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New Hope Community Celebrates Season of Giving with Several Charitable Events

This nonprofit showed its gratitude to the community by giving back at various holiday events.

Loch Sheldrake, N.Y. — [New Hope Community](#), a Sullivan County non-profit providing services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), just concluded multiple days of giving back to the community with holiday meals, gifts and monetary donations.



New Hope's community giving began on December 13 when it held its fifth annual Holiday Family Drive-Thru Dinner. Providing 468 meals to feed 117 Sullivan County families in need, the event was supported by Red Lobster, Texas Roadhouse, Adams Fairacre Farms, Chili's, Hannaford, Sam's Club, ShopRite and Jenkins-Lueken Orchards.

To further assist families with holiday food shopping, New Hope also distributed over 100 ShopRite gift cards. The cards were made possible through a generous donation from the NHC Foundation, New Hope's fundraising arm.

"My family and I have attended the dinner for several years. Before the pandemic, during and now. Every year we depend on this as a meal to help feed our family. We have foster children and one of my daughters has Lupus. This means so much to us," said Joanne, a Sullivan County resident.

The event was made extra special by New Hope Community resident Kevin, who proudly distributed his homemade knitted scarves, and Santa and his elves, who handed out candy canes and reindeer food to participants.

New Hope's community giving activities continued December 14 when staff purchased and delivered gifts for 58 adopted angel children at Sullivan County Head Start, Inc.



Then on December 19, New Hope Community Chief Executive Officer Debra McGinness hosted an open house in which she presented monetary donations to the Monticello Rotary Club, Liberty Rotary Club, Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Food Pantry, Sullivan County Head Start and several first responder organizations.



“Nonprofit organizations all seek support to further the realization of an important mission. At the same time, we, as a nonprofit, recognize the need to also support our greater community,” said Debra McGinness, Chief Executive Officer of New Hope Community. “We believe it is important to nurture a synergistic relationship that enables New Hope Community to grow and thrive and enables our community neighbors, friends and partners to experience greater levels of health, wellness, stability and strength. We will always

stand together to create a better future and we feel privileged to be part of a positive process.”

New Hope Community continued the holiday cheer on December 19 with an event for employees and their families. To celebrate and thank its own employees for the critical work they do, the organization held a holiday event on its campus for the families of staff members. The event included a visit from Santa Claus who handed out gifts to the children.



To support New Hope Community's programs and services, including its community support initiatives like the annual dinner, donations can be made to the NHC Foundation [here](#).

About New Hope Community:

Established in 1975, New Hope Community is a not-for-profit providing supports for individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities. Recognized today as a leading provider in the human services field, the organization maintains a person-centered approach and actively advocates for individual choice in a person's efforts to live, work and participate fully in his or her community. Its breadth of services includes clinical and nursing care, residential services, day programming, community habilitation, self-direction, support brokers, service navigators, education, recreation and leisure

activities, a robust supported employment program, summer programs for youths, and much more.

In 2020, New Hope Community merged with Select Human Services, Inc. (SHS) of Pleasantville, NY, a not-for-profit voluntary agency providing services in Westchester, Putnam, and Rockland Counties. The combined organization provides services to more than 700 people and employs more than 1,000 staff.

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