



A Young Boy, A Teddy Bear, A Stable Home

Kalee did a double take.

Her son Greyson's teddy bear sat beside her on the couch.

She couldn't help smiling. But then the painful reality set in.

Greyson wasn't holding the teddy bear. DCYF had removed him from her care.

"I remember breaking down on the floor, crying my eyes out," Kalee recalls. "I felt so stuck. That was not the way I wanted to be living."

As tears blurred the teddy bear in front of her, Kalee realized that was it: Greyson would not grow up the way she did. And she would do everything to get him back.

Thanks to support from people like you, New Generation was able to help Kalee reunite with Greyson, and they now have a brighter future ahead of them.

Growing up, Kalee often wished things were different. Her parents argued constantly, the smell of alcohol filled the home and, after her parents divorced, she bounced from place to place without real stability.

The pain caught up with her. She started drinking, then using drugs. A DUI led to six months in jail. When she got out, she was homeless, sleeping in a cramped car she could no longer legally drive.

Looking for a fresh start, she moved to New Hampshire to be closer to family. She met Greyson's father, became a stay-at-home mom and life began moving in the right direction. Then her boyfriend relapsed, followed by Kalee. The fighting escalated into abuse.

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Kalee Continued

After Kalee failed two drug tests, DCYF removed Greyson from the home.

The addiction. The instability. The chaos. It was the same life she had grown up in.

“I had that epiphany,” she shared. “I was repeating the same generational curse that’s been going on for two generations now.”

She was determined it would end with her. She moved out – away from the abuse and turmoil.

Kalee checked into treatment. After completing an intensive outpatient program, she was reunited with Greyson.

That’s when she heard about New Generation. From the moment she walked through the door, things began to change for the better.

“The staff here were so caring and empathetic about my situation,” she recalls. “They made me feel a hundred times better about myself.”

Parenting classes, support groups and one-on-one guidance helped Kalee rebuild her confidence and gain the skills to create a stable home for Greyson.

“They want to see us succeed,” she says. “They’re giving us skills we can take with us far in life.”

New Generation helped her enroll in high school equivalency classes and provided transportation twice a week. **Recently, Kalee passed the HiSET exam – a milestone she once thought was impossible.**

She also won an essay contest and received a scholarship to continue her education. She’s working toward a career in healthcare and hopes to enroll in a phlebotomy program.

Now it’s the little moments she treasures most.

“My favorite part of the day is waking up with Greyson next to me,” she shares with a smile. “I roll over and say, ‘Good morning,’ and he pulls the covers over his face and smiles. He’s so cuddly.”

Today, Kalee has been sober for more than a year and recently started a new job. For the first time ever, she believes Greyson will have a very different childhood than she had.

“I now stay up at night thinking of all the possibilities because he has a whole life ahead of him,” she shares. “If he wants to play soccer, he could play soccer. If he wants to do hockey, he can do hockey.”

Her message to donors is simple.

“I’ve got my son back. I’ve got a job. I’m building a career. And we have a future to look forward to – thanks to you. This is the stepping stone that put us on the right path.”

Now, Kalee no longer looks at Greyson’s teddy bear through tears. **Greyson is right beside her, curled up with the bear he loves so much.**

Your gift today means
a better tomorrow for
those in need.

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Expansion at Warde Senior Living

Warde Senior Living in Windham recently opened a new short-term rehabilitation unit, expanding access to high-quality senior care in the region. The new unit features 16 private rooms, each with its own bath, providing greater comfort and privacy for older adults recovering from an illness, injury or surgery before returning home.

The expansion responds to growing demand for short-term rehabilitation and reflects Catholic Charities NH's continued commitment to addressing the changing needs of older adults and their families.



Let the Good Times Roll at the 21st Annual Mardi Gras!

Saturday, February 6, 2027 • DoubleTree by Hilton, 700 Elm Street, Manchester, NH

Break out the beads and get ready to celebrate! Catholic Charities NH's 21st Annual Mardi Gras Gala is bringing the spirit, charm, and excitement of New Orleans back to the Granite State.

Join us for a festive evening of dinner and dancing, a lively auction, raffles, entertainment, and plenty of surprises – all while supporting programs that help New Hampshire neighbors find hope and stability.

