



# **Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter, Inc.**

Feeding the hungry, Housing the homeless, Supporting Self-Sufficiency

# History and philanthropic support



- Founded in 1981
- Merged with the Nashua Area Shelter 1989
- Shelter for single women and families 1994
- Truck to pick up food 2009
- New kitchen and pantry 2014
- 90 cents of every dollar goes to our programs
- Over 1,000 volunteers help to provide services every year
- 70 percent of our support comes from private contributions



# Quick Facts

- 25,500 breakfast meals served (3% decrease)
- 60,721 dinner meals served (6% decrease)
- 10,091 food baskets given to households (9% decrease)
- 27,945 visits for fresh fruits and vegetables and bread
- 4,267 bags of toiletries and personal care items distributed (46% increase)
- 12,029 nights of emergency shelter to 290 homeless person, 45 were children
- 52 families, including 43 children, received financial assistance to prevent homelessness
- 7,150 families received household items (41% increase)
- 17,140 diapers were distributed (12% decrease)
- 95 clients took 155 showers and 62 clients did laundry 88 times

# We offer Opportunity & a “Hand Up”

- Funds for school tuition, training, books & material
- Work clothes and help getting licenses needed for specific jobs
- Resume help, interviewing skills, voice mail, and job leads
- Support for those discouraged by lack of education and work

*We Dream*

- One day everyone who works will have a living wage
- Our community will have affordable housing for everyone
- Fewer people will need our services every year instead of more

# Women in employment and education FY16

- 280 women total, 140 single mothers & 15 mothers lived with a partner.

## Employment

- 89 gained employment.
- 18 single mothers gained employment.
- 16 improved their income.
- 4 are working two or more jobs.
- 3 graduated off of the TANF program.
- 1 single mother graduated off disability.
- 65 women reported improved access to childcare.

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## Education

- 36 women participated in a schooling program while working with us this past year.
- 4 went to driver's ed.
- 11 enrolled in the HISET program.
- 18 worked with the English language Learners program.
- 15 were enrolled in an associates, which 7 completed.
- 5 completed an LNA.
- 3 were working on a BA.