



### Annual Report

## The Grapevine Family & Community Resource Center

July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

**The Grapevine mission is to promote family and community health and well-being through support, education and the sharing of resources.** Our programs support parents, as their children's first and best teacher; children, so that they will be healthy and eager to learn; and communities, as healthy and supportive environments for all.

### Highlights & New Developments

- Bantam Grill of Peterborough held their second annual event called the Beast Master's Classic, raising \$8,000 for The Grapevine.
- The 2016 *Grapevine Online Auction*, coordinated by Nancy O' Brien, raised over \$8,300 to support Grapevine programs.
- The Grapevine began its *first full year parent-child program in Hillsborough* in partnership with Smith Memorial Church.
- In partnership with Larry Schwartz and the Fuller Library in Hillsborough, the Grapevine offered free tax preparation services in Hillsborough for the first time.
- With the commitment of a dedicated group of volunteers, planning and building of the The Grapevine Community Tool Shed began.
- In January 2017, The Grapevine began hosting Riverbend Community Mental Health onsite to provide mental health services to residents Hillsborough and surrounding communities.
- With support from a major grant funded by ACCESS, the Grapevine continued to develop and grow its *home visiting program* for individuals and families in our area.
- Our Family Sing Room was renovated and dedicated to the memory of four year-old Evan Levy, who passed away. It is now affectionately known as *Evan's Room*.
- A bittersweet year for us, as Carol Lunan stepped down after 17 years as Lead Teacher of the Learning Vine preschool. Amy Doyle, M. Ed., will step into the position for the 2017 - 2018 school year.

### Accomplishments<sup>1</sup>

**Family Support and Early Childhood Programs** – We strive to provide supportive, nurturing, enriching, fully accessible programs for all parents and their children birth to 5 years of age

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<sup>1</sup> Every effort is made to ensure that the current year statistics provided are *non-duplicative*

through parent-child programs, parenting education, access to resources, and other family supports.

Better Beginnings Parent-Child Program: This program met three mornings each week and served **58** children and **49** adults. Program Coordinator and Early Childhood Educator Amy Doyle M.Ed teamed up with assistant Paula Coombs and Emily Dean to lead the program using a developmental approach with a focus on strengthening social and language skills.

Parenting Educators Carol Lunan and Nancy Macalaster led weekly discussions on child- and family-centered topics with Carol facilitating the groups on Mondays and Tuesdays and Nancy facilitating Thursdays. The parent groups offered parenting support and information on child development. Discussion topics included:

- Child development and health
- Relationships: parent-child, parent-partner, siblings
- Setting limits, reasonable expectations and positive discipline
- Family history and the impact on current family life
- Family values and principles
- Caring for the caregiver, pampering parents
- Temperament and personality traits
- Presenters offered topics such as: natural medicine and nutrition, card making, essential oils, and being in nature with children (Harris Center for Conservation Education)

In June 2017, we received an anonymous donation to renovate our *Sing Room*, in order to make better use of the space for our children's programs. The room was dedicated to the memory of four year old Evan Levy, who passed away and whose family has connections to our community. The room is now known as *Evan's Room*.

Better Beginnings for Babies began its 14th year. Parenting Educator Nancy Macalaster welcomed parents and their infants. Nancy, former family programs director at Sophia's Hearth in Keene, facilitated informal parent discussions and created a nurturing and supportive environment for both parent and baby. **8** parents and **9** babies participated. Topics discussed included infant motor development, self initiated play, parent infant relationship building, rhythm, feeding your baby, sleeping, routines, taking care of yourself so you can care for your baby, balancing work and parenting, parenting styles, crying and other child development issues.

The Learning Vine: The Learning Vine, a parent-cooperative early childhood learning program for preschool-age children, completed its 17th successful year in June. Taught by Carol Lunan, the curriculum offers hands-on learning for children and a unique opportunity for parents to enrich the learning experience. Classroom activities and field trips into the community combine to create a rich experiential learning environment. Community trips to local businesses and outdoor venues are offered throughout the year. **10** children and **20** parents participated in The

Learning Vine. This was Carol's last year teaching the Learning Vine. She continues in her role as Family Support Director and Parent group facilitator for our Better Beginnings program.

Hillsborough Parent Child Playgroup: The Grapevine opened its first program in Hillsborough in the Spring of 2016 in partnership with Smith Memorial Church. The 6 week pilot program served **20 adults** and **22 children**. Based on feedback and demand, a full year playgroup was planned for Fall 2017.

