



Upper Valley Haven

Creating a community where people find hope & discover possibility

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Co-Op
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Dear Friends,

This is a very special time of year for me—the moment I sit down to express a whole year's worth of thanks to you for supporting the Haven's work with people in need in our community. The Haven was created in 1980 by caring citizens of the region who knew there were people among us, hidden in plain sight, who struggled to make it from one day to the next. Throughout 2016, those in need continued to come through our doors, often needing more resources and support than in past years.

At the same time, month after month, *you* have been with us, too. Each time we received a contribution from you, we silently pledged our appreciation, knowing that people are better off because of your gifts. Your support touched many lives:

- a young couple, with a baby born with developmental delays, getting back on their feet,
- an older woman with mental health challenges finding her way into supportive housing,
- a family having enough to eat, and making more nutritious choices with that food,
- a veteran taking early steps in recovery from substance abuse and securing a safe apartment,
- a boy who has learned about saving money in the Children's Financial Literacy Program,
- a single mother guiding her children forward from the trauma of domestic violence,
- a man reaching his goals for employment and building his network of support through the "Getting Ahead" program,
- . . . and so many others!

The Haven continues to be a beacon of hope because you understand that it takes a commitment every day, all year long, to be available to people in need. Poverty does not take a holiday, and neither do we. We work in your honor, with you as our partners, using your contributions to help others.

Attached you will find the record of your service to others through your gifts to the Haven. Our deepest gratitude for your support.

Warmly,

Jennifer Fontaine
Director of Community Services and Operations

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