

LHS Benefit for Harbor Homes Veterans F.I.R.S.T Program

This is the third year that we will work with Harbor Homes to bring much needed assistance to our homeless NH Veterans. This organization was founded back in 2004 when a homeless Veteran was found deceased on the shores of the Nashua River. This tragedy brought forces together to prevent a situation like this from ever occurring again. Every year, there are over 600 homeless Veterans and another 17,000 on the verge of homelessness in NH--many for reasons beyond their control. Harbor Homes has been in the forefront of the effort to assist these Veterans and today, manages four homes in NH that provide transitional housing until these Veterans and their families can get back on their feet.

This will be a two phased effort, working with the Community Service Club students and their Advisors Barbara Marzik and Susan Wakelin. We will be accepting donations at the gate at all our home football games. If you bring a donation at the first home game vs. Exeter you will get in FREE. We will also do drop offs at the Phase 6 music entrance doors from 3-6 pm on the following dates listed below. I am proud to continue this effort with our exceptional Staff and Students for a fourth time to assist Harbor Homes. The Class of 2017 has already committed a portion of their fundraising money to the cause. We will accept monetary donations by check made out to LHS.

Each Harbor Homes building houses between 20 and 40 Veterans with single rooms and apartments; there are also common areas such as kitchens, TV rooms, and laundry rooms. Katie Clark, Donations Coordinator for Harbor Homes, has expressed the need for the following items to stock these areas:

New: **New Bedding ONLY**-pillows, twin sheets, pillow cases, blankets

Bath Supplies--Toiletries (soap, shampoo, and other hair products), towels & wash cloths, shower curtains and liners, razors, hair brushes, etc.

Kitchen Supplies--Dish detergent, sponges/scouring pads, pots, pans, dishes, bowls, cups/glasses, silverware, cooking utensils, and small appliances

Laundry Supplies--Laundry detergent, dryer sheets, bleach, hangers, etc.

Food: Any non-perishable food items such as pastas, mac 'n' cheese, cereals, instant potatoes, spices, sugar, flour, canned goods, etc. **PLEASE NO CLOTHING!**

This is a Drive will end on October 30th our last home game vs. Salem. Please help to get the word out to anyone you know and especially on Parent/Teacher Conferences September 17th. I have also asked the Pay It Forward Club with AP Katie Sullivan to reach out to surrounding High Schools in hopes that they will assist us next year. Collection for single items can be brought to LHS daily from now until the 30th of October and can be left in the C period classrooms for pickup. Here is the drop-off schedule:

HOME FOOTBALL GAME GATE DROP OFF SCHEDULE

September 18th Fri. (Free gate to those that donate)

October 2nd Fri (no gate discount)

October 9th Fri. (no gate discount)

October 30th Fri. (no gate discount)

AWAY FOOTBALL GAME BUILDING DROP OFF SCHEDULE

September 24th 3-6 Thurs. Entrance doors House 4 and Music

October 15th 3-6 at Thurs. Entrance doors House 4 and Music

October 22rd 3-6 Thurs. Entrance doors House 4 and Music

Try to bring all items in bags or boxes. Feel free to contact Roger Sampson at rsampson@londonderry.org with any questions. Thank you to all who help support this worthy cause!! ☺