



## Introducing Our First E-Newsletter

*Winter 2025*

We are excited to bring you our very first E-newsletter! Together we're creating a brighter future for the youth under our care. Read on for a snapshot of who we are and what we've been up to!



### Executive Director Point of View



Matt Fentross, Executive Director

I am incredibly thankful to our supporters and dedicated staff who are helping to improve the lives of the youth we serve every day. With 5 locations, a residential capacity for 46 children, a transitional living program for our aged-out youth, and three classrooms for students with special needs, we stay busy! We have a lot to share with you, and hope this newsletter allows you to gain insight into what we do.

I'm always eager to speak with our supporters. Please reach out if you have any questions or to schedule an in-person meeting with me and take a tour of our facilities.

## Stats and Milestones



Our census is constantly evolving, but here's a snapshot of key facts and milestones from 2024. Please note that some figures are approximate.

- 40 admissions, 25 discharges
- 4 of our residents learned how to drive
- 3 resident teens graduated high school
  - 12 day camp registrations
  - 225 health appointments
  - 9 extra-curricular activities
  - 34 birthdays celebrated
  - 12 kids worked at their job

## Making Strides and Persevering

We're so proud of the youth under our care who continue to show resilience and determination despite the challenges they've faced so early in life. We provide them with a safe, clean, nurturing environment, proper guidance, get them to their health appointments, school, extra-curricular activities, help them with homework, ensure they get enough sleep... and repeat!

Along the way, we make time for enriching experiences, from outings like roller skating and trips to amusement parks to craft activities. These moments, often a given for intact families, are vital to the growth and development of at-risk youth, helping them to build confidence, joy, and a sense of normalcy.



Halloween Party 2024

## Help Us Give the Gift of Fun

We're always looking for ways to bring joy and enrichment into the lives of the children we serve. Our kids enjoy field trips to local arcades, [Roller Kingdom](#), [Altitude Indoor Trampoline Park](#), [Time to Clay](#), and [McIntyre Ski Area](#) and more — but we need your help to make it happen!



One way you can help is by donating gift certificates/cards from these local entertainment venues. If so inclined, you can mail them to us at:

Nashua Children's Home  
Attn: Activities Coordinator  
125 Amherst Street  
Nashua, NH 03064-2043

Prefer to help us build funds for our outings? Visit our website and make a donation - together, we can provide the children with moments of laughter, creativity, and adventure!

### [Support our Mission](#)

## Major Backyard Overhaul

This past fall, thanks to our faithful donors, we replaced our playground which was outdated and out of safety compliance. It's already a favorite go-to for the kids!

Additionally, our baseball field received a much-needed overhaul and is now equipped with lights, allowing the kids to enjoy evening games after dinner. We're ready for spring season!



## Leaping into the Future

We recently implemented a modern cloud-based donor management and funding software system. This replaced our '90s-era setup, which feels like a leap into the future!

If you donate electronically, you may have noticed that our e-mail acknowledgements are now coming from this system. If you have not been receiving your e-mail acknowledgements, we suggest checking your spam filter, and marking the emails safe to receive (they will arrive from our donor coordinator, Jonelle Rexenes). Contact us if you have questions!



## Infrastructure Plans for 2025 and Beyond

In addition to an extensive list of necessary facility improvements projected for the next several years, we are at a point where we need to implement a centralized electronic medical records (EMR) system. Currently all records are documented with pen, paper, and Microsoft Office, with paper documents being stored onsite for a number of years. Records include counseling session notes, behavioral incidents, provider appointment logs, medications taken, and so on. This is a manual, time intensive process, not to mention we are running out of storage room. An EMR system is considered to be crucial



for the security and safety of individual records, and a major boost in efficiency for agencies like us with limited staff.

The challenge we are facing is the high annual cost. However, the benefits are that it would enable us to eliminate the need for paper tracking and storage, and enhance and modernize our process, allowing us to spend less time on administrative tasks, and focus more on the children under our care.

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That's why fundraising in 2025 will be one of our top priorities as we work to secure the resources needed for this critical upgrade. We would greatly appreciate your help. Also, stay tuned for exciting updates about our inaugural gala fundraiser!

## Make a Difference Today

**As always, we thank you for being a part of our mission!**



Here's a few photo collages of the kids enjoying holiday activities.

We greatly appreciate the support and goodwill of our generous benefactors, without whom the holidays would have been nowhere as joyous for the children under our care every day.







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