



Mom's House Matters

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This June, we celebrate more than diplomas and degrees — we celebrate courage, sacrifice, and extraordinary strength.

At Mom's House, we have had the privilege of walking alongside student parents who refused to give up, even when the road was difficult. Our graduates have spent countless days balancing classes, assignments, jobs, and the responsibilities of raising their children, all while holding tightly to the hope of a better future. Their journeys have not been easy, but their determination has been nothing short of inspiring.

Today, we honor these remarkable parents for everything they have overcome and all they have achieved. Their graduation is not only a personal victory, but a powerful gift to their children — a legacy of perseverance, hope, and possibility.

To our 2026 graduates: we see your strength, we celebrate your success, and we are so proud of all you have accomplished. Your future is bright, and this community is cheering you on every step of the way.



Angela

Bachelor's Degree in Psychology,
Southern New Hampshire University

Sadie

Nursing A.A.S., SUNY Broome

Mackenzie

EMT Certificate, SUNY Broome

What have we been up to?

A Joyful Easter Celebration at Mom's House

Easter brought smiles, laughter, and a wonderful sense of joy to Mom's House this season. Our children were delighted by a special visit from the Easter Bunny, making the day feel extra festive and memorable.

We are especially grateful to St. Vincent de Paul Sacrament Church for their generous donation of toys, books, and stuffed animals for our Easter baskets. Their kindness helped create a meaningful celebration for the families we serve and reminded us how deeply our community cares.

We are thankful for everyone who helps make these special experiences possible.



Mother's Day Luncheon

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Mother's Day Luncheon such a special celebration for the moms of Mom's House as they wrapped up the end of the semester. We are especially grateful to Olive Garden for generously catering the luncheon with two delicious soups, salad, breadsticks, and Alfredo sauce. Mom's House was also delighted to provide a fun make-your-own chocolate-covered strawberry bar, complete with chocolate and sprinkles, for everyone to enjoy. A heartfelt thank you also goes to the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians for generously donating gift cards for all of our moms. It was a joyful afternoon filled with good food, sweet treats, thoughtful gifts, and heartfelt appreciation for the incredible mothers in our community, whose dedication to their children and their education inspires us every day.



"A mother's love is the fuel that enables ordinary people to do the impossible."

— Marion C. Garretty



What have we been up to?

Wings of Wonder: Butterflies Take Flight in the Duck Room

The children in the Duck Room recently had a wonderful opportunity to observe the amazing life cycle of butterflies with Ms. Lynne. Over several weeks, they carefully monitored the caterpillars as they grew, formed chrysalises, and transformed into beautiful butterflies.

The children eagerly checked on the butterflies each day, learning about patience, growth, and the wonders of nature. When the butterflies were finally ready, everyone gathered outside to watch as they were gently released into the world. The children were excited to see the butterflies spread their wings and take flight.

This hands-on experience provided a meaningful lesson in science and discovery while creating lasting memories for the children. Thank you to Ms. Lynne for guiding this special learning adventure and helping our little learners witness the miracle of transformation.



Reading Matters

A heartfelt thank you to Ms. Cheryl for taking the time to visit Mom's House and read to our children. Her kindness, enthusiasm, and love of reading made the experience special for our little ones. We are grateful for her support and for sharing the joy of books with our kiddos!



Grant Recieved

Excellus BlueCross BlueShield



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Mom's House is thrilled to announce that we have been awarded **\$10,000** for the 2026–2027 funding year through the Health Equity Innovation Award. This funding will support our new initiative, **Healthy Families, Strong Futures**, which addresses the social determinants of health that affect our families every day. Social determinants of health are non-medical factors that influence a person's well-being, such as economic stability and geographic location. Mom's House already works to address one key determinant—access to quality education. Through this grant from Excellus, we will have additional resources to help meet critical needs such as transportation costs and food insecurity.

thank you ³

What have we been up to?

Teacher's Appreciation Week



Mom's House had the honor of celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week by recognizing the dedicated teaching staff who pour their hearts into our children each and every day.

Our teachers play such an important role in creating a nurturing, engaging, and supportive environment where children can learn, grow, and feel loved. Their patience, creativity, and commitment make a lasting difference in the lives of the families we serve.

To show our appreciation, each teacher was gifted a gorgeous cupcake bouquet made by Gabriella's Cakes. These beautiful and delicious treats were a small token of our gratitude for the big impact our teachers make every day.

We are so thankful for our incredible teaching team and all they do to support the mission of Mom's House. Please join us in celebrating and thanking them for their dedication, compassion, and hard work.

Pictured above: Cupcake bouquets created by Gabriella's Cakes in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week.

Thank you for going above & beyond.

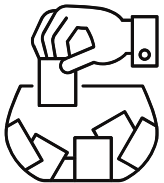
Grant Recieved Bernice Gould Memorial



Mom's House is grateful to receive an \$800 grant from The Bernice Gould Memorial Fund to enhance our music program. The funding will support interactive music visits from Johnny Only and a special performance at our Father's Day Clambake. We thank The Bernice Gould Memorial Fund for investing in enriching experiences for the families we serve.

Win a Beautiful Anniversary Quilt!

Celebrate 38 years of Mom's House by entering our Anniversary Quilt Raffle! This handcrafted queen-size quilt features a stunning red, white, and blue design with stitched stars and was created especially for our 38th Anniversary.



 Tickets: 1 - \$2/ 6 - \$5, 12 - \$10 or 25 for \$20

 Drawing: August 31, 2026



Every ticket supports the programs and services that help single parents and their children build brighter futures.

Contact Mom's House to purchase tickets today!

What have we been up to?

Scholarship Recipients



Angela

Bright Futures
Scholarship

"Balancing school, parenting, and everyday responsibilities has not always been easy, but this scholarship helps ease some of that pressure, giving me more room to stay focused on reaching the finish line."



