

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

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Interested in sponsoring? Let us know!
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NCM WELCOMES TWO NEW EMPLOYEES

NCM welcomes Erin Fritz as our new Community Caseworker. She serves the areas of Chester, Brant Lake, North Creek, Lake George, and their surrounding areas. Erin started with NCM in May of 2023. Her passion for casework started in education 15 years ago as a lead teacher in a Philadelphia Pre-K program. She worked with the 3- and 4-year-old program to help children prepare for elementary school learning. Erin completed her Master of Education School Counseling in 2016 from Gwynedd Mercy University. Before relocating to the Adirondacks, Erin was Head of the Counseling department at Keystone Academy Charter School in Philadelphia. Erin's objective as a school counselor was to offer a safe and inclusive place to support each student for success in their future endeavors.



Chris is the newest member of the North Country team, joining in July 2023 as our Volunteer & Program Coordinator. Having moved to the Adirondacks from his home state of West Virginia, he brings with him over 10 years of experience in ministry. Chris is both a graduate of the Word of Life Bible Institute and Liberty University, where he received a Bachelor's in Religious Studies. In addition to his role here, Chris also serves as Pastor of Stony Creek Community Church.

NCM is overly excited that both Erin and Chris have joined our team. Please feel free to introduce yourself to them when you are here!

North Country Ministry is a non - profit organization that relies solely on donations for our programs and services. We are on track to provide more than 24,000 people with clothes, food, furniture, casework services, gifts for their children this holiday season and Thanksgiving meals. Interested in donating to support our programs and services - use your phones camera to scan the QR Code to the right.

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CASEWORKER CORNER

Recently a gentleman, "Mark," came to NCM for assistance with his rent. The last few months were quite a struggle for him. Mark previously held a great position in a local industry for almost two decades but sadly was discharged from this job. The weight of this loss was immense. Mark, at almost 60 years old, now faced eviction for the first time in his life.

When the NCM team first met Mark, his optimism and perseverance were astounding. Mark told us how he had recently lost three very close family members and only has one remaining nephew, who lives far from him. So, without any other outside support, Mark was alone in his situation. However, he gathered all the strength he had left and pushed forward, always staying positive and grateful. Mark secured a job working in a kitchen that was very physically demanding and still left him short on his bills. Unfortunately, Mark fell behind on his rent and was given a 30-day eviction notice. The NCM team was able to assist him with rent for one month so he could focus on his long-term plans. Mark worked diligently with the NCM casework team to apply for services such as Social Security Disability, Temporary Assistance with the Department of Social Services, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program while awaiting his Unemployment Benefits decision. Thankfully, Mark's Unemployment benefits came through and would help cover the cost of his rent, moving him forward in a more positive mode. The NCM team is continuing to help Mark with other resources and services, but we are thankful he has a comfortable place to stay in the meantime!

Written by: Erin Fritz



There is no better feeling than being home. At its most basic, our home gives us shelter from the elements and a place to unwind and relax in safety. But home is much more than just shelter. Home is the foundation in which we create family traditions, celebrate our achievements, and support each other in times of sorrow. We strive to make our homes beautiful, loving places to share with our family and friends.

Currently affordable housing is sparse. This summer, NCM has seen unprecedented numbers in assistance for emergency housing and rental assistance. This June and July, the combined NCM casework team was able to advocate fifty-eight individuals and families in finding temporary shelter while they await a more permanent solution. Our casework team helped in advocating for 132 families with their current housing costs so they can stay in the homes they have already established.

Maintaining a home is another hurdle we see in our communities. Home repairs and utilities add up quickly and often take a back seat to rent, as well as food and medical bills for families with limited budgets. NCM is aiding many families with funds towards these services so our families can focus more on each other and less on where they will come up with the money to have their electricity, fuel for cooking, or needed medicine. As the need for affordable housing and home maintenance increases, our community knows they can rely on NCM to give a helping hand!

Written by: Erin Fritz

Ribbon Cuttings



On Thursday, August 3rd, NCM celebrated the opening of our new location for our Furniture Program. This program would never have been completed without the hard work of McKinney Builders and Stock Farm Construction. In partnership with the First Presbyterian Church of Warrensburg, NCM was able to re-open our Furniture Program to operate Tuesdays, Thursdays, and the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month from 10 am - Noon at 2 Stewart Farrar Ave in Warrensburg.



On Wednesday, August 9th NCM celebrated the opening of our new Clothing Center Program. In partnership with the Family YMCA of the Glens Falls Area and a generous donation made by the Treiber Family, NCM was able to open our Brant Lake Clothing Center which operates on Wednesdays from 12-4pm at 148 Tannery Road in Brant Lake.

SPRING MONTHS STATISTICS Apr - June

Brant Lake Food Pantry
Served 414 Households, 1,114 People

Warrensburg Food Pantry
Served 448 Households, 1,334 People

Warrensburg & Brant Lake Clothing Center
Saw 977 visitors, which provided clothes for 3,117 People

Casework Statistics
Served 262 Unique Clients
Provided \$28,502 in Financial Assistance
Our caseworkers gave emergency housing to 18 individuals/families, which amounts to 120 nights in a temporary housing, throughout the spring months.

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