



Rose Novotny, Marcia Ullman, and Melissa Gallagher

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU: We bid a bittersweet farewell to our beloved Board of Directors Chairperson, Marcia Ullman of Antrim. Marcia joined The Grapevine board in 2013, soon taking on the role of Vice Chair and assumed the role of Chair in 2015. Marcia has been a dedicated, passionate leader of our Board and provided invaluable leadership, especially during a time of transition at The Grapevine. Marcia's love for the organization is clear from the moment you meet her. She doesn't miss an opportunity to talk about The Grapevine and how proud she is of its staff and programs. We will truly miss her in this role, but we are grateful for her continued leadership in the community including as Chair of the HOPE Initiative and as a member of the Antrim-Bennington Lions Club. Thank you Marcia for all the ways you have supported our community and the Grapevine!

Ongoing Grapevine Programs:

- **Better Beginnings Parent- Child Groups:**
Mondays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays 9:30-11:30am
- **Better Beginnings for Babies:** Wednesdays, 10-11:30am
- **Better Beginnings Parent-Child Playgroups in Hillsborough:** Offered Tuesdays, 1:00-2:30 and Fridays, 10-11:30 at the Dubben House next to Smith Memorial Church. Drop in program.
- **Learning Vine Preschool:** Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9-11:30am. Ages 3-5.
- **Grandparents Parenting Grandchildren Support Group:** Welcoming new participants. Call for information.
- **Watch Me Grow - Screening Tool Available to Families**
Watch Me Grow is "information about children's health and development, developmental screening questionnaires based on your child's age, tips on how to help children grow and learn, and connections to services, supports and resources when needed." If you are interested in trying out an ASQ with your child, call The Grapevine and ask for Carol or visit the website watchmegrownh.org

For more information about any of the above programs please contact Family Support Director, Carol Lunan

Family Testimonial:

*"The Grapevine has become a second family for us. They have been there for some pretty big moments in mine and my children's lives and helped us in numerous ways! We enrolled in the **Better Beginnings** program in Antrim. This was my son's first experience in a setting without me. He did amazing and looked forward to it every week! I loved this program because it is a break for me and a chance to be around other moms. I look forward to it just as much as he does" ~Kathy D.*

Avenue A Teen & Community Center Programs:

- Tabletop Game Club for grade 6 & up;
Mondays 5:30-8pm
- Middle School Writers Society for grades 7-8;
Tuesdays 2:15-4:15pm*
- High School Creative Writing Club; Tuesdays 6-8pm
- Ave A Club for grades 5-8; Wednesday 2:15-4:15pm*
- Pick-Up Basketball for guys in 8th grade & up;
Wednesdays, 7:15-8:15pm at the Town Gym in AES
- Yoga for teens 13-18, Fridays 3-4pm*
- Open Hours for teens 13-18, Fridays 6:30-9pm

*Email avenuea@grapevინnh.org to register

Located at 42 Main Street, Antrim
email: avenuea@grapevინnh.org



Free Tax Preparation-

Call for your appointment

Larry Schwartz, PCH Financial

Appointments on Mondays in the afternoons and evenings starting **January 21st-April 15th**, at The Grapevine. Larry will also be providing services at the Fuller Library in Hillsborough. Last year Larry

provided services to 135 families through The Grapevine. Thank you Larry for continuing to offer your expertise.

The Grapevine is committed to serving all families, regardless of financial circumstance.

Office Hours Monday-Friday 9am - 1pm

588-2620 ~ info@grapevინnh.org ~

The Grapevine is a non-profit 501c(3), these are not ConVal Sponsored Programs

We have lots to be THANKFUL for!



Thank you to **Bantam Grill** of Peterborough. For the fourth year consecutive, 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 **\$8,000.00!** We are incredibly grateful and honored to receive this gift. Special thanks also **Vinilandia Wines** and musicians **Brad Faucher** and **Jeff Costello** for their contributions to this event.

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

~Monadnock Paper Mills	~Moon Rivers Media, LLC	~The Gilbert Verney Foundation
~Town of Antrim	~Town of Bennington	~Town of Frankestown
~Town of Hancock	~Bank of New Hampshire	~NH Ball Bearings
~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	~Kiwans Club of Peterborough	~Concord Hospital Trust
~Monadnock United Way	~Amato Family Fund of NHCF	~NH State Council of the Arts

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 Lending Shed- Borrow tools and light equipment. Email toolshed@grapevინeh.org to arrange.



Stay tuned for a date for our Snow Families Event this winter!

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

- **Bank of New Hampshire** for sponsoring our Guiding Good Choices program this fall, **Jeanine Clark - Edmunds** for facilitating and parents who participated.
- The **local businesses, families, and shoppers** who gave to our Online Auction during the month of November.
- The **Antrim-Bennington Lions Club** members that came to box kindling.
- **Pete Ketchum** and **GBS students, Neil Pattison, and Rick Wood** who volunteered by organizing and stacking wood at our wood bank.
- Our facility committee **Ben Pratt, Rick Edmunds and Tom Badgley** for their many efforts in addressing our building and grounds needs. Your service is priceless!
- Our Home and Harvest float trailer donated by **Robblee Tree Service**, driver **Tom Badgley**, the **Before & After School Club Kids** for creating wonderful float decor & props, **Carl Ingelstrom** for donating hay bales for the float, and all our wonderful family & friends that joined us for the ride! We received the "Best Float" award this year!
- **DeeAnn Dubois** for coordinating the Terracycle Campaign.
- **Beth Kelly** for ongoing auction support this fall and donations of paper goods.
- **Brenda Hennessy** for her donations of paper goods, soaps, and more for our programs.
- **Shawn Hugron** for donating various useful tools to the Community Tool Shed and helping with getting the wood in the woodbank before the never ending rain!
- **Frankestown Sand & Gravel** for providing play- sand for our sandbox in the children's play yard.
- **Glenn Stan, John Conklin and Tool Shed Committee members** for many hours of continuing to promote and lend tools at our Community Tool Lending Shed.
- **Lemire and Sons, Eversource and Harry Payne, Cheryl Riley, Sue & John Conklin** for donations of wood to our wood bank
- **Girl Scout Troop 12335** for collecting and donating program and facility supplies
- **Staff at Peterborough Elementary School** for a large collection of gently used children's books
- **Grapevine families** who have donated snacks and supplies to our programs.
- **New England College students and Professor Susan Martin** for assistance with our marketing needs
- Avenue A Volunteers & chaperones; **Sue Conklin, Rick Wood, Josh Teed, Jocelyn Drew, Marcia Ullman, Barbara Roland and Ted Brown.**

Thank you all for your continued support!