

HORIZONS

FALL 2026



SERVING OTHERS, MAKING AN IMPACT

How your support
changes the game
for people with
disabilities



Collective Joy for a Powerful Cause

We held our most successful Winnepesaukee Volleyball Classic ever this June, held at Akwa Marina Yacht Club. This 7th annual installment of beach volleyball and boisterous community proved to be our most impactful yet, with the marina filled to the brim with new and familiar faces, who, along with our amazing sponsors, raised the most money ever for Logan's Giving Fund for Autism.

And what a common cause to rally around. All of the money raised goes directly to Logan's Giving Fund, which covers the immense burden of therapy copays for families of children with autism. This special fund was created for the first annual Volleyball Classic, and since then it has grown disbursements every year, reaching more and more families.

As Crotched Mountain Foundation continues to make a difference in our community, powered by your generosity, the Volleyball Classic, CMF Kids, Logan's Giving Fund for Autism, and Crotched Mountain Community Care each play an important role in advancing our mission. The result? A true force for good that is targeting the poorest, most vulnerable friends and neighbors in our region.

This year we announced another \$1 million in new awards for schools and the community through CMF Kids partnership projects, bridging the five-year total of CMF Kids investments to a staggering \$5 million. These are real, high-leverage collaborations that are producing improved academic outcomes, needed infrastructure support, and groundbreaking programs in our public schools and local non-profits.

All of these partnerships directly benefit children with disabilities in low-income communities. No other non-profit—nor donor base!—systematically supports special education across the State of New Hampshire.

We are proud of this work.

Your commitment to our mission of helping people of all abilities live, learn, and thrive in the community is producing success after success. And when people come together for a volleyball tournament, enjoying each other's company, and generally having an incredible time in service of others, we are all united by compassion.

Best,



Ned Olney
President and CEO



Letter from the President



THE FACE OF PHILANTHROPY

Have You Considered Your Enduring Legacy?

One day in 2014, someone called the Crotched Mountain Foundation out of the blue and said: “Hi! This is Jill Collier. Almost 40 years ago, Crotched Mountain helped train me as a young special education teacher.”

Jill was reaching out to express her gratitude for the training she received—and how she used that experience to embark on a nearly-40-year career enriching the lives of children with disabilities.

At that time Jill was approaching her retirement, and wanted to pay it forward by helping Crotched Mountain provide training for the next generation of special educators. Sadly, less than 15 months later, Jill lost her life in a tragic accident.

But Jill had already sown the seeds of her enduring legacy. A distribution from Jill’s estate created the Jill Collier Memorial Fund. Since then, Jill’s partner, Andy Card, has helped perpetuate Jill’s passion for special education by stewarding additional contributions from friends, family and others. ■



“It’s a simple endowment fund generating income,” Andy says, “Crotched Mountain uses that income to provide training that inspires teachers for their own decades of service, each improving the lives of thousands of children with disabilities.”

THANK YOU JILL

THE FACE OF PHILANTHROPY

Other Donors Building Legacies With Their Endowed Fund

Over the past 100 years, many other donors have trusted Crotched Mountain Foundation with their endowment fund, just like Jill Collier. They align their personal legacy with some aspects of our mission. Each of these donors is helping people with disabilities live, learn, and thrive for the next 100 years and beyond!

- **Clara F. Chorley Fund:** Support for critically-needed dental services for people we serve
- **Lillian E. Morrison Fund:** Funding for special education equipment
- **The Rita Roy Memorial Fund:** Support for low-income elderly clients living in the greater Manchester area (memorializing Rita Roy, whose murder in 1991 remains unsolved)
- **The Given Fund:** For professional training and staff development of Crotched Mountain Foundation employees
- **CMF Kids Endowment Fund:** Multiple donors support this fund created to continue the life-changing work of CMF Kids.

Your regular donation can support CMF's endowment. Just write 'Endowment' or a specific Fund Name (for ex. Jill Collier Fund) in the memo section of the check or the online form at cmf.org/donate.