Home Visiting Program: Thanks to the support of a major grant through ACCESS, The Grapevine began a home visiting program in 2016 for families and other individuals who have a need for more focused supports. The Grapevine is especially interested in reaching those facing or at greatest risk for developing cognitive, physical, mental and emotional challenges. In its second season, the home visiting program served **8 children and 9 adults**.

Grandparents Support Group: Since March of 2015, **In** partnership with The River Center of Peterborough, The Grapevine has offered a monthly support group to area grandparents and caregivers who are caring for grandchildren. The grandparenting trend is on the rise due to the the drug and opioid epidemic and parents dealing with substance misuse. Grapevine Parenting Educator Carol Lunan and River Center Parenting Educator Wendy Hill co-facilitate discussions on topics of interest to participants. Together with The River Center, The Grapevine applied for and received a grant in 2017 from Monadnock United Way for Grandparent Advocacy Funding. The grant funded special trainers and speakers based on what grandparents wanted to learn more about and also provided funding for them to attend special conferences and trainings on topics of importance to grandparents in their caregiving role. Monthly meeting discussions have focused on grieving, trauma, accessing services, navigating the court system, advocacy, challenges in dealing with the grandchild's parent and accessing support **13 adults** participated and **3 children** were served with childcare.

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Guiding Good Choices: In the spring, The Grapevine once again offered this nationally-recognized workshop, which teaches parents of children ages 9-14 the effective family management and communication skills needed to help reduce their children's risk for using alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. **13 adults** and **8 children** participated, including 3 people who took the GGC training with Carol in two sessions in February. It is offered in partnership with Great Brook and Antrim Elementary Schools, and generously sponsored by Bank of New Hampshire.

### **Access to Services**

Monadnock Family Services – Counselor Linda Perry offered youth and family counseling at The Grapevine a sliding scale to people who live in Antrim and neighboring towns. MFS therapist Linda Perry regularly met with clients each week, serving **13** families.

Riverbend Community Mental Health – Riverbend began providing onsite services at The Grapevine to Hillsborough area families in 2017. Grapevine Counselor Jeff Hawkinson used our provider office to offer youth and family counseling on a sliding scale to people who live in Antrim and neighboring towns. Riverbend therapist Jeff Hawkinson regularly met with clients each week, serving **14** families.

NH Easy – The Grapevine continued to offer help applying for assistance online.

### **Community Supports and Resources**

Community Wood Bank— Since the community wood bank at The Grapevine began in 2003, we have been pleased to consult with others who have started wood banks over the years in Frankestown, Greenfield and Hillsborough, with the most recent wood bank starting up at The River Center in Peterborough. Free firewood is available for families and individuals who cannot afford to buy wood and who use wood as a primary heat source. Thanks to donors and volunteers, **16** families received firewood this year. (This number is unusually low, due to the mild winter we experienced.)

Community Suppers—The weekly community suppers in Frankestown, Bennington, Antrim and Hancock, initiated in 2003 by The Grapevine and the 4-Town Citizen Group, continued through the year and promise to go on indefinitely. Every Thursday evening, as many as **100** people enjoyed good food and good company in one of the four towns. Townspeople organize the suppers, which are funded by donations.

Community Tool Shed - In 2017, The Grapevine received an anonymous donation for the building of our Community Tool Shed. This project was a concept and initiative of a local volunteer and builder, Glenn Stan. The idea is to provide a space and site for the storage and lending of home and landscaping tools as well as light equipment. Plans to host Do It Yourself workshops on site will create new community connections and people to the Grapevine. Grapevine staff formed a tool shed committee comprised of local builders and tradespeople who offered guidance and on hands help to get the tool shed started. The tool shed is expected to be completed in Winter 2018 with an introduction to the community later that Spring.

The People's Service Exchange— A Time Banking project, coordinated by Nancy O'Brien, welcomed **10 new** members and served a total of **208** members. The mission of the PSE is to promote the exchange of individual talents and services that value each participant's abilities and contributions equally. Time Dollars are the currency and 1 Time Dollar = 1 Hour of any service. The PSE belongs to the hOurworld network of Time Banks, which enables members to connect online if they choose.