Come with friends, meet new people, and enjoy an unforgettable night filled with color, energy, and purpose. Every ticket helps Catholic Charities NH continue providing life-changing services across the Granite State.

Early-bird pricing ends Friday, January 8 – reserve your spot and save!

Grab your beads, gather your krewe, and register today at cc-nh.org/mardi-gras. Laissez les bons temps rouler!



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You Helped Provide Wayne with a New Mission

Wayne puts the van into gear. Tonight, he's driving around Manchester, bringing food and conversation to people living on the streets.

He calls his mission "The Cook of Acts." For now, it's a small van and a cooler. But Wayne has a bigger vision. A few months ago, Wayne wasn't driving around looking to help those without a home. He was one of them.

But because of your support, Wayne now has a home, a job and a new mission: helping others.

Wayne served in U.S. Air Force intelligence operations at Aviano Air Base in Italy. The military gave him confidence and purpose, things he struggled to keep after returning home. Over time, he turned to drugs and alcohol to cope, eventually losing his housing and facing homelessness.

"I actually needed help and I wasn't going to do it on my own," he shared.

Wayne discovered Liberty House through its community pantry and soon became a resident of the program's sober transitional housing.

At Liberty House, he found more than a place to live. He discovered accountability and a plan.

"Within a week, sometimes within that day, they have a checklist of all the things you need to do to help start taking care of those things," Wayne said.

With support, Wayne secured transportation and a job at the VA, regaining a sense of stability he hadn't felt in years.

Wayne has been sober since last year and is now paying it forward. He helps fellow veterans navigate job searches and hopes to expand "The Cook of Acts," serving communities beyond Manchester.

Thanks to Liberty House and supporters like you, Wayne has gone from needing a helping hand himself to extending one to others – one meal at a time.

You Gave Emily a Helping Hand at the Right Time

The laughter around the dinner table was exactly what Emily had been praying for.

After a long and emotional legal battle, Emily was awarded full custody of her two oldest children. Her five children had finally come together under one roof.

But behind the smiles, Emily couldn't stop thinking about the rent.

Her husband, David, had recently lost his job. The court costs from gaining custody had drained their savings. On top of raising five children, Emily also cared for her elderly mother.

Every dollar had a purpose. Every unexpected expense felt overwhelming. The family was receiving SNAP benefits, applying for heating assistance, and scraping together everything they could toward their overdue rent. But they still faced a gap they simply couldn't cover.

Emily reached out to several organizations for help, but none could provide the immediate assistance her family needed.

Just as her family had been reunited, Emily feared they might lose the very home that brought them back together. **That's when Catholic Charities New Hampshire stepped in.**

Because of supporters like you, Catholic Charities New Hampshire was able to provide support toward the family's immediate financial needs while connecting Emily with additional resources.

Within a few weeks, the family was back on more stable financial footing and could finally breathe easier.

For Emily, it wasn't just about paying a bill. Your compassion did more than help keep a roof over their heads. **It gave this family the stability they needed and the chance to keep moving forward – together.**



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The Good News Begins with You

Dear Friend,

The stories in this edition of our Good News offer a glimpse of the remarkable change you have made possible. Kalee broke a cycle of addiction and instability and is now reunited with her son. Wayne is no longer homeless; he has a home, a job and a new sense of purpose. And Emily and her family found the support they needed during an overwhelming time.

This is the power of your generosity.

While we celebrate this progress, we remain mindful that there are many more neighbors facing hardships they never expected. In the days and months ahead, individuals and families across New Hampshire – including veterans, parents, children and older adults – will turn to us for guidance and a helping hand. For some, there will be nowhere else to turn.

Your kindness can help them find a way forward. It can help a veteran reach a point where post-traumatic stress no longer dictates his life. It can help a mother tuck her child into a warm, safe bed instead of the backseat of a car. And it can ensure an older adult has enough food in the cupboard.

As we prepare to welcome the holidays and a new year, I hope you'll keep our neighbors in need in your heart. Your year-end support can help make the same kind of life-changing difference for the next Kalee, Wayne or Emily who turns to us for help.

With Gratitude and Blessings,



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