



MAKING IT POSSIBLE

our **VISION**

SHARE'S VISION
IS TO CARE FOR
THE COMMUNITY'S MOST VULNERABLE
 IN COLLABORATION WITH GOVERNMENTAL AND
 OTHER NON-PROFIT AGENCIES BY PROVIDING
 A TEMPORARY SAFETY NET
TO ENSURE BASIC NEEDS ARE MET.

SHARE ALSO HELPS CLIENTS ENHANCE
STRENGTHS AND CAPABILITIES
 THAT WILL LEAD TO
LONG-TERM STABILITY
AND SUCCESS.

letter from SHARE

“ SHARE has provided us food, clothing, housing, and electrical assistance as well as help with medical bills during our family crisis. It helps to know that, when something happens, our local community has our back, helping us to take one day at a time, finding our way back to self-reliance. ”

Friends of SHARE,

Each year we prepare this Annual Report to inform you of the successes and challenges of the past year, and to provide meaningful information for you to understand our “mission” and to evaluate how we employ the support that you provide.

This past year, SHARE served 653 families. With what seems like a healthy economy and very low unemployment, one might ask why SHARE services remain in such demand. The answer lies in understanding who we serve and how we strive to provide both economic and domestic stability to their lives. The federal poverty level for a family of four is \$24,600. However, this arbitrary income figure does not relate to the actual wage necessary to support and sustain a family of four in the Souhegan Valley.

Given an average rent of \$1,200 for a two-bedroom apartment plus food, utilities, healthcare, and child care, a family of four needs an annual income approaching \$50,000 to reasonably expect to sustain economic independence. In addition to the elderly and disabled who live on very tight, fixed incomes, families defined by the income gap between the poverty level and \$50,000 are those typically served by SHARE. Most of these families live paycheck-to-paycheck and any small issue such as a car repair, loss of work due to illness, or a sick child can throw off a budget quickly. SHARE steps in and not only helps with bills, but also works with families to prioritize their spending, examine their expenses, and even search for higher-paying employment.

In the truest sense of the word, SHARE is a safety net for anyone who needs us. In the words of one SHARE client, “It helps to know that, when something happens, our local community has our back, helping us to take one day at a time, finding our way back to self-reliance.”

Sincerely,



Paul Spiess
 Chair, Board of Directors



Christine Janson
 Executive Director

making it possible with **THE FOOD PANTRY**

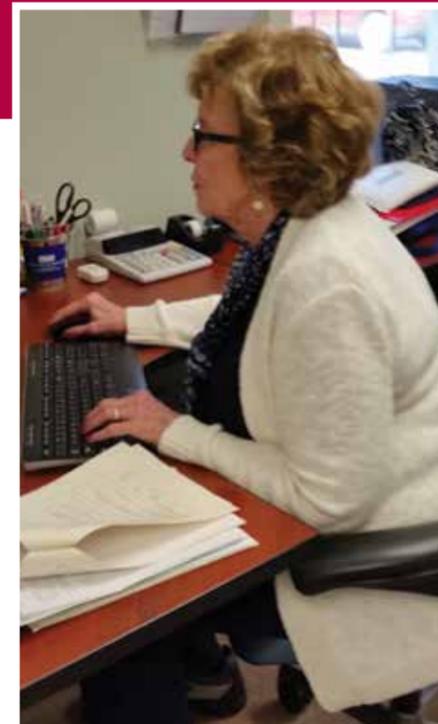


139,253
Meals Provided

The food pantry is a lifeline for so many. Each family who shops receives a week's worth of groceries. In addition, SHARE provides groceries for a food pantry at Milford High School and works with Meals on Wheels to deliver groceries to the homebound.

“ Our family has experienced a most challenging year with deaths, hospitalizations, and a mental health crisis. SHARE provided us with financial assistance for our housing and out-of-pocket medical costs and the food pantry helped us to keep food on the table. I am a forever-grateful mom of six. ”

making it possible with **THE CLOTHING BARN**



“ Unable to work while I take care of my disabled mom, we live on her very low income. There is little left over for extras. Sorely in need of a new pair of shoes, I got just what I wanted at the Clothing Barn! ”

24,571
Items Distributed

The Clothing Barn is a wonderful resource, especially for families trying to keep their kids in clothes and shoes. Gently used clothing, shoes, bedding, and more are available for client shoppers. This year, our volunteers rehabbed the Barn, making shopping a delight!

making it possible with **OUR VOLUNTEERS**



170
Volunteers

Our SHARE volunteers served a total of 10,066 hours. The value of volunteer services was \$250,643.*

