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Thanksgiving Dinner Drive

by Jennifer Cesaitis

Project New Hope, Inc. is asking for the community's help preparing for one of their busiest times of the year at Sully's Food and Baby Pantries and gearing up for 2022's high demand for food assistance. The expected increase in need and an expected drop in donations may make this season leaner than previous years. Inflation and employment factors plaguing all Americans hit especially hard for Veterans and their Families. Higher prices on everything from butter to potatoes make it difficult for families to fill their tables and even more challenging to help others. Project New Hope (PNH) asks more people to donate this year in smaller amounts to help share the joy of giving back to our Veterans.

Bill Moore, founder, and director of Project New Hope, Inc., has been connecting with local communities to help Veterans for 12 years. "We are so grateful to the Camosse Family Foundation and Eversource Energy Foundation for our donations this year for main dishes. Community members can drop off the traditional Thanksgiving dinner sides at both of our locations, Worcester and Westfield." Donations will be accepted through Thanksgiving and beyond for the entire holiday season. The Sully's Food and Baby Pantries are looking for canned or nonperishable food items such as vegetables, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, and stuffing mix. PNH has listed all items needed for the Food Pantries on its website.



Turkey prices have risen, not just from inflation but also from the Avian flu outbreaks, which have created shortages and higher prices. The Consumer Price Index indicates that prices for Thanksgiving staples will be higher by anywhere between 13% - 26%. Butter is expected to be 26% higher than last year. While many in need can expect a pay raise from social security and other governmental checks, it won't meet the inflation rate, and it won't begin until January of 2023. The need for assistance is now.

Many Veterans spent years of holidays overseas away from Family and friends. PNH urges the community to help them enjoy the season of giving at home with a great meal, which many Veterans struggle with regularly. This year, PNH expects to serve over 600 Veterans in the Central and Western Mass regions. This holiday season is sure to be full of chances to say "Thank You" to our Veteran community. Sully's Food and Baby Pantries from PNH provide an excellent way for everyone to show their thanks. Please consider donating today.



Gerard Kayer



Gerard has been a volunteer with Project New Hope, Inc. for over 12 years. He gives to those who have served in uniform and does so with a bright smile each day. Gerard's steadfast service is only second to his charm and generous spirit which brightens everyone's day. Thank you Gerard!

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 [HERE](#) - it's easy with our online application.





THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

VENDETTI FIELD

RAIN OR SHINE - 3:00PM

Suggested donation: \$22

All proceeds benefit:



**Project
New
Hope** INC.

Where Veterans
Rebuild With Honor

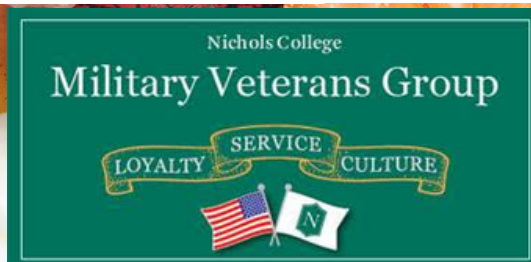
www.projectnewhopema.org

DONATE HERE

Be sure to enter that it's for 22Laps!



Contact vms@nichols.edu for more information





Highland Street Foundation Night at the Bruins

Thank you, Highland Street Foundation for the Boston Bruins tickets, gift cards and t-shirts and to our friend Ron of AA Transportation Company for donating the bus and driver to Project New Hope to take our Veterans and their guest to the game. We had an outstanding time.



Project New Hope, Inc.

Operation Jeep-ers Christmas

Sponsors are still needed!



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 smwilder@projectnewhopema.org 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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*May your days be
merry & bright!*



Project New Hope, Inc.

Register Your Family!

Project New Hope Inc. (PNH) "Operation Jeepers Christmas" helps make the holidays a little brighter for the Children of those who serve, who sometimes spend Christmas without their loved ones.

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](https://www.projectnewhopema.org/veterans-support-programs/operation-jeepers-christmas/) or type this link into your web browser: <https://www.projectnewhopema.org/veterans-support-programs/operation-jeepers-christmas/>.

Registration closes 11/19/2022

<https://qrco.de/bdNC1C>



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Operation Jeep-ers Christmas

PNH On Location!



Worcester, MA

70 James St., #129A
Worcester, MA 01603

(774) 243-7859

Email Diane Soave:

dsoave@projectnewhopema.org

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

Veteran
Coffee Socials

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

Thrive with Project New Hope

PNH On Location!



Westfield, MA

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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Proudly Serving Veterans Every Month!



Each month we're proud to serve our fellow Veterans. Helping them rebuild with honor is a tenant of Project New Hope, Inc. This month we served almost 600 Veterans at each of our Sully's Food Pantry locations.

Worcester, MA
244
served

Westfield, MA
338
served



Brianne McNamara joins the Board!

We are pleased to share that Brianne McNamara, CFRE will be joining the Project New Hope Inc. Board of Directors.

Brianne is a nonprofit professional with 10 years of experience with donor relations, community engagement, dedicated events, and strategic fundraising.

Brianne is the daughter and granddaughter of Army Veterans and enjoys working for the active and retired military community.

Brianne is a Worcester local and a graduate of South High Community School and Bridgewater State University. She is also involved with the Women and Development of Central Massachusetts as well as the Joe Andruzzi Foundation.

Please join me in welcoming our newly-elected Board member.

White River Junction, VT location closed

Project New Hope regrets to inform our Veterans and local community that the White River Junction, VT office is now closed.

This was a difficult decision by our Board of Directors, but after carefully considering all factors, including recent inflation and a decrease in donations, we were not able to sustain our service to the Veterans in the area.

We hope to be able to expand once more in the future and truly serve those who have served our nation.

All inquiries can be made at our Worcester administration office at (508) 762-9738.