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Permit No. 161
Portsmouth, NH 03801

Cross Roads House Current Needs

- ▶ cleaning supplies
- ▶ laundry detergent
- ▶ disinfectant spray
- ▶ liquid dish soap
- ▶ personal hygiene products
- ▶ disposable razors
- ▶ bug repellant
- ▶ sunscreen
- ▶ milk
- ▶ juice
- ▶ lunch box snacks
- ▶ fresh fruit
- ▶ fresh vegetables
- ▶ lunch meats
- ▶ cheese
- ▶ lawn mower
- ▶ working air conditioner

Want to learn more about Cross Roads House?

- ▶ Invite us to speak to your business, civic group, or church.
- ▶ Check out our new "Success Stories" video at www.crossroadshouse.org or request your own copy of the DVD. Hear first hand accounts of how several former residents moved from homelessness back into permanent housing. Thank you to Sean Tracey Associates and JBC Communications for producing this video for the shelter.



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New Directions for the Homeless

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an emergency and
transitional shelter.
Portsmouth, NH

Summer 2007

President's Message

Lex Scourby, Board President

The highlight of the spring season is always the Benefit by the Sea, which this year raised over \$200,000 to support ongoing operations of the shelter. As government funding continues to fade, we rely more upon local individuals and companies to keep our doors open. The generous support of sponsors and guests at this event continues to inspire me, and makes me confident that Cross Roads will always be here for those in need.

At the Benefit, we announced some incredible progress in the effort to rebuild our aging facilities. Please stay tuned for exciting public announcements in September about the Campaign for Cross Roads House!

This month we say thank you to David Anderson, who is finishing an extended term on the Board of Directors to spend time with his growing family. His work with the board included our Comedy and Golf fundraising events, and plenty of legal guidance. We are grateful for his five years of service and will miss his wise counsel on many topics.

At the same time, we welcome four new members to the board. All have been generous supporters of Cross Roads and bring a wealth of experience at a critical time for our organization: David Van Patten of Dare Mighty Things; Suzanne Bresette of Bresette + Company; Michael Bean of The Bean Group; and Phil Bracco of Ensonce Data Technology.

My thanks these four, and to all of our volunteers, who have always made the success of Cross Roads House possible.

From the Shelter To a Home of Her Own

Betty arrived at Cross Roads House in late spring of 2006, after spending several months living in a camper van. She arrived with several medical issues and with the help of her case manager was able to receive assistance and treatment from local service agencies. Betty was already collecting a small disability income, and while waiting for an opening in public housing, she took a job at a local fast-food restaurant working 20 hours a week (the maximum allowed while receiving disability income). Betty's name finally made it to the top of the housing list, and just after the holidays she moved into her own apartment in downtown Portsmouth. Betty stops by to let us know how she's doing — she is happy to now have a pet kitten, and recently started a higher paying job at a downtown restaurant. Betty very graciously agreed to share her story and is also included on our most recent video highlighting some of our residents who have successfully moved out of the shelter and into permanent housing. To



Betty, a former shelter resident, stops in at Cross Roads House to say hello and share her story.

see and hear more about Betty's story, please visit our website at www.crossroadshouse.org and watch our "Success Stories" video.

"Everyone needs a comforting place to stay, and a second chance to pull their lives together. Cross Roads House fulfills those needs wonderfully and with compassion"

-William B., Cross Roads House donor



Macy's Newington recently held their annual "Bag Hunger" campaign, collecting over \$2,000 in food and over \$1,000 in cash donations made by Macy's associates. Macy's will also be matching the cash donations made by their employees through their Matching Gifts Foundation. Several associates from Macy's Newington came to Cross Roads House in June to deliver their collected goods; from left: Macy's Office Assistant Emilia Blana, Department Manager and Manager in charge of Bag Hunger Linda Ford, Store Manager Kevin Neal, Cross Roads House Volunteer Coordinator Diane Bundow, and Macy's Office Manager Donna Sears.

Mission Statement: At Cross Roads House:

We protect men, women and children of the Greater Seacoast area experiencing homelessness from exposure and hunger.

We provide secure, transitional shelter for those seeking to break the cycle of homelessness.

We support individuals and families by providing them with the opportunity to move with dignity and purpose to stable and decent housing.

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Molly McPhee (left) and Kaeli McPhee (right) lead shelter resident Tiffany around the riding ring during her family's visit to the McPhee's horse farm this June.

Molly McPhee's assignment from her middle school teacher was to pick a project to "Pay it Forward." Her grandmother is a long time volunteer in the Cross Roads House soup kitchen, so Molly decided to combine her knowledge of the shelter with her passion for horses and in June she hosted one of our families to come to her family's farm in Durham for a day of horseback riding. "I had a wonderful time with the family, they were so kind; I hope they enjoyed the day as much as we did," noted Molly. Everyone *did* have a great time... thank you Molly!

"We understand how important your work is to many who are in a time of need; (we) know you make a difference. Thanks for being there!"

-Tracey & Mike D., Cross Roads House donors



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Volunteer Spotlight: Eric Campbell

Eric Campbell, who works at Bottomline Technologies in Portsmouth, has been an active volunteer at Cross Roads House for several years. Although his job takes him to London, Singapore and Australia on a regular



basis, Eric manages to cook and serve dinner to Cross Roads House residents once a month. Eric brings in roasts of beef or pork and adds garlic roast potatoes, fresh veggies and a terrific salad.

Of course the residents love to see him coming and really enjoy his cooking. Why does he choose to give to Cross Roads House? Eric says, "It's one of the most rewarding things I do. I get a tremendous payback!"

Special Thanks:

Cross Roads House would like to thank Rod Crepeau, GED Instructor from Exeter Adult Education, for his commitment to our residents determined to advance their education. Over the last school year, Rod held classes twice a week and assisted 14 students: 4 of which passed LA Reading Exams and one who graduated June 7th. It is an honor to have such a dedicated volunteer over the last 3 years.



Our newsletter is available online at www.crossroadshouse.org. If you would prefer not to receive a printed copy, please send an email to: heather@crossroadshouse.org

On May 5, 2007 Cross Roads House held its 5th Annual Benefit by the Sea. This event once again broke our fundraising record raising \$220,000. These funds will be used to provide services and operate the shelter throughout the year. On behalf of everyone at Cross Roads House, we thank our generous sponsors and attendees.

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Please visit our website at www.crossroadshouse.org to view more event photos