unity, as well as the connectedness and attachment, by continuing to place an emphasis on keeping siblings together.

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The pictorial on this newsletter's interior pages is a sampling of the wonderful activities in which the boys and girls of Nashua Children's Home participate. Success in these ventures raises self-esteem, are simply a lot of fun, and many are made possible by the generous outpouring of support from our community partners. The pictorial includes holiday and momentous birthday celebrations, the support of favorite sports teams and outings to such venues as Wallis Sands State Beach, Canobie Lake and Launch Trampoline Park. Here's hoping that you enjoy the year in pictures at Nashua Children's Home. ✨

**Easter Bunny Easter**



**Fandom**



**Ghosts & Goblins**



**Party Time!!**



**Fun, Fun, Fun**



**Happy Holidays!!**



**Wet & Wild Summer**

