You Came Through Every Time
Donors talk about their reasons for supporting CCNH

Keith and Joyce Koerber are committed to giving back to their community, both locally and globally. When the Koerbers decided to increase their local giving, Catholic Charities New Hampshire fit the bill.

“Catholic Charities is constantly striving to make sure they’re conscious of where resources go,” Keith said.

As a nurse practitioner for 30 years, Joyce spent many hours working with Catholic Charities’ counselors, social workers and case workers to ensure struggling people and families got services they needed to survive and thrive.

Whether she referred a pregnant teenager to Catholic Charities’ pregnancy and parenting education program, or contacted the local Parish & Community Services office to arrange an emergency fuel delivery, Joyce said Catholic Charities came through every time.

“We called them for help and they never worried about someone’s religion,” Joyce explained. “The common thread every time was their sense of service. They were doing it because they love to do it. They were always caring and thoughtful.”

“Being able to see the work being done for our community made us more aware and even more dedicated to giving,” Joyce said.

The Koerbers and donors like you move lives forward. Thank you.
**Nine steps. Make Them Safe.**

Hand-in-Hand seeks volunteers

Nine steps. That’s what one elderly Lakes Region man faces to get to his front door. One misstep on the worn risers could spell disaster. But disability and age bar him from repairing them himself.

You can help. Parish & Community Services’ Hand-in-Hand program in Littleton and Laconia needs volunteers. Won’t you join us?

Whether there’s a porch that needs fixing, shrubs to be trimmed, or a shed to be painted, Hand-in-Hand volunteers roll up their sleeves to help disabled, elderly and low-income homeowners.

Mowing the lawn and trimming the bushes every few weeks are routine chores. But for Michelle and her family, they are overwhelming.

A car accident left Michelle a quadriplegic. Her husband, Brian, works five to six days a week in addition to being a caregiver. Add in household chores, and even the smallest tasks are a strain.

Hand-in-Hand connected the family with volunteers from Sacred Heart Church in Laconia last summer. They came by every few weeks to tend to the yard and handled the spring and fall clean ups. It lightened the burden on this family.

Consider giving your time and talent this summer as a volunteer, on-site supervisor or event coordinator. Hand-in-Hand is also interested in homeowners who might need help keeping up their properties.

The Littleton program runs from June 25-30. Please contact Christina Bertin at 603-444-7727 to sign up or for more information. The Laconia program begins in June and ends in the fall. Please call Len Campbell at 603-528-3035 for details.

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**Giving Sight to Those Who Can’t See**

Your gift to Harry

Imagine having only a bicycle for transportation, riding it year-round through snow, sleet and rain.

That was the situation facing a 63-year-old man, who lives at a campsite. He came to Catholic Charities New Hampshire for assistance. Forced to live on the streets since he was six, he survived by his wits. When ‘Harry’ was young, he was subjected to child abuse, which led to mental disabilities. He started to drink alcohol to cope. He is proud that he has been sober now for more than 30 years.

Lately, ‘Harry’ crashed into various items on the road and slipped into potholes, but didn’t know why.

“It was getting spooky,” he said.

He came to our door, but it was you who walked with him. Thanks to your support, our outreach worker enrolled him in health insurance for the first time in 30 years. His first stop was the eye doctor. He learned his eyeglasses were so old that he virtually had no vision in his left eye.

“I felt like I was swimming underwater without a mask,” he explained.

Finally, his new glasses arrived. A new world opened for him.

“Oh, dear Lord in heaven,” ‘Harry’ said. “I can see.”

You gave sight to ‘Harry’ – making him safer on the road. Your gifts provide hope, caring and love to those who are lost. Thank you.