

Director's Corner

December brings many opportunities to volunteer time, effort, and energy and to donate money and material goods

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In Manchester, the Santa Fund, organized by the Union Leader newspaper and benefitting Salvation Army families, always welcomes financial donations and the efforts of those who can offer time to the cause. Call 727-7013 to see how you can help.

The annual Barnes and Noble Holiday Book Drive is taking donations of books for children and youth. Donations must be made at the store. This year, books are going to children ages 3 months to 17 years, from Head Start, Children Health Services, the School District for English Language Learners, Homeless, and classroom library programs, and the Salvation Army. OYS will coordinate getting the requests to Barnes and Noble and the books to the agencies to distribute to the children.

Toys for Tots, the well-known collection of toys, games, and gifts organized by the Marine Corps, aided by local bikers and businesses, has drop off points throughout the city. Drop in a new, unwrapped toy, any age.

A new venture this year, Toys for Teens emphasizes gifts for teen girls. Sayre and Zoe Moskwa originated the drive at Goffstown High School to offer fashionable gifts and accessories for teenage girls. New, unwrapped items can be left at Goffstown High School, 27 Wallace Rd, Goffstown.

The NH Food Pantry at 700 East Industrial Park, needs food of all kinds, paper products, and personal hygiene items. Volunteers are needed year round. The Manchester Soup Kitchen needs monetary donations and volunteer help preparing and serving meals, including on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Even young children are welcome as volunteers, if a parent is with them. There are also specialized food donation opportunities, like the Greater Manchester AIDS Project food collection or the pet food pantry at the Manchester Animal Shelter at Dunbarton Road.

The shelters for homeless men and women, families, veterans, and victims of domestic violence are in need of financial support and material goods. Check with NH 211, the human services needs hotline, to see if there is a shelter that serves a population of interest to you. Churches, hospitals, nursing homes, and agencies all need help, too. Happy, safe, and healthy holidays to all from the Office of Youth Services!

-Marty Boldin

In Memory of Tom Jordan



The Office of Youth Services notes with profound sorrow the passing of our long-time colleague, Tom Jordan, founder and coordinator of the Employee Assistance Program in Manchester. Until his retirement in July 2010, Tom was the support and resource for hundreds of city employees who leaned on his compassion and wisdom during tough times. More than one person has given Tom credit for life-saving intervention and counseling.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his widow Louise and their six children.

In the digital version

- Calendar of Events
- Community Friends
- WinterFest 2010
- Free and Local Manchester Programs.

Manchester Crimeline

Manchester Crimeline provides a telephone number and the ability to submit Web Tips to encourage citizens in the community to volunteer vital information helpful to law enforcement agencies to fight against crime.

ALL CALLERS REMAIN ANONYMOUS! (603)-624-4040 <http://manchestercrimeline.org/>

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Community Calendar

Brown Bag Lecture Series

Beginning Wednesday, December 1st, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM @ UNH Manchester

“One-Act Play: "A Tangled Web" is the topic of discussion at this Brown Bag Lunch Series.

Pack your lunch and head to the University of New Hampshire at Manchester for an educational lunch break.” <http://www.unhm.unh.edu/events>

Toys for Tots

December 15th through the 18th @ 447 Union Street. Anytime from 10-3pm with the exception of 12/18
Contact Brother Phone: 582-1717

New England Farm Workers Council Blanket Drive

New England Farm Workers' Council (NEFWC) is wishing you a Happy Holiday and hoping to help with some gift ideas. Through the month of December, we will be collecting new, unused blankets for those in need. It is getting cold out there and we should all do our part!

Just bring them to: 25 Lowell Street, Suite 101 Manchester, NH 03101 Between the times of: 9:00 p.m and 4:00 p.m (Mon-Fri) Call (603) 622-8199 with any questions or for directions

2010 Citywide Kwanzaa Celebration

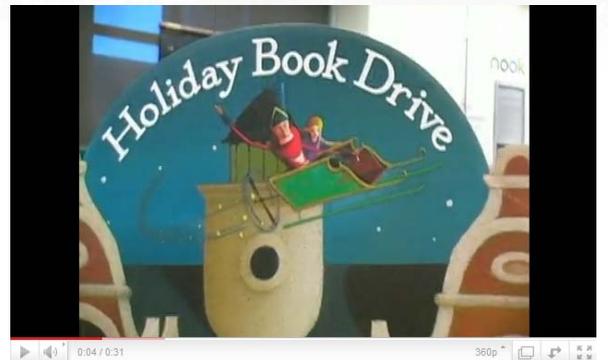
Sunday, December 26, 2010, 2 – 4pm

30 So. Elm St. Manchester, NH 03104

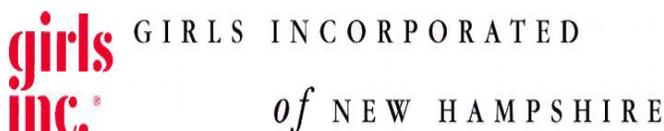
Ujima Collective and the Bishop Elite Academy are hosting the 2010 Citywide Kwanzaa Celebration on December 26, 2010 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Bishop O'Neil Center, 30 So. Elm St., in Manchester, New Hampshire.

OYS Barnes and Noble Bookdrive 2010

Now Through December purchase books to donate to Youth in need this holiday season. Going on now at Barnes & Noble on South Willow St. in Manchester.



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Our Mission:

The City of Manchester Office of Youth Services helps all young people by providing effective solutions to a variety of challenges encountered by youth and their families.

By offering a supportive environment for young people to address issues like alcohol and drug abuse, juvenile delinquency, truancy, and problems at home, the City of Manchester Office of Youth Services helps disconnected youth.

Likewise, the City of Manchester Office of Youth Services also provides significant resources to young people who are catalysts for positive change in the community.

Office Hours:

Monday—Friday, 8:00 am—5:00 pm
Evening hours available by appointment.

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