



# Nashua Children's Home

Enriching the lives of children and families since 1903...

## Spring 2025 Newsletter



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## Director's Corner

By Matt Fentross, Executive Director



I'm pleased to share recent updates from Nashua Children's Home and how your support continues to impact the children and families we serve. The past few months have brought both exciting developments and challenges, all rooted in our mission to provide a safe, nurturing environment.

One of our key initiatives over the last few months has been Career Readiness and Life Skills for the older youth in our Transitional Living Program (TLP), with a key emphasis on overcoming transportation barriers. Recently, we purchased two used vehicles for young adults entering the TLP, and our staff continue supervised driving for those working toward obtaining their licenses.

Like many organizations, we've faced challenges and uncertainty, but thanks to strong community support and the resilience of our staff, we have been able to adapt and remain focused on our mission. In the coming months we'll transition to an electronic medical records system to streamline records processing in an effort to better serve the children in our care.

Lastly, I am excited to announce that we will be hosting our first-ever fundraiser gala on Saturday, October 4, 2025, to be held at the Event Center Nashua. Please check our website in the coming weeks for more information about this exciting event!

On behalf of our entire team, thank you for your generosity. Your contributions, whether financial or in-kind, have had a tangible and positive impact on the children and families we serve. We couldn't do this important work without you, and we are so grateful for your continued partnership.

*With deepest gratitude, Matt Fentross*



## Springtime Fun Awaits!

After a long winter, our kids are more than ready to get outside and enjoy our brand-new playground and ballfield! We are deeply grateful to everyone who made this dream a reality. Thank you for making a difference in their lives!

While our ballfield is still settling, excitement is already building for the first games to be played. In the meantime, our playground is buzzing with activity, giving our children a safe and joyful space to run, climb, and explore!



Summer is around the corner, and we want to make it a great one for our kids... *but we need your help to make it happen!*

Summer camp, amusement parks, and similar adventures are incredible opportunities for exploring, learning, and simply to enjoy being kids! Your donation can fund camp registrations, park admissions, and more. **Help us help make this summer unforgettable by giving today!**

## Aging Out, But Not Alone

### Serving our “aged-out” youth

Imagine spending most of your childhood or teenage years at Nashua Children’s Home. Now, as you turn 18, you’re suddenly considered an adult—no longer part of the child-protective or juvenile justice system.

But where do you go next? With no family to turn to for support, no bed to call your own, and no one to guide you through adulthood, the future can feel overwhelming.

We recognized this critical need and, in 2002, established the Transitional Living Program (TLP) to prevent homelessness and provide stability for young adults aging out of care. Nearly entirely funded by private donations and grants, the TLP offers a structured path toward independence.

At the heart of the program is Lea Reilly, the TLP’s program director since its inception. An onsite apartment building gives these young adults a place to call home for a few more years. During this time, they pay a nominal rent while receiving other essential support, including:

- *guidance on navigating adulthood—finding a job, enrolling in community college, and managing daily responsibilities*
- *help securing transportation, which can include having their own used car to get to their job, school, and grocery store*
- *ongoing mentorship in budgeting, apartment living, and setting sustaining life goals*

Being onsite allows these young adults to stay connected to their Nashua Children’s Home family while they gain the confidence and skills to live independently.

Because of the generosity of our supporters, we’re able to ensure that aging out doesn’t mean being left behind. To our supporters, thank you for helping us change lives! **Want to be a TLP Champion Supporter? Donate today!**





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### Honoring Excellence: Lea Reilly Receives the Mark S. Rowland Exemplary Service Award – Again!

We are thrilled to celebrate Lea Reilly, our Transitional Living Program Director, as a two-time recipient of the Mark S. Rowland Exemplary Service Award!

This prestigious award is given annually in memory of Mark Rowland, a devoted family counselor who tragically lost his life while on a client home visit in 1999. Chosen by her NCH peers, Lea has once again been recognized for her extraordinary commitment to advancing our organization's mission. A true role model, Lea (pictured above), is an avid runner who exudes positivity and possibilities, character traits that help our young adults build confidence and sustainable life skills for the future.

Lea's leadership and tireless efforts continue to make a profound difference in the lives of the young people we serve. Her impact is felt not only within our programs but also in the futures she helps shape. Congratulations, Lea, on this well-deserved honor, and thank you for all that you do!



*"NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE"*

**SAVE THE DATE**

Saturday, October 4, 2025  
5:30 - 9:30

Marriott Event Center, Nashua, NH

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