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by Jennifer Cesaitis

Project New Hope's Jeepers Christmas brings joy to Veteran and Military Families during the Holiday Season through their adopt-a-family gift program. Each year, many Veteran and Military Families struggle financially, emotionally, or both. Often loved ones are not at home for the holidays, leaving an empty spot around the tree or dinner table. Project New Hope (PNH) recognizes the challenges for Families and connects them with sponsors to help make the season merry and bright. Jeepers Christmas helps turn worry into wonder during a time when everyone should be able to rejoice and be cheerful.

Any Veteran or Military Family in the New England area is eligible for this amazing opportunity to fulfill their children's wishes this Christmas. Registration is easy and online. When it's time to pick up gifts, there are three locations to choose from: Worcester, MA, Westfield, MA, and White River Junction, VT. Dependent children up to age 17 can receive gifts. PNH will verify their ages with a copy of their birth certificate, which is destroyed after verification. If Families have registered in prior years, they may still register this year and continue the tradition of seeing happiness spread this season.





Last year, Jeepers Christmas helped almost 400 Veterans and their Families. That sounds like a large number, but the staff and volunteers know there are so many more who are in need this year. Registration is confidential, so our proud Military Families retain their honor and integrity while helping their children. Feelings of self-reliance, fierce independence, and pride often interfere with Veterans and Families asking for help. PNH strives daily to help Veterans rebuild with honor, and the Jeepers Christmas program is another way to offer assistance, and also to allow the community to say thank you, once again, for the service and sacrifice of our Veterans.

Sponsoring a family is simple and benevolent with PNH's Jeepers Christmas. The compassion of communities supporting Veterans and Military Families always surpasses the hardships. Individuals or organizations can contact Susan Wilder, PNH's Executive Assistant, and she will work with her staff to see the needs of each area are matched with the giving available. PNH uses wish lists from the Families and coordinates with sponsors to offer gifts that match as closely as possible. Sponsors and PNH staff act as Santa for those who would otherwise not see Santa's generosity this year. They transform themselves into magical elves from holiday storybooks, knowing what children want for Christmas and making it happen. There is no better way to be a part of everything the holidays have to offer, and help fellow Families this year.



## Become a Sponsor Today!



Project New Hope's Operation Jeepers Christmas helps to make the holiday a little brighter for the Children of those who serve, who sometimes spend Christmas without their loved ones.



Help us to help these Families during the joyous holiday season by registering as a Jeepers Christmas Sponsor today!



Your help is always needed and appreciated. If you are interested in donating at one of our three locations (Worcester, MA, Westfield, MA, or White River Junction, VT), please contact Susan Wilder at <a href="mailto:smwilder@projectnewhopema.org">smwilder@projectnewhopema.org</a> or (508) 762-9738.



Project New Hope helps you give to Children of Veterans up to age 17. Once you are registered as a sponsor, our staff will contact you with the "wish list" for the child or children within the Family.

https://qrco.de/bdNC1C



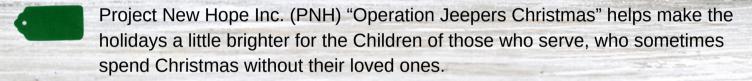






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## Register Your Family!



This adopt-a-family program is open to any Military or Veteran Family with Children up to age 17. Proof of Veteran Status or Military Service is required, along with proof of dependents' age (copies of birth certificates are destroyed once verified). Gifts will be available for pick up at one of three office locations in Worcester, MA, Westfield, MA, or White River Junction, VT. You can select your location on the registration form.

Our sponsors will adopt the immediate Children of our Military and Veteran Families and allow Families to pick up gifts in time for Christmas!

If you would like to register your Children, fill out the form HERE or type this link into your web browser: https://www.projectnewhopema.org/veterans-support-programs/operation-jeepers-christmas/.

Registration opens 10/10/2022 and closes 11/19/2022





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## https://bit.ly/PNHservices



# We want to hear from you!

Please take a 5-minute survey to tell us how we can enhance our services and add new ones.

## PNH On Location!





## Worcester, MA

70 James St., #129A Worcester, MA 01603 (774) 243-7859
Email Diane Soave:
<a href="mailto:dsoave@projectnewhopema.org">dsoave@projectnewhopema.org</a>

#### Hours:

Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 1:00pm Friday 9:00am - 2:00pm

Sully's Food Pantry
Open 1st & 3rd Saturdays
9:00am - Noon

What to Bring (one of the following)

Driver's License noting Veteran

VA healthcare card • DD214

DOD Military/ Dependant ID • CAC Card

Sully's Baby Pantry
Open Monday - Friday
9:30am - 11:30am

Clothes Shoes Food Diapers
Wipes Formula much more!
Bring Veteran ID &
Immediate Dependent Information



Tuesdays 9:00am - 10:15am
All branches, all eras welcome!
Have a coffee, share a story, regroup
with other Veterans

### **Need Assistance with a claim?**

Will Valliere
Veteran Service Officer (VSO) with
Vietnam Veterans of America.



2nd & 4th Saturday 9:00am - 1:00pm

## PNH On Location!





Hampton Ponds Plaza 1029 North Road, Suite 9 Westfield, MA 01085 (413) 485-7988 Email Jordan Gaj jgaj@projectnewhopema.org

#### Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:00am - 2:00pm Friday 9:00am - Noon

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### Who Can Volunteer?

We are always looking for kind and caring people who want to make a difference in the world. You will be joining an enthusiastic and friendly community devoted to the highest professional standards of care. There is something for everyone who volunteers at Project New Hope!

How Do I Volunteer?

Apply <u>HERE</u> - it's easy with our online application.





# PNH On Location!





## White River Junction, VT

222 Holiday Drive, Suite 9 White River Junction, VT 05001 At The Junction Of I-89 & I-91

(802) 431-0936 Email Jennifer Danielson jdanielson@projectnewhopevt.org

Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00am - 1:00pm

Sully's Food Pantry Open Tues,Wed, Thurs 9:00am - 1:00pm What to Bring (one of the following)

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