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**New Hope Community Celebrates Holiday Season with
Several Charitable Events for Those in Need**

The not-for-profit reached hundreds of families through community-focused holiday initiatives.

Loch Sheldrake, N.Y.— [New Hope Community](#), has spent the past month giving back to the community, ensuring families throughout Sullivan County enjoy the holiday season. The not-for-profit organization, which provides person-centered services and supports for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), planned multiple events to provide those in need with holiday hope and cheer in the way of gifts, hot meals, and monetary donations.

“Helping our neighbors has always been a focus and an integral part of who we are at New Hope Community,” said Debra McGinness, Chief Executive Officer of New Hope Community. “While we prioritize ways to partner with like-minded organizations throughout the year, during the holidays the team steps up immensely for the good of this great community. I am so proud to be part of an organization that puts others first and to work alongside exceptional people who value and are invested in improving the health and well-being of our community. We feel privileged to contribute in such a meaningful way.”



From late November through December, New Hope Community employees participated in Sullivan County Head Start’s **Adopt a Child** campaign. New Hope Community routinely partners with this local Woodbourne organization. Over the course of the campaign, New Hope Community employees fulfilled the wish lists of 60 children between the ages of six months and two years old. Gifts, including clothing and toys, were then wrapped and delivered by Santa Claus to the children in their classrooms.

New Hope Community’s **6th Annual Community Outreach Dinner** was held on December 12th, providing 580 complete meals to those in need. The event, which operated as a drive-thru meal service and festive holiday celebration, allowed families to pick up free dinners, along with grocery gift cards. Kevin, a resident at New Hope Community, knitted scarves and distributed them to many families.

Pasta dinners and fixings were made possible by donations from area restaurants and retailers, including Red Lobster, Texas Roadhouse, Adams Fairacre Farms, Chili's, Hannaford, Sam's Club, ShopRite, and Jenkins-Lueken Orchards. The gift cards were purchased through the generosity of the New Hope Community.

"This event is so impressive – the fact that New Hope Community does this for our families and especially our children is so special," said Karen, who attended the community dinner. "Not only do we get a delicious dinner, but our kids get to interact with Santa and the elves. Thank you for doing this for us!"



The giving continued on December 14th when New Hope Community hosted an invite-only **Giving Back to Our Neighbors Open House**. Held annually, the open house is a way for New Hope Community to say thank you to other community organizations for the meaningful work they do to strengthen our Sullivan County communities. This year, checks were presented to local rotary clubs, food pantries, first responders, and our very own Woodbourne Sullivan County Head Start program.



To support New Hope Community's programs and services, including its community support initiatives, donations can be made to New Hope Community [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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