

The Life of a Gift

Thanks to people like you, Misty's life changed forever, in more ways than one.

Have you wondered how much of a difference you make? Your support creates moving moments, like a family being able to keep a roof over their heads or a senior not worrying about spending a frigid night without heat.

What you may not realize is the lifelong impact – and ripples of change – that just one gift can create. Just ask Misty Rodriguez.

She'll tell you she's got a pretty good life now, with a family and a career she loves. If you asked her 27 years ago, when she was homeless and pregnant at age 15, she probably would have given you a different answer.

1997 was when she first crossed paths with Catholic Charities NH through the Our Place pregnancy and parenting education program. Through donor support, Misty had a healthy pregnancy followed by the birth of her son. But there's a ripple effect.

Misty's relationship with Our Place directly led to her getting her GED and her Licensed Nursing Assistant (LNA) certificate. Then working at St. Teresa Rehab and Nursing Center as an LNA helped her emerge from poverty.

A few years later, when her family faced separation, Catholic Charities was there again, resulting in keeping her family together – a family that grew to include four children.

A chain reaction, sparked by a caring community, that formed the foundation of her life and carries on to this day.

Make a difference? Absolutely, and this isn't even the whole story. Misty's amazing journey, with Catholic Charities NH and supporters alongside, also included a recent huge milestone in her life. Her story is a must-read.



Scan the QR code to read
Misty's inspiring journey,
or visit cc-nh.org/misty.





Mardi Gras Dazzles – Beads, Beats & Big Hearts

Concord transformed into a carnival of compassion on February 10, for the 18th Annual Mardi Gras Gala. Beads jingled amid the festivities, the Cajun-inspired cuisine was a hit, and the dance floor came alive, illuminated by the glitter of generosity. Best of all: **Net proceeds of over \$225,000 were raised to provide pathways of hope and healing for our NH neighbors facing their darkest days.**

We would like to send a huge thanks to all attendees and sponsors, including our Presenting Sponsor, **CGI Business Solutions**, for making this a night to remember!

Mark Your Calendars Now! Mardi Gras 2025 returns on Saturday, February 22 in Manchester.

[View Event Photos & Recap](#)



Save the Date: Upcoming Events

Liberty House's 20th Anniversary Celebration

Benefiting the resident veterans at Liberty House

Saturday, April 6

Waterfront at the Elks, Portsmouth, NH

Touch a Truck

Family fun benefiting veterans at Liberty House

Saturday, May 18

100 William Loeb Drive, Manchester, NH

FORE The Veterans Golf Tournament

Hit the links to benefit veterans at Liberty House

Friday, June 28

Stonebridge Country Club, Goffstown, NH

Mulligans for Moms Golf Tournament

Benefiting the moms and children at New Generation

Monday, September 16

Breakfast Hill Golf Club, Greenland, NH

Moments that Matter

Students from Magdalen College dedicated their Pro-Life Service Day at Our Place to support families and children.



Portsmouth Elks Lodge #97 provided a wonderful Valentine's Day brownie sundae bar for the veteran residents at Liberty House!



18 New Generation families successfully transitioned from shelter to permanent housing in 2023, including Angela (center) and her daughter.



Knights of Columbus, Bishop Peterson Council 4442, brought warmth this winter with a generous donation of adult and children's jackets.

Grant Recognition

Thank you to the following organizations that recently awarded grants to support CCNH's programs:

- Adelard A. and Valeda Lea Roy Foundation
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- Ludes Family Foundation
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- Speedway Children's Charities
- Wireless Zone





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Your Support in Action: Illuminating Hope for Single Mom

Thanks to donors, Keira and her young son don't have to spend anxious nights in the dark.

Keira embodies the spirit of a resilient, rock star mom. Having overcome substance use, she now navigates the complexities of life for her beloved son, David, a sixth-grader with special needs.

Recent months have tested their strength, emotionally and financially. Since David's father left, Keira has yet to receive any child support. Despite working at a local school and downsizing to a studio apartment, a looming electricity disconnect notice brought her to a breaking point. In her darkest hour, Keira reached out to Catholic Charities NH.

Thanks to donor support, our Community Services program provided enough financial assistance to prevent a shutoff and connected her with legal services for her overdue child support. Looking forward, Catholic Charities is dedicated to supporting Keira and David, finding additional ways to lighten their burdens.

Keira's profound gratitude towards our donors – towards you – reflects the impact of your kindness. She now looks forward with confidence and gratitude, bolstered by the knowledge that she is not alone.