Before & After School Clubs—The Before School Club, which provided Antrim Elementary and Great Brook School students with supervision, homework help and enrichment activities every school day morning from 6:45 to 8:30 and each afternoon from 3:00-5:30, was run by Lisa Hennessy along with program staff Sarah Beaumont, Linda Bryer, and Erica Durgin.

Lisa coordinates both programs, providing continuity as well as bookkeeping. The Before School Club served **20** children and the After School Club served **24** children on the Antrim School's campus.

This year both clubs continued in partnership with the Antrim Recreation Department. The program began preparing their application for licensing through the New Hampshire Child Care Licensing Bureau. Lisa submitted the application in May and was accepted as a qualified site director for the program. She has been working with the NHCCLU Licensing Coordinator in preparation for the first site visit. The permit is set to be in place by Fall 2017 with full licensure granted by Winter 2018.

Avenue A Teen & Community Center— With the help of over **40** volunteers, we launched six new ongoing programs at Avenue A this fiscal year, offering an average of ten hours of teen programming per week! Teens enjoyed our engaging and fun activities—alternatives to risky behavior. And, our volunteers and staff provided valuable mentorship. **280 teens** and **316 adults** visited Avenue A from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

Over the summer and fall our “Musical Mondays” program introduced **20** 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders to Avenue A's space. Led by Cynthia West, Publisher of *Monadnock Living Magazine*, a steady group of **10** high school students gathered at Avenue A on a weekly basis throughout this year as part of our Creative Writing Club.

Our Art at the Avenue workshop series kicked off in late summer. It ran throughout the school year, giving over **30** local teens the opportunity to try different kinds of art. Four local artists volunteered to offer workshops, and a team of art interns from New England College led workshops for us in the Spring. We partnered with The Monadnock Roller Derby to provide free roller skating classes for teens in September—**12** teens participated in the classes!

Under the leadership of bullying prevention specialist Arlene Soule, **15** middle schoolers participated in the Avenue A Club this school year. Our Friday Open Hours also provided a safe place for teens to socialize and unwind. In November 2016 attendance averaged about **20** teens each Friday, by late winter participation grew to up to **40** teens per week!

This winter we launched Teen Open Mic Nights, giving students a positive environment to practice performing. By popular demand, we started a pick-up basketball program in February at the Town Gym; this gave teens that didn't make school teams an opportunity to practice their skills. In the spring we began a Middle School Writing Club facilitated by writer Becky Sakellariou and interns from New England College.

Community partners are key to our success. The following groups helped promote our programs, host programs, or provide volunteers this year... The ConVal English Department, The GBS Morning Show, Great Brook Middle School, Music and Art Teachers at ConVal and GBS, New England College, The Antrim Recreation Department, The Monadnock Writers' Group,

Goffstown Trucking, The Monadnock Roller Derby, The Antrim-Bennington Lions Club, and Ragdoll Animation Studio.

Community groups continue to meet at Avenue A on a regular basis. These include AA, Al-Anon, and The Antrim HOPE Initiative. We also utilized Avenue A for a number of trainings this year including "Internet Safety for Parents" and "Youth Mental Health First Aid."

Avenue A worked to expand our fundraising throughout the year. Local storyteller Julie Brown helped us start our quarterly fundraiser, The Vine Story Hour, based on NPR's MOTH Story Hour. We also held fundraisers at the Hancock Old Home Day and Antrim Home & Harvest. The Monadnock Roller Derby generously fundraised for us at their August Bout and we received a donation from the Antrim Police Association.

Avenue A Coordinator Jacqueline Roland participated in the Monadnock Community Hospital Be the Change Task Force and the Antrim HOPE Initiative this year, representing Avenue A's voice as a primary prevention program for youth.

**Preparing for Family Resource Center of Quality Designation** - This past year Grapevine staff continued to work on integrating the training and adoption of The Standards of Quality for Family Strengthening & Support directly into The Grapevine's programming, practice and facility. The Grapevine is in final preparations to apply for the Family Resource Center of Quality Designation, overseen by the NH Legislature's Wellness and Primary Prevention Council. This designation is based on an intensive assessment of the Center's practices, policies, protocols, staff training, engagement of families and much more. For more information on the Quality Standards, visit: <http://www.cnfsn.org/standards-of-quality.html>

**Free Tax Preparation and Financial Planning Services** - IRS certified tax preparer, Larry Schwartz, once again offered up free tax preparation services for low to moderate income families. Between January and the April filing deadline, Larry served **82** families.

