An Inside Look: New Generation

Building Stable & Secure Futures for Mothers and Children Facing Homelessness


Let’s catch up with New Generation Executive Director, Elsy Cipriani, to learn more about this incredible program:

How would you describe New Generation to someone who may not be familiar with you?
I often say that New Generation is where pregnant women and single mothers with young children – who are facing homelessness can come, dream about a new beginning and build the lives they want to live.

We’ve been blessed to provide a safe and caring environment for more than 1,700 families since 1987. While we’re most commonly known as a shelter and transitional housing facility, we’re also a place where these inspiring mothers gain the education, support and resources to move beyond their challenging pasts towards futures built on hope, stability and untapped potential.

What types of services does New Generation provide?
First, we offer emergency housing for pregnant or single mothers of small children, many of whom come to us from the street or unsafe environments. Our seven housing units within a supportive group setting promote a strong sense of community and accountability. Additionally, we have transitional living apartments for mothers who are working but still may require some temporary support on a daily basis.

We provide individual case management, assisting women with educational goals, employment opportunities, transportation to medical appointments, childcare needs, financial literacy and other priorities. Our individual and group parenting classes promote personal responsibility and nurture family development.

We’ve also expanded our focus on aftercare services for residents who transitioned to permanent housing and independence but still require ongoing services. The main goal of aftercare is to prevent a recurrence of homelessness, and also assist families looking to be rehoused in areas with better school districts and employment options.

Lastly, we operate an on-site thrift shop and furniture barn, which help fund our programs. Many past and current residents work there and it’s a great way to foster vocational training.

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What challenges/issues do you address?
Many of the women we work with are between the ages of 18 to 25 with histories of domestic violence, substance use and mental health challenges, and often have no place to live or go. Their only other option is living on the street or in their cars. For our pregnant moms, it’s often their first pregnancy, and they lack the support system and resources to start a life by themselves.

How does joining Catholic Charities NH help you better serve women & children?
The support of Catholic Charities, whose mission aligns with ours in serving the most vulnerable populations, will allow us to keep growing and be in a position to empower many more mothers by providing access to other Catholic Charities NH programs, such as emergency assistance, mental health counseling, expanded pregnancy and parenting education and more. And now being connected to Catholic Charities’ backend business functions, it allows us to devote more direct time to our women and families.

What does success look like for the families you work with?
Our approach is to meet them where they are, provide access to the support they require and help them create paths to self-sufficiency and permanent housing. It can be providing a mother with the relief that her children will not have to worry about living on the streets and giving them the safety of a supportive and healthy environment. Success for our families may be things we take for granted, but it’s truly life-changing for them.

What makes you most proud of New Generation?
The mothers we work with are resilient and determined. Our amazing staff continually demonstrates a unique capability to adapt and provide customized services based on our residents’ needs every day.

What impact can donors have on New Generation and the mothers they serve?
Donations allow us to sustain and grow our programs. We sadly live in a world where the demand for our services remains high. Donor support truly allows us to make a meaningful difference in the lives of many more mothers and children.

Monadnock at Home Expands Reach to Support More Seniors
Building on our commitment to keeping seniors connected with their communities and reducing feelings of isolation, Monadnock at Home recently expanded its programs to Greenfield and Temple. This will enable many more seniors in rural areas across the region to remain independent in their homes and benefit from the program’s unique social and educational opportunities and wide range of support around home maintenance, grocery delivery, transportation to medical appointments and various social and educational programming.
Trudy’s Center for Family Support Dedicated

A legacy gift can come in many forms. For Dick Dutile, he knew the perfect way to honor his late wife, Gertrude (Trudy) Dutile, a devoted mother, wife and sister who always put children and family first. On June 6, many of Trudy’s family and friends came together to dedicate the new Trudy’s Center for Family Support, home of the Our Place pregnancy and parenting education program in Manchester. Although she passed away in 1999 at the young age of 59, her commitment – and name – will leave a lasting mark for families and children who come through the Our Place doors for years to come.

Chipping in for Vets

In June, the 4th annual Fore Our Veterans Golf Tournament benefiting Liberty House raised $18,200 for New Hampshire Veterans! Thank you to all sponsors, players, organizers and Stonebridge Country Club for making this a great day for Vets!

Christmas in July 5K

Total Image Running’s Christmas in July 5K was held at the Auburn Pits on July 14, and raised $2,000 for Catholic Charities NH. We want to thank Total Image Running, and all the race participants for coming out on what was definitely a scorcher of a day to support those we serve.

Mardi Gras: Save the Date

Our Louisiana-themed celebration is back and we look forward to seeing you in person! Save the date for the 16th Annual Mardi Gras Gala: Saturday, February 12, 2022, at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Manchester. We hope you’ll join us for a festive evening featuring our auction, raffles, music and more. Stay tuned for more exciting details!

Your Legacy

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