**Source: Independentsector.org
2016 Value of a volunteer hour in NH: \$24.90*

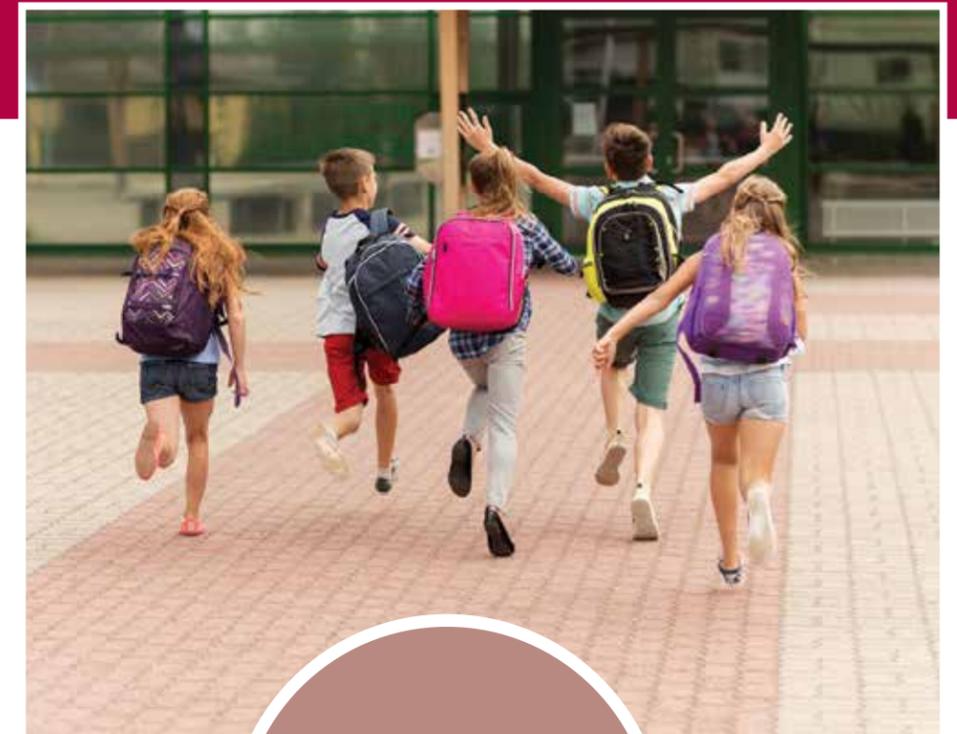
“ Having been a public servant for my entire adult life, I found SHARE to be a perfect fit for me after retiring. I enjoy working with the volunteers who care very much about giving back to the community and I strive to put a smile on the faces of those that are in need of assistance. ”

making it possible with **HELPFUL PROGRAMS**



418 HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS and GIFTS

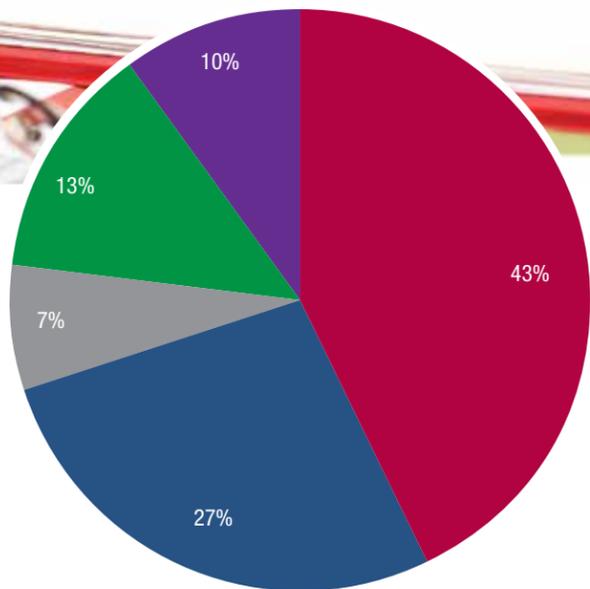
Our community makes the holidays happy for everyone! 214 families with children were adopted by local individuals, churches, and businesses. They received gifts and food baskets. An additional 204 families with adults received food baskets and gift cards.



