

NCM'S 2023 SPRING FUNDRAISER Boot Scootin' Ball

Our 2023 Spring Fundraiser was held at The Queensbury Hotel on Friday, May 5th. We were surrounded by 140 of our biggest advocates, ate amazing food, and had a hootin' good time. We cannot thank our supporters enough who helped us raise over \$33,000 throughout the course of the event.

Lynn Underhill was the Chair of this event, and she did an incredible job with the help of volunteers creating the Live Auction items, raffle, decorations, Giving Cactus, and every tiny detail that went into making this a spectacular evening.

Thank you to all of you who joined us, contributed donations to us and to our sponsored for your support:

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Message from our New President David Riihimaki

Hello to all North Country Ministry supporters, volunteers, and clients, as well as to the communities that we support at large. I am so grateful to be in a position to continue to help NCM as the President of the Board of Directors for the next year and want to share with you a little about myself.

I have served on NCM's Board of Directors since 2013, joining not long after starting my position at Glens Falls National Bank as a commercial lender. I am celebrating my 10th anniversary at both organizations this year! While my professional life is dedicated to the bank, my heart is often with NCM and our wonderful mission at Board and committee meetings, in phone calls with Kayla, and at as many volunteer luncheons as I am able to attend.

I grew up in West Hartford, CT, with loving parents who instilled in my brother, sister, and I the importance of sharing our gifts and refraining from passing judgment on others,



especially those who have fallen on hard times. Poverty, hunger, and inadequate housing are a reality in America and our region. NCM's Board of Directors aims to support the staff and volunteers in their efforts to carry out our mission to extend a helping hand to those asking for assistance without judgment. I am honored to play a small role in that support and glad to recognize their (your!) efforts as often as possible. We have some exciting opportunities over the next year to expand the hand of hope that we offer, so let me end with a heartfelt thank you for your continued commitment to serving others and helping our neighbors.

New NCM Program - Brant Lake Clothing Center

As of Wednesday, May 17th the Brant Lake Clothing Center Program was officially opened! NCM is excited to continue to expand our services to our neighbors up north through a great partnership with the YMCA. In Brant Lake, NCM will have a selection of men's and women's clothing, outerwear, bedding, linens, towels, and shoes. This program is designed to provide for individuals and families who are experiencing a hardship or crisis, for them to get their basic needs at no cost or for a small donation.

We will not be accepting donations at this location; donations will still need to come to Warrensburg.



2023 NCM ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

Monday, September 18, 2023

Cronin's Golf Resort
Golf Course Rd.

Warrensburg, NY 12885

Shot Gun Start at 1 pm

Register Online!

www.northcountryministry.org/golf

\$400 Per Team, \$100 per Golfer

FOURSOME INCLUDES

Greens Fees

Cart

Driving Range

BBQ Lunch

Beer & Soda on the course

Post Golf Reception

Steak Dinner

Cash Bar

Awards

SCHEDULE

11:30 am Registration

Noon - 1 pm BBQ Lunch

1 pm Shotgun Start

5 pm Post-Golf Reception

& Steak Dinner

6 pm Awards

EVENT HELD RAIN OR SHINE

Interested in sponsoring? Let us know!
Visit www.northcountryministry.org/golf
for more information.



CASEWORKER CORNER

Recently, an older gentleman came to our office while the volunteers were sorting donations and stated that he was referred to us by a friend because his son needed assistance.

This gentleman was a disabled senior, and his son was currently homeless. His son had struggled with addiction in the past and was working on restarting his life. The man said that his son recently got a job and was working as many hours as he could, while he was also going to weekly recovery meetings. His son had been staying with him, but his landlord stated that he could no longer stay there after having learned about the son's troubled past. Consequently, his son was forced to sleep outside on the cool May nights.

I quickly purchased temporary housing for one week for the son, and gave him food and hygiene items. We gave the father gas vouchers because he was driving his son back and forth to work and to recovery meetings.

We also gave the father multiple lists of landlords who might have apartments available. He was able to find one with a local landlord that had worked with NCM in the past and was willing to allow the son to move in with a small down payment. We also supplied furniture for his new apartment. He finally had a bed of his own to sleep in!

Again, this story started with the volunteers! The father was very apprehensive to ask for help, especially because his son's addiction and mental health struggles had become town gossip, and he was sure he would be turned away. Since our volunteers were able to ease his worries and direct him to the Case Management team, a door that was previously closed, was opened!

Written by: Rebecca Bammert, Director of Case Management

WINTER MONTHS STATISTICS

Jan - Mar

Brant Lake Food Pantry

Served 352 Households, 916 People

Warrensburg Food Pantry

Served 349 Households, 1,038 People

Warrensburg Clothing Center

Saw 727 visitors, which provided clothes for 2,221 people

Casework Statistics

Served 321 Unique Clients

Provided \$30,730 in Financial Assistance

Our caseworker gave emergency funding to 21 households, which amounts to \$8,830 for rental/mortgage assistance alone in those three months.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

David Riihimaki - President, Wendy Waldron - Vice President,

Bill Powers - Treasurer, Gary Pogorzelski - Secretary

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