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Jason is a veteran of the United States Coast Guard. When he arrived at Cross Roads House, he had been unemployed for approximately four years. "I was broke and down and out and living off of food stamps. I didn't have a dime in my pocket. I called Coordinated Access the morning of November 3, 2014 and I said I'm in Portsmouth right now and I'm homeless. They told me to check in here at Cross Roads House."



Jason on his last day at Cross Roads House.

Although he had already secured a great job with a local employer, Jason had nowhere to stay and what he referred to as "a Toyota Camry's worth of debt" to pay off in order to gain the security clearance he needed to keep his job. The Transitional Housing Program at Cross Roads House afforded Jason the time he needed to get back on his feet. "I had a staggering amount of bad credit with only a finite amount of time to get it clear or lose my job. If it wasn't for Cross Roads, I wouldn't have my job. I'd be here in the woods, homeless."

Jason met regularly with his Case Manager Theresa to discuss budgeting. "Theresa

helped me put together a game plan, and I followed that game plan pretty much to a tee. For several months at a time all my paychecks were exhausted alleviating myself of several thousand dollars worth of bad debt."

Jason said that it was difficult to find help because other programs saw that he had a good income. "As an honorably discharged veteran who did my time, it was disappointing when [other programs] couldn't help. They only looked at my income, not everything

else. At Cross Roads I was able to sit down with a counselor who looked at everything and said 'We're going to help you.'"

In six months time, Jason was able to pay off his debt, significantly improve his credit score, and find an affordable apartment. Jason says he has learned from his past mistakes. "I realize financial irresponsibility in large part got me to where I was and I never want to do that again. No more debt. I will keep working and go where life takes me."

Jason said the hardest thing about the last six months was realizing that he was homeless, even though he had a job and a place to stay. "You have a full belly, you have a roof over your head, but that doesn't mean you're not homeless. And you tell yourself that each and every day."

Jason says that although the last six months have been hard, he's thankful for all the assistance he received at Cross Roads House. "I'm more grateful for Cross Roads than I can say. When other resources that were supposed to help me let me down, Cross Roads House helped me up."

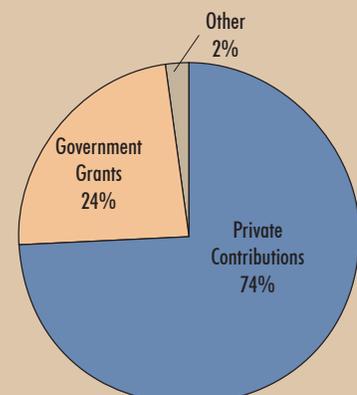
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Please make your donation before June 30th

With the end of our fiscal year fast approaching on June 30th, Cross Roads House is poised to meet our fundraising goals, but we need your help. There is still time to make your gift to Cross Roads House before June 30th and be among our supporters this fiscal year. Three quarters of our annual operating budget comes from donors like you.

People in the Seacoast area turn to Cross Roads House when they have nowhere else to go. Please help us provide the life changing opportunity to move from homelessness to stable and decent housing for all our residents.

Revenue Resources



Mission Statement

At Cross Roads House:

We protect men, women and children of the Greater Seacoast area experiencing homelessness from exposure and hunger.

We provide secure, transitional shelter for those seeking to break the cycle of homelessness.

We support individuals and families by providing them with the opportunity to move with dignity and purpose to stable and decent housing.

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From The Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Memories of our brutal winter are quickly fading as warm temperatures finally arrive. Despite the summer-like weather, our beds remain full nearly every night.

For us, July 1 will mark the beginning of a new fiscal year. In preparation, our Board of Directors recently approved the operating budget for the 2016 fiscal year. This year's budgeting process was particularly difficult given the uncertainty of state funding for emergency shelters.

We are on target to finish our current fiscal year in a healthy financial position, but still need your help to reach our goal (see pg. 1). The proceeds from our very successful 13th Annual Benefit by the Sea gala will provide



approximately 25% of our revenue for this year. The tremendous generosity of our sponsors and attendees make it possible for us to assist the vulnerable families and individuals in our community who are experiencing homelessness. If you have the opportunity, please take a moment and thank our fabulous sponsors.

I find myself frequently explaining that Cross Roads House would simply not exist without the incredible commitment of our supporters and volunteers. Since three quarters of our funding comes from private donors, and volunteers prepare dinner every night, this is a simple fact. I am filled with gratitude and thank all who join us in our effort to break the cycle of homelessness.

Martha Stone



Volunteer Spotlight

Ken Edwards said he and his wife Ingrid, "Just wanted to find a way to get involved in our community." They began serving meals at Cross Roads House and met Carol and Gene White. The couples have now developed a friendship and routinely volunteer together!

Ingrid says, "Ken and I have had the experience of seeing several other shelters in another state. We were startled when we saw other shelters; there's no comparison to Cross Roads House. Your services are so comprehensive. You have a lot to

be proud of." She concludes, "Volunteering at Cross Roads House is very rewarding. When we accomplish [the meal], we feel good about it."



Pictured above (l-r) are Ken and Ingrid Edwards, Chef Michael Jacobs, and Carol and Gene White.



13th Annual BENEFIT BY THE SEA

at Wentworth by the Sea

Thank you to all the sponsors and donors who supported our annual gala. Their generosity provides critical operating revenue and makes it possible for us to fulfill our mission to help our residents move with dignity and purpose to stable and decent housing.

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at www.crossroadshouse.org



It's Summer Time!!



Two of our young residents enjoying a sunny day on the CRH playground.

The weather is getting warmer and the school year is coming to a close. That means it is time to prepare for the summer season at Cross Roads House.

Summer presents some unique challenges for our residents. Our families need assistance purchasing new summer clothing for their growing children, as well as summer camp supplies like swimsuits, sunscreen, and bug spray. Our adult residents will be spending more time outdoors in the sun and heat and may need assistance staying protected from the elements.

You can help us make sure all Cross Roads House residents have a fun and safe summer by donating the following items:

- Walmart gift cards (for children's clothing)
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Beach towels
- Ice packs
- Water bottles
- Rain ponchos

Donations can be dropped off at the shelter, 600 Lafayette Road, Portsmouth, NH, at any time.