

WINTER ~ 2017-2018 ~ DECEMBER ~ JANUARY ~ FEBRUARY

## A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU...

To **Bantam Grill** of Peterborough. For the third year in a row, Bantam has sponsored the Beast Master's Classic dinner, with 100 percent of the proceeds to benefit The Grapevine.

Owner **Harris Welden** and his entire staff- especially **Russell Novotny** and **Morgan Jadis**, worked for many months to prepare for this October event, which raised **\$8,200.00!** We are incredibly grateful and honored to receive this gift. Special thanks also to **Henniker Brewing Company** for the beverage pairings as well as **Vinilandia Wines**, musicians **Brad Faucher** and **Jeff Costello** and Grapevine Board member **Rose Novotny** for their contributions to this event.



## Avenue A Happenings

### Battle Scars

**Thursday, February 15th at 7pm**  
at Avenue A Teen & Community  
Center Main Street Antrim

Based off the popular MOTH Story Hour that airs on NPR, The Vine Story Hour invites local storytellers to bring their story to the Avenue A "stage". Come just to listen or seize the opportunity to share your story! This event is for adults and older teens. Admission is by donation. Proceeds benefit Avenue A's programs for local youth. For more info email [avenuea@grapevინeh.org](mailto:avenuea@grapevინeh.org), call 588-2620, or visit our Facebook event page. Please let us know in advance if you plan to tell a story!

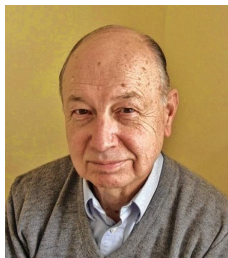


## Guiding Good Choices

**Returning in early 2018 for five evening sessions,** This nationally-recognized workshop, introduces parents of children ages 9-14 to effective family management and the communication skills needed to help reduce their children's risk for using alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. Says one parent, "*Guiding Good Choices gave our family the skills to help our son deal with peer pressure. Now that he's in high school, we're thankful we took the course when he was nine.*" Generously sponsored by Bank of New Hampshire. Pizza dinner is provided and childcare is available. Call Carol for more information.

## Community Tool Shed Update!

Our shed is complete and it's time to start filling it up! We've developed a wish list of specific tools for the space. If you think you might have something to offer, contact our volunteer shed coordinators: Glenn Stan at [glennstan24@gmail.com](mailto:glennstan24@gmail.com) or 562-5545 or Rick Edmunds at [athiker@tds.net](mailto:athiker@tds.net) or 588-6565. Thank you for your support and stay tuned for further details on our Community Tool Shed opening!



## Free Tax Preparation

### Larry Schwartz, PCH Financial

Appointments on Mondays in the afternoons and evenings starting January 22nd, at The Grapevine. Last year Larry extended services to 96 families through The Grapevine. Not only can Larry help you prepare your taxes but as a People's Service Exchange member he has helped many families with financial planning. Thank you Larry for continuing to offer your expertise.



## Snow Families Outdoor Play Day

### Saturday, February 3; 10am to 12pm

Join us for a morning of fun for all ages at The Grapevine, 4 Aiken Street. We will be hosting a fun gathering for families to create snow families, bird feeders, do some snowshoeing, and enjoy warm treats. There is no fee to attend but if you would like to contribute to the gathering by way of cocoa, coffee, marshmallows, supplies, or help planning; contact Lisa Hennessy at The Grapevine. We will also raffle off a cozy winter basket!



## Ongoing Programs through The Grapevine

### Better Beginnings Parent– Child Groups:

Mondays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays 9:30-11:30am

- **Better Beginnings for Babies:** Wednesdays, 10-11:30am

- **Learning Vine Preschool:** Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9-11:30am. Ages 3-5.

- **The Grapevine's Before & After School Clubs:**

AES students K-4th; Mornings 6:45-8:20am /

Afternoons 3:15-5:30pm, on the Antrim Elementary Campus.

