



## Upper Valley Haven

December 2019

Dear Jane,

Imagine not having a place to sleep indoors during the cold, harsh winter of northern New England—your family forced to live in a campsite beneath the highway, by the railroad tracks, out in the woods, or maybe sleeping in the backseat of a car. Will you survive the night? The entire winter? Does anyone care enough to help?

Thanks to you, 87 people slept safely last winter, enjoyed a warm meal and a hot shower in our Seasonal Shelter at the Upper Valley Haven. Another 190 people, including 46 children, lived in the Byrne Family Shelter and Hixon Adult Shelter.

### **Thank you for saving their lives and their dignity.**

Recently, Amanda stopped by my office to say hello. She was visiting the Haven's Food Shelf to help offset the added expense of heating bills. I remembered when Amanda spent last winter with us in the Byrne Family Shelter with her two children. When she came to the Haven she was fleeing domestic violence; she and her kids had been sleeping in her car. I remember how she told Mona, her service coordinator here, *"I don't know how we would have survived the winter without the Haven."*

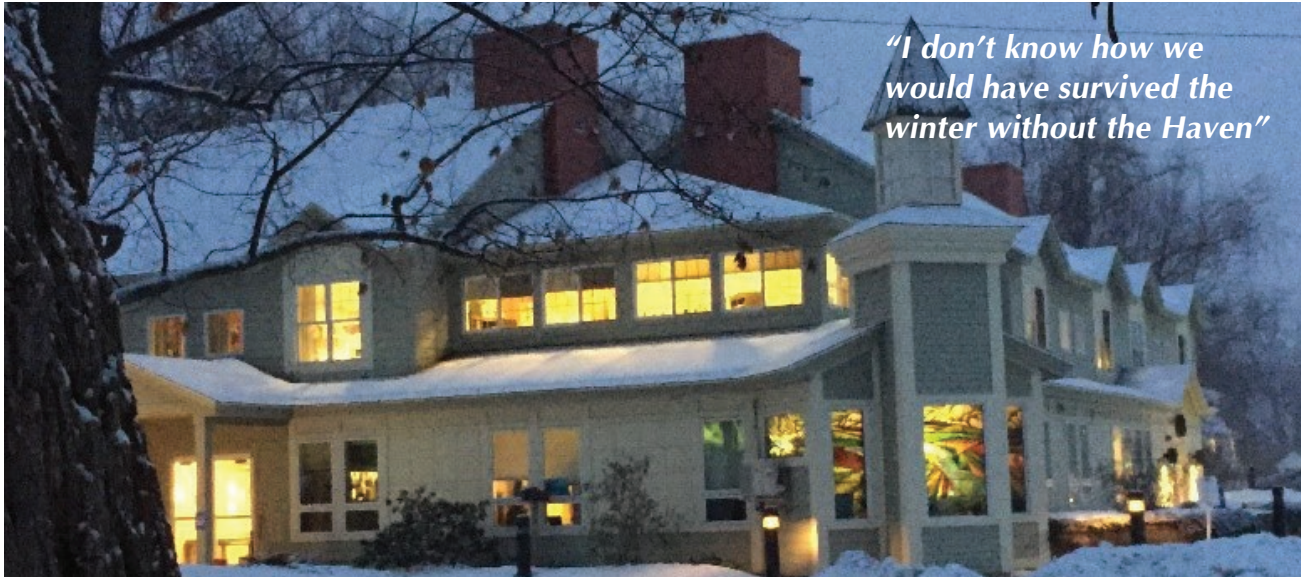


***Your gift will have a real, lasting impact in the lives of those who are still in need in our community.***

In time, the family found an apartment and began their life again. Working with Amy, a service coordinator in the Haven's Family Supportive Housing Program, they're able to overcome many challenges of getting re-established in a new home when there isn't a lot of money. But they're still there. The girls are doing well in school and Amanda is feeling better about life.

**Jane, would you please renew your support to the Haven with a gift today? Your gift of \$100 will ensure our neighbors have a safe place to go when they need it the most—and will be matched by another generous donor.**

(Over, please)



*"I don't know how we would have survived the winter without the Haven"*

Seeing Amanda again so clearly confirmed the impact of our mission and our work. *The Upper Valley Haven is a place of refuge and safety, supporting our neighbors when they're most in need of help.* And through our services of food, shelter, case management, education and youth services, people's lives are changed for the better.

Today, we're launching our 2019 Year End Campaign. Our goal is to raise \$125,000 to support our programs this winter. If we raise this amount, we'll be able to offer food, shelter and community case management services to more than 3,000 of our neighbors living here in the Upper Valley. And **your gift made through this appeal will also be matched by the Byrne Foundation** through a special gift made to our **19 Days of the Valley** appeal. **Jane, this means your gift will have twice the impact.**

We simply can't do it without you. Your support will make a real, lasting impact in the lives of those who are still in need. The lives of hundreds of others like Amanda are at stake.

Thank you for your continued support and friendship.



With gratitude,

*Michael*

Michael Redmond  
Executive Director

P.S. Jane, our goal is to raise \$125,000 to support our Winter programs this season. We can't do it without your help. Will you make a gift of \$100 today to help us meet this goal? Thank you.



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**YES,** Michael, I want to have my gift matched and double the impact of my support to our community through the 19 Days Challenge.



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Enclosed is my gift of:  \$500  \$250  \$100  \$35  Other \$\_\_\_\_\_

### Gift Method

Check for *Upper Valley Haven* enclosed

or give online at [uppervalleyhaven.org/donate](http://uppervalleyhaven.org/donate)

Credit cards accepted:  AmEx  MasterCard  Visa

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To provide dependable monthly support for Upper Valley Haven, I'd like to become a **Sustaining Donor**. Please charge my credit card the following amount every month:

\$25  \$10  \$5  Other \$\_\_\_\_\_

Jane Q. Donor  
123 Main St  
Anywhere, USA 01234-0000

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Your gift is tax-deductible to the full extent provided by law.*

## What your gift can do:



**\$35** provides one night of shelter for one adult in Hixon House Shelter

*Will be doubled to \$70!*



**\$75** provides food security for a family of four for one week

*Will be doubled to \$150!*



**\$125** delivers healthy food to 5 women and their children at DHMC's *Moms in Recovery* program for moms with substance use addictions

*Will be doubled to \$250!*



**\$500** provides 1 month of after-school and full day summer fun and learning for a child

*Will be doubled to \$1000!*



**\$1,000** supports the materials & tuition for 1 adult to attend the Haven's "Getting Ahead" program

*Will be doubled to \$2000!*

## One sentence in your will can make a lifetime of difference.

To leave a gift in your will, simply share this sentence with your attorney or financial planner:

*"I bequeath \$\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_% of my estate to Upper Valley Haven, 713 Hartford Avenue, White River Junction, VT 05001."*

- I/we have included Upper Valley Haven in my/our will.
- Please send me/us information on planned giving.
- Please contact me/us about making a pledge.
- Please contact me/us regarding employer matching gifts.

**For further information, to give a gift by phone, or make a gift of stock, contact Laura Gillespie, Director of Development & Communications, at (802) 478-1803 or [laura@uppervalleyhaven.org](mailto:laura@uppervalleyhaven.org)**



## Upper Valley Haven

713 Hartford Ave

White River Junction, VT 05001

*Your gift will be doubled in December!*

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