



When Fear Took Over, You Gave Hope

Sabrina anxiously closed her eyes, waiting to see if the lights would stay on. A mother of two young boys, she worked full-time and did everything right to provide for her kids. **But making ends meet felt impossible.**

First came the divorce. Then the child support payments stopped. Then her father – the one person she could truly rely on – passed away. Grief set in. So did fear about what this meant for her and her children. **Despite picking up extra shifts and stretching every dollar, the bills piled up.**

Every morning began with the same worry: *Would today be the day the electricity was shut off?* Cooking dinner in the dark – and her boys reading bedtime stories by flashlight – suddenly felt all too real.

Sabrina had always been the one assisting friends through tough times. She never imagined she would be the one asking for help. What she discovered is something many of our clients come to learn: she didn't have to face this alone. **Hope came through an unexpected source: you.**

Our Community Services team identified a local assistance program she was eligible for and reviewed her federal housing voucher application, a critical step toward long-term stability. We also helped her create a budget for the first time, so she could keep her bills paid while waiting for benefits.

And when food insecurity became a real concern, we provided her with grocery cards, giving her the flexibility to put food on the table and keep the electricity on.

Today, Sabrina no longer wakes up paralyzed by fear.

Because of you, she knows she is not alone. Because of you, her children are safe. **And because of you, a family that was on the brink is still standing – together.**

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Because of You, Jolie Built a Future She Once Thought Was Impossible

Bentley's wide smile said it all. Monster trucks thundered across the arena floor. The six-year-old leaned forward, eyes wide with excitement. It was the perfect moment for a boy who dreams of driving them someday.

His mother, Jolie, stood next to him, wiping away happy tears.

Not long ago, a moment like this felt impossible. But because of you, Jolie is now the confident mother she always dreamed of becoming – and Bentley is growing up with the freedom to dream big.

Five years ago, **Bentley was an infant. Jolie was just 18 and homeless**, facing anxious nights with the possibility of sleeping in cars or on the street.

Thankfully, **they found New Generation** in February 2021. The Catholic Charities NH program provides shelter and supportive services to help families like Jolie escape homelessness. They had more than shelter – **they had 24/7 support, basic necessities, and a community that believed in them.**

Staff helped Jolie build life skills, graduate high school, secure a job, and obtain a housing voucher. Soon after, she and Bentley moved into an apartment of their own.

But their journey wasn't over. For families who have experienced homelessness, staying housed can be just as difficult as finding housing. Bills pile up. Emergencies happen.

That's why New Generation stays connected with families long after they leave the shelter. Through Stabilization Services, moms like Jolie receive support when they need it – food from the program's pantry or other essentials that help families stay on their feet. **Ninety-two percent of families who receive these services maintain their housing after a year.**

New Generation also helped Jolie set a budget, save money, and plan ahead. Those skills proved invaluable when Jolie was recently in an accident that totaled her vehicle. She was able to afford another car and keep moving forward.

"I wouldn't have been able to do that before," she says.

In 2024, Jolie's family grew again when she welcomed her daughter, Autumn.



“Adjusting to two kids is a challenge, but New Generation equipped me with the skills to manage it,” Jolie shares.

She also marvels at the change in Bentley, who proudly watches over his little sister.

“It is so rewarding to be a mother and provide for them,” she says. “They complete me – I was meant to be a mom.”

The lessons Jolie learned at New Generation still guide her every day.

Her biggest one? Emotional regulation – learning how to stay calm in stressful moments.

“Don’t let the little things get to you,” she shares. “Kids are still seeing how the world works. Sometimes you have to take a big breath.”

Looking back, Jolie feels like a changed mother.

“I’m in a much better headspace and more mature,” she says. “I’m a better parent because of that and I owe it to New Generation.”

Even five years after leaving the shelter, Jolie remains engaged with the program. When a spike in her electric bill recently caused concern, staff helped connect her with local resources to keep the lights on.

“New Generation was my only support system for a long time,” Jolie says. “It still feels like home.”

Today, Bentley is thriving. He loves school and spending time with friends. Autumn loves arts and crafts, flash cards, and snuggling with her mom. Jolie is focused on building a career in healthcare. Her dream is to become a labor and delivery nurse and one day buy a home through a First-Time Homebuyers program. A future she once thought was out of reach now feels achievable.

Without New Generation, Jolie knows her story would have turned out differently.

