



The Bancroft House
a family sanctuary

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Our Mission:

The Bancroft House provides a secure, temporary home for women, children, and families in need with compassion and respect for those we serve.

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Bancroft House Happenings

Fall 2018



SAVE THE DATE - Cornhole Tournament

On Saturday, June 1, 2019 the Bancroft House will host a new fundraising event – a **Cornhole Tournament**.

Anyone can play. Anyone can win.

The game of cornhole consists of a board with a hole and “bags filled with corn (or beans)” to toss into the hole. The best part of the game is that it is truly a family affair. Young and old can play the game very successfully.

There will be cash prizes, great food and drinks, raffles, and entertainment for a fun family day. Put together teams of two from school, work, friends and family.

The Cornhole Tournament will be held at the Toad Hill Farm in Franconia. Many thanks to Mandy and Gene Young for hosting our tournament at their venue and supporting the Bancroft House mission.

If you would like to participate, visit our website at www.thebancroftshouse.com, go to the [News & Events Page](#) and click the link for the Cornhole Tournament Registration Form. A Registration Form is also included with this newsletter. If you cannot participate in the tournament but would still like to support this event, you can click the **DONATE** button on the home page.

The 4th Annual Longest Night

The 4th annual Longest Night, will take place on December 21, 2018 from 6:00 pm until 6:00 am at the Dow Field in Franconia. This event is a major fundraiser for the Bancroft House. It also highlights the plight of the homeless in the North Country by allowing participants the opportunity to experience sleeping in winter's cold embrace for a night. Tents, cardboard boxes, bonfires, blankets, and sleeping bags are the essentials that make the Longest Night a unique fundraiser.

Participants solicit pledges in support of their night under the stars. If you would like to participate, go to our website www.bancrofthouse.com, visit our **News & Events Page** and click on the Longest Night Registration & Pledge sheet. Click the **DONATE** button on the home page to support The Bancroft House and The Longest Night event.

This event raises funds but we also strive to raise awareness of the issue of homelessness and the need for action. For the second year, The Bancroft House is sponsoring an Essay Contest. This year's topic is *"Is homelessness an issue that society needs to address?"* The contest will be open to students at Profile, Littleton, and Lisbon in grades 11-12. Contact your school to obtain more information regarding rules, due dates, and prizes.

We look forward to seeing more brave souls experience 12 hours of homelessness on winter solstice 2018.

Meet the new Members of our Ambassador Program



Heidi Davis, raised in Franconia, has spent the past 20 years in the architecture/construction industry with a focus on affordable housing, non-profits and educational facilities. Currently she is the director of business development/staff architect for a Burlington based construction management firm. Heidi spends her free time mountain biking, skiing and hiking her way thru New England's mountains with her husband and two teenage sons.

Bryan Kelly, raised in Stamford, CT, has spent over 34 years in the field of Clinical Psychology and retired after 26.5 years from the U.S. Army Reserve as Commanding General of the Army Reserve Medical Command. He enjoys hiking, biking, and being part of his faith community. He resides in East Sandwich, MA and Franconia with Denise, his wife of over 40 years.



Special Announcements and Notes of Appreciation



Our **Annual Yard Sale** was held on Saturday, May 19th. Between the yard sale on May 19th and October 1st, we were able to net \$1,587 with help from board member Julie Seely using social media and Miriam Russell, friend of the Bancroft House, working with consignment shops and fairs. They worked long hours trying to find the best way to sell our many treasures. Thank you to Miriam, Julie, and all the board members who helped. See you next year at our Yard Sale.

Outstanding, Generous Donations!

- ♥ We are pleased to announce the receipt of a generous \$2,000 donation from the Gamber Foundation. The Gamber family, owners of Dutch Gold Honey, Inc., based in Lancaster, PA, established The Gamber Foundation in 1984 to support local charities in Lancaster, PA and Littleton, NH. McLure's Honey and Maple Products of Littleton is a division of Dutch Gold Honey, Inc.
- ♥ In July, Kevin Johnson, our treasurer, was asked to make a presentation about the Bancroft House to the Rotary club. He was pleasantly surprised when he was presented with \$1,000 for our operations. Many thanks to the Rotary Club for their generous gift.
- ♥ The Bancroft House wishes to thank a local donor for an amazing donation of \$5,000. We are most appreciative for this support that will allow us to continue our important mission helping the North Country homeless.

The Bancroft House participated in the Tender Corporation 5K Walk/Run held on Sunday, August 19th when over 400 participants enjoyed a perfect day for a road race. Bob & Kevin staffed a table along with forty-four profit and non-profit vendors networking with other service providers, disseminating information to inquiring attendees, and cheering on several friends of the Bancroft House who were taking part in the 5K event. Thank you to Andrew Bronson at Tender Corp. for the invitation to participate.

A big congratulations to our ambassador, Lindsay Gorgone Matrumola and her husband, Anthony, on the arrival of their son, Sawyer Robert. Our house director, Bob Gorgone, is a very proud grandfather. We send our blessings to little Sawyer.

- ♥ Thank you to Mike Girouard for the donation of furniture and Angie Biaulieu for toys.
- ♥ Thank you to Gretchen Nelson-Bunker, the Maplewood Homeowners Association, Angelia & Cabot Cameron and many others for donating furniture, artwork, housewares, linens & towels, and countless other items.

All these donations continue to allow Bancroft House to upgrade the quality of furnishings and equipment that we require to provide comfortable accommodations for our residents. Those items that we cannot put into service can be provided to residents to give them a start on furnishing their new living quarters. Some items will find their way into our Annual Spring Yard Sale thus helping to provide needed funding in support of our service to the homeless.

We are so grateful for your continued support. Every day we have the potential to make a difference in the lives of others. Thank you!



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Thank You for your continued support. It is much appreciated.

Our Ambassador Program

It is no secret that in these times, non-profits find it hard to find board members and volunteers to successfully run their programs. Our ambassador program has allowed us to have knowledgeable volunteers help us even when they do not have the time to be a board director. If you have just retired or you have an empty nest, we would love to chat with you about your interests and where you might help The Bancroft House. Contact us via our website www.bancrofthouse.com or leave a message at 603.823.8842.

OUR VISION STATEMENT: To sustain and enhance the provision of shelter for the homeless with emphasis on the financial stability and the organizational growth of the Bancroft House.

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Providing shelter to those in need requires a dedicated cadre of volunteers and donors. With gratitude, we acknowledge the kindness and generosity of the many who support the mission of the Bancroft House. We sincerely appreciate your thoughtfulness and your continued support.

Thank you from The Bancroft House Board of Directors

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