CMF's Bequest Policy

Crotched Mountain Foundation directs unrestricted bequests over \$50k to an unrestricted endowment fund to ensure the donor's legacy supports those we serve now and will continue to support them in the future. Bequest donor automatically become members of CMF's Don Kent Legacy Society.

Don Kent Legacy Society

Our legacy society honors renowned WBZ weatherman, Don Kent, who supported Crotched Mountain throughout his life. Become a member today by letting us know that you're including Crotched Mountain in your estate planning, through a Charitable Gift Annuity, a gift of stock, an IRA, life insurance or real estate, or as a specific amount or a percentage of your residual estate. Your name will be included on the Don Kent Legacy Society plaque, and you will be honored in perpetuity for a gift that lasts for generations. Join hundreds who've included Crotched Mountain in their estate plans with gifts ranging from \$5,000 to more than \$2 million.



Other Tax-Smart Ways to Make a Gift Now!

Use your IRA

Are you required to take a minimum income distribution (RMD) as taxable income? A qualified charitable distribution (QCD) directly to Crotched Mountain Foundation is not taxed as income. Crotched Mountain Foundation's ID number is 02-0222168.

Use Appreciated Stock

A stock held for more than a year and gifted directly to Crotched Mountain Foundation are a great way to avoid capital gains taxes. Provide the following to your financial advisor: Deliver to: The Depository Trust Company. Account: 0164, Code 40. For credit to Crotched Mountain Foundation (Call 603.831.8424 for account number)

It's easier than you think! Contact Kevin Harte at **603-831-8424** or email kevin.harte@crotchedmountain.org. You can also give securely online at crotchedmountain.org/donate.

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HAPPY TRAILS

Crotched Mountain Accessible Trails Benefit from AARP grant

Crotched Mountain Foundation is thrilled to announce that we have been selected to receive a 2026 AARP Community Challenge grant. This year, only 750 grantees were chosen from 5,100 applications from across all 50 states, Washington D.C., Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

With this grant, we will be able to partner with Lew Shelley of SnowHawk LLC to perform major repair work to the Crotched Mountain Accessible Trails, allowing even more people of all abilities to experience the beauty of nature.

“We are incredibly proud that AARP selected Crotched Mountain Foundation for this investment to help make our iconic trail system even more accessible for residents of all ages and abilities,” said Kevin Harte, Vice President of Advancement for Crotched Mountain Foundation. “AARP is a national leader in supporting communities to become more accessible, and we are honored they recognize the value and impact this project will bring to our area.” ■



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Grants to make communities livable
for people of all ages

aarp.org/CommunityChallenge





CMF Kids Announces \$1 Million in Partnership Support to Students with Disabilities Throughout New Hampshire

To date over \$5 Million has been invested in schools and organizations to improve social and educational outcomes for children with disabilities

We are thrilled to announce an additional \$1 million worth of investment in under-resourced communities to support children with complex disabilities.

Through CMF Kids and powered by your generous giving, Crotched Mountain Foundation collaborates with schools and community organizations to strengthen social, emotional, vocational, and academic outcomes for children and students with disabilities. The CMF kids program has provided over \$5 million in partnership support since it began five years ago.

Projects address priority needs of school district partners including infrastructure improvements, curriculum and staff development, community access, family resource support, and inclusivity.

The 2026 partnerships include the following school districts with their targeted programs and outcomes:

Rochester School District

- Comprehensive district-wide needs assessment
- Consultation to develop and strengthen special education programming
- Development of a suspension reduction toolkit

Nashua School District

- Expanding and enhancing the professional development program
- Implement TRUST TEAMS for students with intensive needs
- Develop a model for TRUST team work at the pre-K level

Manchester School District

- Teaching residency program with Saint Anselm College
- Credential Bachelor’s level educators for Special Education

Hinsdale School District

- Registered Behavior Technician (RBT) program support
- Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) consultation
- Transportation support for vocational and community-based programming

