A Community of Wellness
November 2020

Community Crossroads

GUIDANCE. SUPPORT. ADVOCACY.

BRIDGING SUPPORT - OUR UPCOMING EVENTS





The Family Support Council has some great holiday-themed events coming up!

This holiday season, there will be a gingerbread decorating event! You can take part in this event via Zoom where each person can decorate together from their own homes. Or you can create your gingerbread houses individually and send photos of your creation to cdudal@communitycrossroadsnh.org to be featured on our Instagram page. Stay tuned to our Facebook page to receive more information about this festive event.

Also hosted by the Family Support Council, there will be a virtual visit with Santa Claus on Wednesday, December 9th at 4:00 PM. Santa will be live on Zoom to speak to children and adults as a group. Participants can also have one-on-one time to speak to Santa. For a link to either event, email apappas@communitycrossroadsnh.org for a Zoom link. All are welcome - invite your friends. RSVP required

BRIDGING SUPPORT - OUR TRENDING POSTS



[2020 Direct Support Professional & Home Care Provider of the Year Award]



[Increasing Access and Opportunities For Those With Disabilities]

ACTIVELY SERVING - VOICES OF OUR AGENCY

“In many ways, our department remains the same as it was before the pandemic. We continue to focus on ‘home visits’ that welcome families and create a relational partnership, provide a listening ear, parent support, and problem solve for the needs families have.

We remain dedicated to connecting families with resources which may look different or be harder to find due to the pandemic, and assist families with paperwork such as Medicaid, and Guardianship. We are also attending IEP meetings, and having conversations with other community agencies such as Center For Life Management (CLM), Vocational Rehab (VR), and SMS, over Zoom and other virtual platforms.

In other ways, families are facing challenges they never have before such as virtual learning and homeschooling, parents and/or guardians being laid off, behavioral and social regressions, and mental health issues.

The challenges families are facing have forced us to be more creative, and open with each other than ever before.”



The Family Support Department, (L-R), Aleece Pappas, Melissa Durant, Cathy Wahl, Jen Graves (on phone screen), and Sarah Snyder.

ACTIVELY SERVING - OUR FUNDRAISING COMMITMENT



Our fundraising dollars have helped Morgan with the cost of her tricycle. She has been able to ride the bike during some of her Care Provider Services hours.

ACTIVELY SERVING - ADVOCACY IN ACTION

Due to COVID-19, we have made the difficult decision to not hold Policy Partners this year. This program, which helps participants grow into confident leaders, and advocates is important to us.

We do plan on finding ways to have remote sessions in the spring. Follow our social media pages, Facebook: **Community Crossroads** and Instagram: **community_crossroads** to be the first to learn about any updates regarding these sessions. We look forward to seeing you then!

