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September ~ October ~ November 2018

Back to Basics Backpack Program

This past June, we launched our NH Gives online 24 hour campaign to raise funds for our *Backpack to Basics* program. With your support, we exceeded our goal and raised over \$3,000! This program provides backpacks filled with age and grade appropriate supplies for students Kindergarten through High School. Special items including Chromebook covers for older students and hygiene kits with basic body supplies are included. A special designation for new sneakers has also been set aside as needs arise. Special thanks to the many supporters who made this possible including **Robert Draper, Sue & John Conklin, Jeanne Baker, Carol Carnes, End 68 Hours of Hunger, Conval School District, Perry Family Dental Care, Nieskens & Yoe Dentistry, First Presbyterian Church of Antrim, Antrim Baptist Church** and many local donors and volunteers.



Antrim summer residents Jeanne Baker and Carol Carnes have come to the Grapevine each August with backpacks filled with school supplies for families in need. Jeanne and Carol's generosity inspired the program to expand and reach even more students.

FALL HIGHLIGHTS & HAPPENINGS

Home & Harvest Parade: Saturday, September 15th!

- **Join us at The Grapevine to ride our Float!** If you are a current past or future Grapevine family...come celebrate with us by decorating the Grapevine's Home and Harvest Float and Ride! All Welcome! Meet us at The Grapevine at 10:15 to decorate, 11:00am to ride.
- **Tool Shed Workshop:** The toolshed is open! Come borrow tools and build a box from 1-3pm.

2018 Online Auction, November 1st-30th

Do your holiday shopping AND support The Grapevine through our 5th Annual Grapevine Online Auction November 1st to 30th. Bid on items from antiques to art, to show tickets and handmade items, to gift certificates and services. This year we will be hosting the auction through a new auction platform :

<https://www.32auctions.com/grapevინnh>

Have talent, skill, service, or item you would like to donate? Please give us a call at 588-2620 or email info@grapevინnh.org
Donation forms can be found on our website: grapevინnh.org

Getting the wood in

We're always looking for volunteers to join the Community Wood Bank Team. This year we are in need for volunteers to help stack wood. The wood bank accepts donations of firewood. Our favorite form is cut-split-delivered. Please contact us.

Tool Shed in now Open!

Come borrow tools & light equipment.

In June, we hosted the opening of The Grapevine Community Tool Shed. The Tool Shed is now open and we are loaning tools. Come check it out and sign up to borrow specialized tools and light equipment! Think of the tool shed as a loaning library, sign it out and bring it back. There is no charge to borrow tools, but donations are gratefully accepted. Special thanks to volunteer and builder Glenn Stan for leading the effort along with our entire Tool Shed Committee for their time and dedication to this project. And we are still collecting donations of new and gently used tools and equipment. **Please contact toolshed@grapevინnh.org to borrow or donate tools.**

Join Our Team!

Before & After School Club: We are looking for an individual interested working with school aged children on the AES/ Antrim Town Gym campus. Visit our website for complete job description.

Volunteer & Event Coordinator: Looking for an intern to assist with outreach, volunteers, and events.

We are looking for help to fill our children's yard sandbox with play sand. If you can donate clean, play sand please contact Carol @ The Grapevine

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

More on back for information about continuing programs and news

FALL SCHEDULE:

Better Beginnings Parent– Child Groups

Meets weekly Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays;
Beginning **September 4th**, 9:30-11:30am, Infant to age 5
Groups give children an opportunity to play in an enriching environment while parents enjoy time with each other in an adjacent room for coffee and tea, and discussions about child- and family-centered topics with our parent group facilitators.

Better Beginnings for Babies

Wednesdays, 10:00– 11:30am; Parents & babies together sharing songs, play, and enriching discussions. Newborns to 20 months. Expecting parents welcome.

Learning Vine Cooperative Preschool

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9- 11:30am; Ages 3 – 5
Call to visit or register.

Hillsborough Better Beginnings; Parent & Child Playgroup

Beginning September 4th at the Dubben House located at 34 West Main Street in Hillsborough, a parent child playgroup will be offered on Tuesdays 1:00-2:30pm & Fridays 10-11:30am

Before & After School Clubs

Offered on ConVal school days for AES students K-4
Mornings; 6:45-8:20am /Afternoon; 3:15-5:30pm

Avenue A Teen & Community Center, At 42 Main Street Antrim

Friday Night Open Hours for Teens 13-18; 6:30-9pm

Tabletop Game Club for teens in 7th grade and up, Mondays 5:30-8pm

High School Creative Writing Club - Tuesdays 6-8pm

Ave A Club for GBS Students: For grades 5-8, Wednesdays 2:15-4:15 pm; starting in October.

For our full Fall Schedule visit us at [Facebook.com/AvenueATEenCenter!](https://www.facebook.com/AvenueATEenCenter/)

Grandparents Parenting Grandchildren

If you are parenting your grandchildren, you are not alone.

“Grandparents Parenting Grandchildren” meets monthly and is free. If you are interested in joining or learning more, call 588-2620 and ask for Carol. Childcare is available.

Strong Living Senior Exercise Group Tuesdays & Fridays 1:30-2:30pm; call to register.

Services Available at The Grapevine...

- Child and family counseling through Riverbend Community Mental Health. 603-288-0547
- Information and Referral- Offering connections to resources for basic needs such as food, housing, heating, clothing, medical care, counseling, and transportation.
- Community Wood Bank- Opens November 1, call if you need wood, have wood to donate, or can help fill our shed.
- Community Tool Shed– Borrow tools and light equipment. Email toolshed@grapevინeh.org to arrange.

Wish List at The Grapevine

- Sand for our children’s play yard
- Paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, soaps.

These are not ConVal sponsored programs.

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

- Student volunteers from **The Well School** for mulching, labeling tools and other grounds work around our building.
- Black Fly Community Art Show activity volunteers, **Pam Berry, Jane Cartmell, Susan Bartlett, daughter Sayee, Alex and Maddie** and artists that shared their artistic talents with the community.
- To many families and shoppers who gave to the Learning Vine Yard Sale.
- **Diane Gregory** for donations of office supplies and program supplies.
- **Kaitlyn Purrington** for donating time at our Backyard Adventure Program.
- **Tom Badgley** for tending to the Vance Family Garden, and sowing and reaping a phenomenal crop of garlic
- Community Tool Shed committee members **John Conklin, Rick Edmunds, Tom Badgley, Cheryl Rasmussen and William Bryk and sponsor Edmunds Ace Hardware.**
- **Smith Memorial Church** in Hillsborough for offering space for our Hillsborough playgroups
- **Fuller Memorial Library** for hosting our Hillsborough Resource Group meetings.
- Elders from the **Church of Latter Day Saints** in Peterborough for their help organizing our Community Wood Shed and other projects.
- **The Antrim Bennington Lions Club** for their generous annual donation.

We are grateful to the following groups and organizations for their ongoing support:

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~NH Charitable Foundation	~Keith M Sullivan Foundation	~Robin Colson Memorial Foundation
~Antrim-Bennington Lions Club	~Presbytery of Northern New England	~Grove Street Fiduciary, Inc.
~Cogswell Benevolent Trust	~Town of Hillsborough	~Emma M. Kelly Trust
~100+ Women Who Care Monadnock	~Kiwanis Club of Peterborough	~Concord Hospital Trust
~Monadnock United Way	~Moon Rivers Media, LLC	~NH State Council of the Arts

Celebrating 20 years of service to our community!
~Established in 1996~

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