- **Grandparents Parenting Grandchildren:** Meeting once a month on a Saturday, on-site grandchild supervision. Welcoming new participants. Call Carol for more information.

- **Avenue A Teen & Community Center Programs:**

Tabletop Game Club for grade 6 & up; Mondays 5:30-8pm

Middle School Writers Society grades 6-8; Tuesdays 2:15-4:15pm

High School Creative Writing Club grades 9-12; 6-8pm

Ave A Club grades 5-8; Wednesday 2:15-4:15pm

Open Hours for teens 13-18, Fridays 6:30-9pm



### The Grapevine Wood Bank

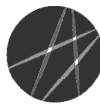
Thank you to the local volunteers who have worked to get our community wood bank ready for the heating season.

Free firewood for urgent and emergency use by families and individuals who use wood as a primary heating source and can't afford to buy it. Please call or come by during office hours if you need wood! Monday– Friday 9am-1pm or by appointment.

**The Grapevine is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.**

**Funding for our programs is provided by:**

Monadnock Paper Mills	~	Bank of New Hampshire	~	The Gilbert Verney Foundation
Town of Antrim	~	Town of Bennington	~	Town of Frankestown
Town of Hancock	~	NH Ball Bearings	~	Town of Hillsborough
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Antrim-Bennington Lions Club	~	Presbytery of Northern New England	~	Grove Street Fiduciary, Inc.
A.C.C.E.S.S.	~	Hancock Women's Club	~	Staff Development for Educators
Bantam Grill	~	HP Hewlett Packard	~	Fiddleheads Catering
Rick & Diane's Restaurant	~	The Common Place Eatery	~	



New Hampshire

The Grapevine Family & Community Resource Center is supported in part by a grant from the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

**Thank you to the many people who supported The Grapevine in so many ways over the fall including:**

- The **local businesses, families and shoppers** who gave to our 2017 Online Auction during the month of November.
- The **Antrim-Bennington Lions Club** for painting the front and rear exterior of the Grapevine building as well as their time to perform vision screens for children in our programs and vision screens for other children.
- **Glenn Stan and the Steering Committee members** for many hours planning and building our Community Tool Shed.
- Our Home and Harvest float trailer and driver donated by **Mike's Towing of Bennington**
- **Sam Harding, Jim Craig, Steve Craig, John Conklin, Gary Bangs, Glenn Stan, and Paul Knight** for their work at The Grapevine on facility issues as well as our own Grapevine facility committee members, **Ben Pratt, Rick Edmunds and Tom Badgley.**
- **Jeanne Baker and Carol Carnes** for donating backpacks filled with school supplies for families in need and books for our children's programs.
- **John McGurty of McGurty Maintenance** for volunteering his time and equipment to wash all of the carpets at the Grapevine
- Our Home and Harvest float trailer and driver donated by **Mike's Towing & Recovery of Bennington**
- Delicious apples donated by **Amy Markus and Hazel Gershfield**
- All our generous donors of paper goods for the facility! Please keep them rolling in.
- **DeeAnn Dubois** for coordinating the Terracycle Campaign with the PSE
- **Beth Kelly** for ongoing auction support this fall
- **Shawn Hugron and Lisa Hennessy** for delivery of firewood to a family in need
- **Grapevine families** who helped to move and stack wood, donate snacks and apples
- **Grapevine staff and board** who always go above and beyond their normal duties and volunteer their time for need projects such as painting, wood stacking, garden maintenance and more!
- Avenue A Volunteers & chaperones; **Sue Conklin, Rick Wood, Josh Teed, Jocelyn Drew, Marcia Ullman, Barbara Roland and Ted Brown.**

### Services and Referrals through The Grapevine:

- Information, Referrals, and Support for basic needs; Food, Heat, Clothing, Housing, Employment, Childcare, Community support & services.
- Counseling for Children & Adults on a sliding scale fee by Monadnock Family Services and Riverbend Community Mental Health.

**The Grapevine is committed to serving all families, regardless of ability to pay.**

**Office Hours Monday-Friday 9am - 1pm**

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