233
Backpacks for Students

Every student deserves to be ready to learn, including having a new backpack and school supplies.

making it possible with **OUR GENEROUS DONORS**



- Individual Donations
- Grants
- Fundraising
- Churches/Civic Organizations/Town Grants
- Businesses

Thank you to our many partners, who are creative in their support, including:

- **Knott's Land Care** for their annual landscaping work, which makes the SHARE Center beautiful
- **Union Street Grill** for their frequent donations of much-needed meat to the Pantry and for hosting a holiday giving tree
- **The Book Cellar, Moulton's Market, The Homestead Grocery and Deli, Shaw's, and Dollar Tree** for making it easy for their own customers to donate
- **The Toadstool Bookshop** for their fundraisers and donations of books
- **Trombly Gardens, Lull Farm, and Brad Knight** for their donations of fresh produce
- **Cirtronics, Trent Blalock Edward Jones, and more** for food, clothing, and school supply drives

“ As a longtime supporter of SHARE, I have been impressed with their ability to pull together the resources of the community and centralize services at their facilities. ”

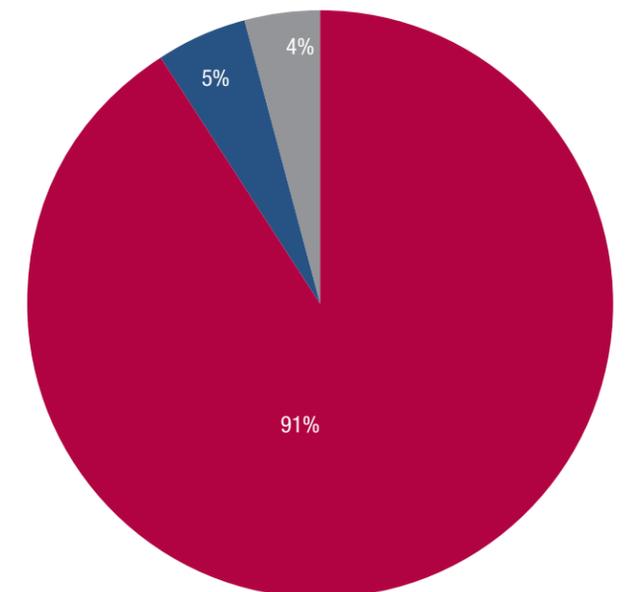
making it possible with **YOUR DONATIONS**



\$910,646
Total Assistance
for the Needy

Food	\$ 440,039
Clothing	\$ 222,173
Housing	\$ 89,789
Transportation	\$ 35,243
Medical	\$ 22,604
Utilities	\$ 61,766
Backpacks/School Supplies	\$ 7,439
Other	\$ 4,399

SHARE EXPENSES For the Year Ending June 30, 2017



- Programs: \$1,087,063
- Administrative: \$60,499
- Fundraising: \$40,949

WHY YOUR HELP IS NEEDED to make it possible



“ Thank you guys so much for helping me with rent. You are really a lifesaver. I feel like I can finally breathe again and not feel like a failing father. ”

ONE IN 12 GRANITE STATERS live below the federal poverty line, which is \$24,600 for a family of four.

The median rent for a two-bedroom apartment with utilities is **\$1,206**

After paying the median rent, a family of four would have just **\$10,128** left for the year to cover all other expenses.

About **11 percent** of New Hampshire’s children live in families with incomes of less than \$24,600.

A family of four in New Hampshire **NEEDS AN ANNUAL INCOME OF \$50,000** to achieve economic independence.

Approximately **10 PERCENT OF PEOPLE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE ARE FOOD INSECURE**, not certain where their next meal is coming from.

Sources: U.S. Census, N.H. Food Bank, N.H. Charitable Foundation

making it possible with **THREE WAYS TO DONATE**



FINANCIAL

A financial donation is the most flexible gift of all. There are several ways to make a financial gift: Send a check payable to SHARE Outreach, Inc., 1 Columbus Avenue, Milford, NH 03055; make a secure online donation from SHARE’s website www.sharenh.org; stop by the SHARE Center during business hours and make a cash or gift card donation.



FOOD

Donations for the Food Pantry may be made at the SHARE Center Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, at local churches, Milford Shaw’s and Market Basket Supermarkets, Earthward Natural Foods and Co-op, Lake Sunapee Bank and People United Bank in Milford, and Coldwell Banker Real Estate Office in Amherst.



CLOTHING

Linens and seasonal clothing in good, clean condition may be dropped at the SHARE Center any time it is open or at the Clothing Barn Tuesday and Saturday from 10 am to noon and Wednesday and Thursday from 3 pm to 5 pm. The Clothing Barn is always in need of new socks and underwear. Please note that SHARE clothing bins in the area are for items to be recycled. SHARE is paid by the pound for these donations.

SHARE serves families at or below 200% of the federal poverty level in Milford, Amherst, Brookline, and Mont Vernon, as well as homeless in the Souhegan Valley.

ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.



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