Fawn

Diane Avery
Scholarship

"I am very appreciative of this scholarship, it is helping me with everything that is not covered by tuition."



Alina

Anna Zappia
Scholarship

"Your investment in my education not only eases financial burdens but also motivates me to continue working hard toward my goals."



Amethyst

Anna Zappia
Scholarship

"Thank your for your generosity. The extra assistance is timely and gives our family room to breathe as we navigate the hustles and bustles of life."



Let's Create!



The Penguins working hard to create master pieces!

What have we been up to?

Graduation Ceremony



Make a Difference: Volunteer at Mom's House

Volunteers are an important part of Mom's House and help us support children and families in many meaningful ways. Opportunities include working hands-on with children, helping with administrative or reception tasks, assisting with special events and fundraisers, or serving on committees.

Whether you can volunteer a few hours occasionally or on a regular basis, your time and talents are valued. Volunteers who plan to work directly with children frequently (more than once or twice per month) must complete required clearances and 15 hours of training each year. These are provided at no cost to the volunteer and help ensure a safe, caring environment for our children.

Volunteering at Mom's House is a wonderful way to give back, connect with others, and make a lasting difference in the lives of families working toward a brighter future.



Mother's Day Cards & Donations

Edith Christina, Lena M Battaglini, Rose Christina, Virginia Zandy, Annette Sementelli, Eleanor Convertino, Adalenne Battaglini, Joanne Battaglini, Lenore Albrecht, Joyce Gance, Marion Hirko- Pamela Christina
Darrow, Paula- Peter and Lynne Windover
Distin, Lucy- Dennis McCabe and Sandi Distin
Down, Carol- Greg and Ann Shepard
Dziak, Mary- Meg Grant
Grant, Lorraine- Meg Grant
Kirchmeier, Anna – Randy and Diane Roeber
Lane, Brett – William & Beverly Lane
McCabe, Margaret- Dennis McCabe and Sandi Distin
McGowan, Madelyn- Ray and Ann Barnard
Newberry, Catherine- Brenda Meckley
Robinson, Margie- Jerry and Patti Lynch
Roeber, Louise- Randy and Diane Roeber
Shepard, Peg- Greg and Ann Shepard

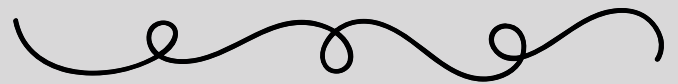
Andrews, Patricia- Sue Mulvey
All of Mom's House, past and present- Jackie Rangel
Barnard, Marilyn- Ray and Ann Barnard
Bidwell, Donna- Andrew Tewksbury
Carrigg, Caitlin- Patty Mangan
Cass, Mrs. Amanda – Donna & Harold Rahner
Conklin, Nancy – Mrs. Jack Shay
Dennis, Corinne- Joan Bosco
Florini, Maggie- Joanne and Nick Florini
Gentile, Kristen- Susan Chadwick
Grant, Krista- Meg Grant
King, Marie N. – Horace King
McClenon, Morean- Kathleen Ulmschneider
McKaig, Lois- Pegg Trance
McKenna, Jackie- Patty Mangan
Nichols, Theresa- Mr. & Mrs. James O'Neil
Paladino, Janet- Leslie & David Guy
Pappenheimer, Jane- Sherry Neylan
Prentice, Rev. Diane- Whittemore Hill Women in Faith
Tewksbury, Josie- Andrew Tewksbury
Wolff, Martha- Jane Kemper
Mary Wright- Mart T. Titman

HAPPY
Mother's Day

Memorials

Clink, Janet- Toughest Inc.
DeCastro, Milo- Mark & Betty Jane Whiting
Dunn, Helen- Candace Cunningham
Gance, Carol- Brendan McLaughlin, Christina Gaetani, Melissa Abbott, Susan Riffin
Gay, JoAnn- Gary Vickers, sons Greg, Doug, and Brad
Gimpson, Traci- Mr. and Mrs. Shiner
Hager, Gertrude- Anita Sitarski
Haines Sr., David- Richard and Diane Avery
Hopko, Mary Ursula- Richard Hopko
Kane, Moira- Susan and Peter Ronan
Kilvanek, Mary- Timothy and Barbara Limer
Limer, Lois- Timothy and Barbara Limer
Mider, Bonnie- Richard Mider
Miga, Wes- Diane Lia
Murray, Collin Patrick- Jude & Dan, Jordan, Emily & Ellis Murray

Ronan, Inez- Susan and Peter Ronan
Ryder, Peggy- Robert Lowther and Christine Masse
Taft, Matthew T.- Clare McGovern Lind



Honors

Gates, Karen- Helen Gates
Peterson, Muriel- Janet and Steve Krasnaik
Wright, Mary – Tom and Niki Wright
Zemanick, Albert- Mary Lou and Jack Cannon



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Summer Wish List

Reoccurring Needs

- **Paper towels/ Toilet Paper**
- Copier/printer paper, 20 & 24 lb
- Ink Cartridges: HP 62, HP564,
- HP Laser Jet 148 A
- Envelopes- #10
- Batteries (all sizes)
- Art Supplies - paper, stickers
- Lysol Wipes
- **Baby Wipes**
- **Diapers (size 5 & 6)**
- Swiffer wet pads
- Baby laundry detergent -HE
- Diaper Cream
- Disposable Gloves
- Paper plates/cups
- **Gift Cards:** Michaels, Walmart, Sam's Club, Wegman's, Target, Gas Stations
- **Hand Soap**



Book Donations Needed



We are seeking gently used, like-new books for an upcoming Mom's House fundraiser. Donations of signed books, special editions, limited editions, collector titles, and other giftable literary treasures are especially appreciated.

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