Gorham, Randolph, Sherburne

- Purchase of a 15-passenger van
- Partnership with Parent Information Center
- Promoting family engagement in the IEP, Transition Planning, Post-Secondary Readiness process
- Development of Parent Advisory Group

Ashland, Franklin, Inter-Lakes, Laconia

- Implement program in response to CMF-Kids funded Lakes Region Study to meet the needs of students with intensive needs in school and reduce out-of-district placements
- Professional development in the areas of trauma informed care and autism and social emotional behavioral needs

Partner School Districts to Date

- Allenstown
- Ashland
- Berlin
- Colebrook
- Conway
- Franklin
- Gorham
- Hinsdale
- Interlakes
- Laconia
- Littleton
- Manchester
- Nashua
- Newport
- Northumberland
- Pittsburg
- Pittsfield and Rochester
- Portsmouth
- Randolph
- Shelburne
- Stewartstown
- Stratford and Stark
- Wakefield
- White Mountain Regional

To date CMF Kids has partnered with 18 school districts from across New Hampshire—which you, our donors and supporters, have made possible.

“Crotched Mountain Foundation and CMF Kids is committed to helping children and youth with disabilities live, learn, and thrive in their communities,” said Ned Olney, President and CEO of Crotched Mountain Foundation. “These partnerships represent the power of innovation and collaboration and show how, together, we can make a lasting impact in communities.” ■



HOME SWEET HOME

Crotched Mountain Foundation's Affordable Housing Touches Lives, Provides Stability

Did you know? Crotched Mountain Foundation manages a three-property affordable housing portfolio across New Hampshire, Maine, and New York. Every day, the CMF affordable housing team works to preserve quality affordable housing for seniors and individuals with disabilities through thoughtful resident services, proactive maintenance, regulatory compliance, and long-term planning.

“Although we’re a small team, I’m incredibly proud of everything we’ve accomplished together over the past year,” says Anna Briggs, Crotched Mountain’s Affordable Housing Manager. “We have completed major capital improvements and strengthened our tenant communities. Every success reflects the dedication of people who truly care about the residents we serve, strengthened by the support from the greater Crotched Mountain Foundation family of staff and supporters.”

Here are a few snapshots of recent highlights from this important part of the work you help make possible:

McIntyre School Apartments Whitefield, NH

This August, long-time staff member Beth Vincent celebrated her 25th anniversary with Crotched Mountain Foundation. As a Resident Service Coordinator, she has dedicated herself to creating a warm, welcoming community, organizing leisure activities, and helping tenants navigate community resources. Maintenance Technician Ken LeBrun, who is celebrating 14 years with Crotched Mountain Foundation, works tirelessly behind the scenes to keep the property safe, comfortable, and running smoothly.

"I'm especially proud of everything we've accomplished at McIntyre over the past year," Anna says. "I have loved watching the McIntyre Garden Club flourish. The gardens have become a place where residents gather, build friendships, and enjoy the simple pleasures of growing something together."

McIntyre School Apartments currently has one apartment available, and we continue to host open houses for income-qualified adults 62 years of age and older.

Greenbush Village Apartments Rensselaer, NY

This year, Crotched Mountain welcomed Ke'Sherise Mills to the team as the Community Service Coordinator. Ke'Sherise brings more than ten years of experience working with underserved populations.

Meanwhile, residents have embraced the Garden Club, taking the lead in organizing ice cream socials, barbecues, educational gardening talks, and planting events that bring neighbors together. Greenbush Village currently has three apartments available—two one-bedroom apartments and one two-bedroom apartment—for income-qualified individuals with disabilities.