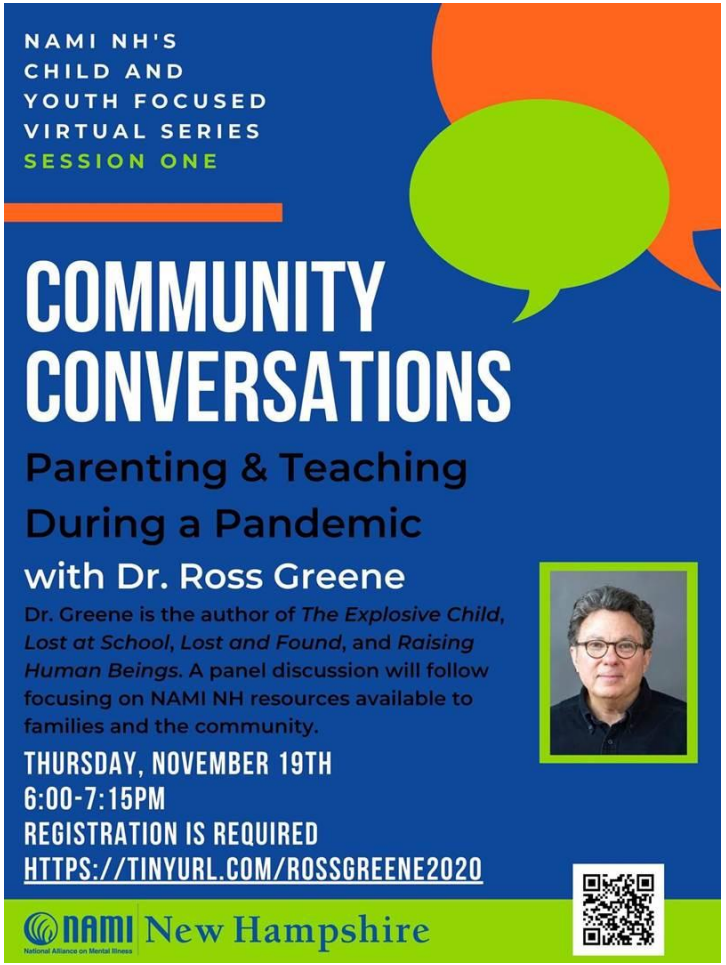


64 policy partners graduates

COMMITTED TO GROWING

We are committed to helping families, and community members gain knowledge on topics that may be important to themself, and others in the community.

Virtual events give attendees new information, and insight. The National Alliance on Mental Illness NH is hosting an event on November 19th.



RECOGNIZING VALUABLE PARTNERSHIPS

Community Crossroads would like to give a tremendous thank you to some of our great sponsors. As many of you know, we will not be holding our 2020 Silent Auction. Many of these sponsors, such as Life Visions and SOSSEC Inc. have allowed us to retain the sponsorship in support of our Fundraising Grant Program. 100% of the donations go directly to help individuals with developmental and other disabilities as well as their families/caregivers live a meaningful life. We are truly thankful for the support and partnership from these organizations!

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GREATER COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Do you know someone with a disability who owns a business?

If so, we would like to showcase their talent and promote shopping/getting services from places run by people with a disability. If you know of a business owner with a disability, contact Colby Dudal at cdudal@communitycrossroadsnh.org with the name of the business and the person who runs it.

GREATER COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

The holiday season has arrived! Below are some local resources for those in need this holiday season, those who want to give, and those who want to attend holiday events!

- http://www.debbiestreasurechest.org - Debbie's Treasure Chest
- https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4ba8a92ea4f85-plaistow - Plaistow Lions Club, Virtual Christmas Giving Tree
- Danville Holiday Giving Program - The holiday season is coming fast upon us, and is creating more worries for families and senior citizens that don't know how they will manage the holidays. If you reside in Danville and need help this holiday season, reach out to Chris Tracy (Danville Town Clerk) at 603-382-8253 or townclerk@townofdanville.org.
- Night of Lights at Salem High School, December 5th from 5-8 pm. This will be a drive-thru holiday experience! There will be work trucks from local businesses decorated for the festive season!
- Nutfield Holiday Parade, "Unsung Heroes" on Saturday, November 28th @ 1:00 at Pinkerton Academy. The stationary parade will include floats and entertainers parked along the route, viewers drive the route to enjoy the parade. There is also a food drive to benefit local food banks.
- The Upper Room, a family resource center (https://www.urteachers.org/calendar) and Salem Boys and Girls Club are places that consistently strive to help members of the community.
- https://www.awcc-nh.org/donate - Atkinson Women's Civic Club accepts donations all year long that go back to organizations in the town.
- Toys for Tots, you can find your local campaign here: https://www.toysfortots.org/request_toys/toys-city-county.aspx?txtState=NEW%20HAMPSHIRE

GREATER COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS - SOMETHING TO PUT A SMILE ON YOUR FACE

Recently, a 21-year old from Florida who has Down syndrome became the first person ever with Down syndrome to complete the Ironman race. Read the story of Chris Nikic here,

https://www.today.com/health/chris-nikic-first-man-down-syndrome-attempt-ironman-race-t197938

We hope this story will inspire you to chase your dreams no matter what your abilities are!