#### **People Served**

From July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, The Grapevine served **1589** children, youth and adults at the center and in the community. Our Information & Referral service assisted **115** families to find food, transportation, clothing, housing, crisis services, fuel assistance, dental and health care, child care and other resources. **203** children and adults participated in special activities including:

- Three weeks of Backyard Summer Adventures for children ages 4 to 9 years
- The 6th Annual Grapevine Black Fly Art Show
- Early Childhood Workshops: Sensory Integration with Jane Swain, Issues and Trends Forum
- Guiding Good Choices
- Super Duper Tea Party
- Grandparents Parenting Grandchildren Support & Information Group

- Adventures in Creativity Workshop

**Funding -**

Grapevine received financial support from the following:

- Monadnock Paper Mills (\$15,000)
- Gilbert Verney Foundation (\$10,500)
- A.C.C.E.S.S. (\$13,500)
- Robin Colson Memorial Foundation (\$1,500)
- Keith M. Sullivan Foundation (\$1,500)
- Town of Antrim ( \$19,000)
- Town of Bennington (\$5,000)
- Town of Frankestown (\$5,000)
- Town of Hillsborough (\$4,000)
- Town of Hancock (\$6,000)
- Anonymous (\$5,000)
- Monadnock United Way-Grandparent Advocacy Grant (\$3,000)
- Monadnock United Way- Home Visiting Pilot Grant (\$650)
- Bantam Restaurant (8,000)
- NH Ball Bearings (\$3,000)
- NH Charitable Foundation Amato Family Fund (\$1000)
- Presbytery of Northern New England (\$875)
- Bank of NH (\$1,625)
- GA Perry, D.D.S. (\$1,000)
- Rick & Diane's Restaurant (\$500)
- Fiddlehead's Café and Catering (\$400)
- Antrim-Bennington Lions Club (\$400)
- The Common Place Eatery (\$160)
- Hancock Women's Club (\$200)
- Lake Sunapee Bank (\$106)
- Grove Street Fiduciary (\$150)
- Antrim Community Suppers (\$459)
- Velcro USA Inc. (\$156)
- Hewlett Packard (\$500)
- The Well School 5k (\$3,000)
- MoonRivers Technology Group (\$350)
- Amazon Smile (\$110)

Due to cuts to the NH Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services and the elimination of State of NH Incentive Funds from the state budget, The Grapevine did not receive any funding from the State of NH this year.

Our Spring Walk for Families in May raised **\$11,894.54**. The Grapevine raised **\$22,015.94** in fees from Better Beginnings and **\$14,813.22** from The Learning Vine, **\$37,302.18** in Before School Club and After School Club fees, **\$5,556** in fees and contributions at Ave A Teen & Community Center and **\$6,125.35** in special program fees. No family is excluded from Grapevine programs due to inability to pay.

Thanks to participating local restaurants Rick & Diane's, Fiddlehead's Café and Catering and The Common Place Eatery, The Grapevine raised **\$1060** during the March *Eat Out for The Grapevine* event.

#### **Grapevine Family and Community Fund -**

At the end of the fiscal year (6/30/17), The Grapevine Family and Community Fund—owned and managed by NH Charitable Foundation—totaled **\$44,777.71**. The Grapevine received a dividend of **\$1,792.78** in March.

**Individual Financial Contributions**— We are fortunate to receive the continued support of so many individuals and families throughout our local community and beyond. We receive donations throughout the year, including those who respond to our annual appeal and support our annual Spring Walk for Families. In total, **\$39,217.35** was raised through individual donations. Our thanks to:

**From Antrim-** Gordon & Mary Allen, Linda & Tod Bryer, Douglas & Victoria Barrett, Vincent & Jessica Barto, Maggie Bean-Wright, Mike & Joy Beauchamp, Julie Beaumont, Courtney & Robert Bethel, Barbara Black, Paul & Linda Black, Jeromy & Elizabeth Brett, Theodore & Deborah Brown, William Bryk & Mimi Kramer- Bryk, Sally Buehler, Linda & Kenneth Bundy, Dian & Lee Campbell, Laurie Cass-Griggs & Tom Griggs, Donald & Maud Cogliano, John & Susan Conklin, Richard & Jacqueline Cottle, Jennifer Cyr, David & Carol Dahlberg, Jefferson & Rhonda Davis, David & Andrea Day, Amy & Jeremy DeLisle, Dori & Justin Childs Doyon, Gerard Dumont, Sarah Dyer, Richard & Jeanine Edmunds, Richard & Lorraine Edmunds, Bob & Sarah Edwards, Christine Fletcher, Trish Fletcher, Frank & Joan Gorga, Robert Gross, Diane Gutgesell, Ron & Ann Hagggett, Donald Hammond, Marie Harriman & Christopher Condon Christopher & Lisa Hendrick, Jay & Brenda Hennessy, Shawn Hugron & Lisa Hennessy, Cynthia Jones, Adam & Andrea Jurewich, Melissa Lawless, Katherine Long & Terence Fogg, Richard & Robin Loveland, Edward Lowe, Mark & Donna Lyon, Stephen & Diane MacDonald, David & Heather Mandel, Amanda & Ike McCarthy, Marilyn Mercier, Renee Mercier-Gerritsen, Beverly & Michael Montgomery, Peter & Teri Lee Moore, William & Helene Newbold, Martin Nichols, Wayne & Thelma Nichols, A. Russell & Nancy Niven, Stephen & Pauline Noble, Rose & Russell Novotny, Rosemary & Denis Nugent Sr., Kurt & Trudy Oesch, Wayno Olson, Eren Pils-Martin & William Martin, Ben Pratt & Diane Chauncey, Kevin & Kristin Proctor, Marguerite Roberts, Pauline & John Robertson, Lynne & Victor Rosansky, Tom & Sue Rugg, Christopher & Crista Salmay, Neil & Peggy Sharby, Laurie Stevens, Doug Stone & Amy Stone-Zaluki, Carole & Ryan Storro, Diane Sullivan, Elizabeth & Elena Swan, Jonas & Ruth Taub-Benedict, Nicholas & Sarah Tiberio, Stephen & Marcia Ullman, David & Linda Ward, Kathy Wasserloos, Don Winchester & Marion Noble- Winchester, Harold & Carole Webber, Karen & Albert Weisswange, Barbara Wells, Roger



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### **Volunteers and In-Kind Donations**

The Grapevine would not exist but for the generosity of this community, not only financial donations but also donations of time, services and goods. We we acknowledge the generous people and businesses that have supported us and acknowledge that with the many small and kind gestures that are sent our way, the list below may be incomplete. It does, however, represent the contributions without which The Grapevine could not provide its many services and resources:

Antrim-Bennington Lions Club provided Vision Screening

Larry Schwartz of PHC Financial

C&S Wholesale Grocers

Common Place Eatery

Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation

Cutter Flooring

Edmunds Ace Hardware

Fiddlehead's Café and Catering

Great Brook and Antrim Elementary Schools

The Hancock Inn

Rick & Diane's Restaurant

MoonRivers Technology Group sponsored the 3rd Annual Online Auction and continues to support The Grapevine with IT services.

Sam Harding donated time and materials to facility needs

Wood Bank donors: Ed Lemire & Sons, DH Cahoon, Charles Levesque, Kristen Vance, Eversource

**Avenue A Teen & Community Center volunteers:** Sue Conklin, Ted Brown, John Anderson, Rick Wood, Barbara Rolad, Cynthia West, Becky Roberts, Becky Sakellariou, Tony & Kizzy Bailey and Mark Murdough

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**Parent Events Committee:** Eren Pils-Martin, Sue Conklin, Molly Cook, Jen Fessenden, Tori Gelinias

**HOPE Committee:** Marcia Ullman, Kathleen Robbins, Arlene Soule, Jacqueline Roland, Janice Howe, Hope Driscoll, Officer Juan Lluberis, Mike Genest, Melissa Gallagher

**Community supper sites:** First Presbyterian Church of Antrim, Pierce School, Frankestown Community Church, and Hancock Congregational Church. Thank you to the many individuals and groups who coordinate and host community suppers in Antrim, Hancock, Bennington and Frankestown.

### **Welcome**

In 2016-2017, we welcomed:

- William Bryk of Antrim, Kim Fletcher of Antrim and Molly Cook of Frankestown to the Grapevine Board of Directors
- Laurie Cass as an Administrative Support staff member

### **Farewells**

We bid farewell with much gratitude and thanks to:

- Dick Winslow of Antrim, who passed away earlier this year, a long standing dedicated Grapevine supporter and community volunteer.
- Linda Osienski, Grapevine Board Member, 3 years

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Gallagher  
Executive Director

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