“I wouldn’t have housing or be able to afford it on my own,” she says. “I have no idea where we would be.”

But thanks to you, Jolie and the kids can enjoy precious moments together – walks in the summertime, tubing in the winter, and quiet nights cooking the kids’ favorites: pizza and grilled cheese.

“My kids and I have a happy life,” she says. “That’s what matters most.”

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Vose Farm Residences Celebrates Opening

Catholic Charities NH is taking a major step in addressing New Hampshire's affordable housing crisis with the opening of Vose Farm Residences in Peterborough.

Phase One of the new affordable community includes 64 one- and two-bedroom apartments for individuals, families, and older adults earning 50–60% of the area median income, along with five market-rate units. Community leaders and partners gathered on January 15 for a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of the apartments, which are now welcoming tenants.

The development is a direct response to the growing shortage of affordable housing for working individuals and families in the Monadnock Region. A future Phase Two of Vose Farm Residences will bring an additional 32 apartments. It is the first of what Catholic Charities NH hopes will be several affordable housing developments across New Hampshire, helping ensure more residents have a safe, stable place to call home.

Excellence in Senior Care

Catholic Charities NH skilled nursing communities were once again recognized for national excellence.

Warde Senior Living (Windham) was named among the nation's top providers of short-term rehabilitation for 2025 by U.S. News & World Report, while **St. Teresa Rehabilitation and Nursing Center** and **St. Joseph Residence** were both recognized as top providers of long-term care.

The three facilities were selected from nearly 15,000 nursing homes nationwide for their high-quality care, strong staffing, and positive resident outcomes. Congratulations to our incredible staff, residents, and families for showing that outstanding senior care is right here in our community!



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Celebrating 80 Years in Style – With Extra Love

Eighty years of love and compassion was more than enough reason to put our annual Mardi Gras Gala on hiatus this year. Instead, we took Valentine's Day to a new level as we celebrated this milestone with the "Sweetheart Ball" on Valentine's Day, February 14, in Manchester.

More than 400 friends of Catholic Charities gathered to enjoy an evening of beautiful dining, lively dancing, spirited auctions, and even a surprise flash mob. Guests bid on extraordinary experiences, including front-row Boston Celtics tickets, exclusive getaways, and a private dinner at Searles Castle, helping net an astonishing **\$300,000 to support New Hampshire neighbors in need.**

A huge **THANK YOU** to all attendees and sponsors who made this memorable night possible, including our presenting sponsor, **CGI Business Solutions**. The Mardi Gras Gala will return on February 6, 2027 – bigger and better than ever.

Upcoming Events

People of Hope Mobile Museum - April 21-22, 2026 - St. Anselm College, Manchester
A traveling mobile museum sharing powerful stories of faith, compassion, and hope.

Stand-Up for Vets Comedy Show - May 2, 2026 - Dana Center for the Performing Arts, Manchester
A night of laughs with purpose – supporting veterans facing homelessness at Liberty House.

Fore the Veterans Golf Tournament - June 26, 2026 - Stonebridge Country Club, Goffstown
Teeing off for our local veterans at Liberty House and the support they deserve.

Grant Recognition

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The Good News Begins with You

Dear Friends,

The stories in this newsletter reflect a sobering reality across New Hampshire. The rising cost of living is placing **enormous pressure on families who are working hard** but still struggling to make ends meet. What was once primarily a challenge for seniors living on fixed incomes is now affecting parents raising children and doing everything they can to stay afloat.

More and more families are finding that just one setback – such as a car repair, an illness, or missed time from work – can send them into a financial downward spiral. Having someone they can reach out to with emotional support, trusted guidance, and a steady hand can make all the difference. As you saw in the stories of Sabrina and Jolie, connecting with Catholic Charities' staff during their time of need completely changed the path they were on.

Sabrina's story is one of resilience. Facing the possibility of having her electricity shut off while trying to provide for her two young boys, she found the help she needed to keep the lights on and restore stability for her family. Jolie's journey began in a very different place, at just 18 years old. She was facing homelessness with her young son. With guidance, resources, and the support of **people like you**, she was able to build a safe and hopeful future for her child.

Stories like these remind us that meaningful change happens when people come together to support their neighbors. **You can help families across New Hampshire move through difficult moments and find comfort and stability.** Consider making a gift so that, together, we can lift up those who need it most.

With blessings and gratitude,



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