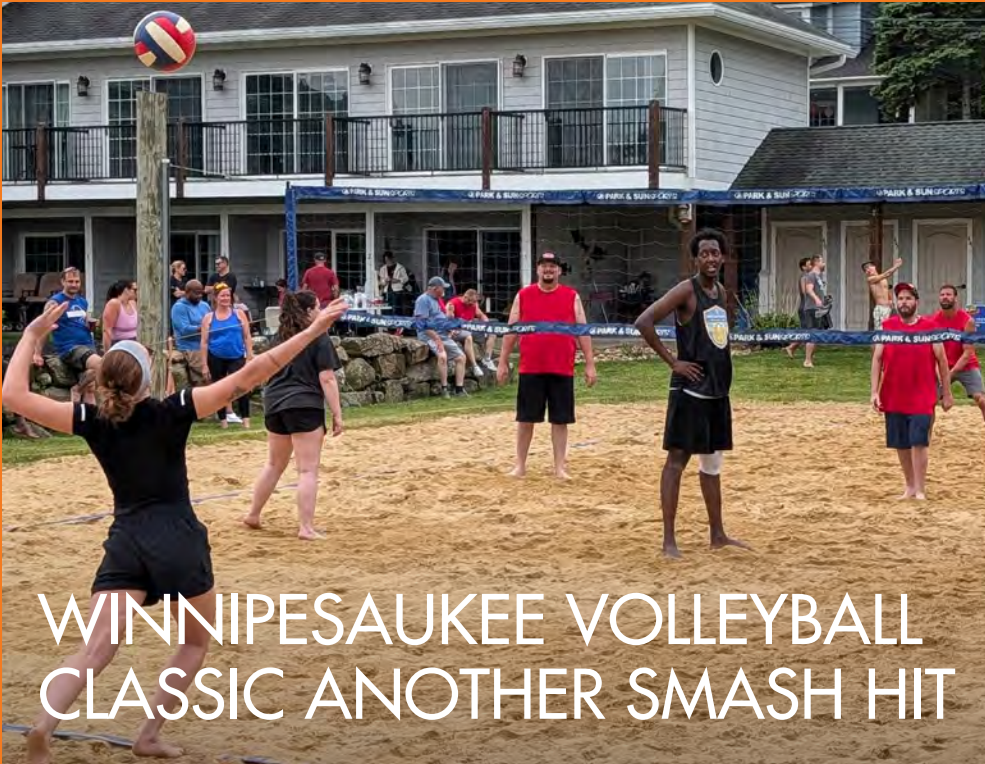
Forest Avenue Apartments Portland, ME

This year, we completed a full heating system replacement and installed new energy-efficient thermostats throughout the property. These improvements will help preserve the property and provide a safe environment for residents for years to come. Forest Avenue currently has one apartment available for immediate occupancy, and we continue to grow our waiting list. Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

"We may be a small team, but together we're making a big impact," Anna says, "Together, we are preserving affordable housing, strengthening our communities, and ensuring that seniors and individuals with disabilities have access to safe, quality homes where they can thrive." ■



SNAPSHOTS



WINNIPESAUKEE VOLLEYBALL CLASSIC ANOTHER SMASH HIT

The June weather cooperated in a big way for this year's annual Winnepesaukee Volleyball Classic, held at the Akwa Marina Yacht Club in Laconia. It was a record-breaking event, with the most funds ever raised for Logan's Giving Fund for Autism, which provides families with children with autism support for needed therapies. Twenty-nine teams raised over \$51,000! Thanks to all who

supported this fun, friendly, and life-changing event: our players, our sponsors, and our donors. Congratulations to tournament winner, The Empire Spikes Back and the top fundraising team, Team Fuller.

We will open our late summer/fall giving cycle of Logan's Giving Fund for Autism on August 27. ■

Thank You Volleyball Sponsors!

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Big Fun at The Meetinghouse

We were thrilled to debut our newest gathering place for our adult clients: The Meetinghouse! This venue was formerly known as the boathouse on the Sunset Lake waterfront in Greenfield. After undergoing some TLC, it's now open as a new leisure and activity destination for our adult programs. The first event to christen the place? B-I-N-G-O! ■





DREAMS DON'T END AT THE WATER'S EDGE

Your support and the tireless work of CMCC case managers meant the world to Laura

For years Laura has pursued a simple dream, a goal that so many would take for granted. **Her wish? To go to the beach.**

Laura is a Crotched Mountain Community Care client. As a participant in the CFI (Choices for Independence) Medicaid program, Laura works with Marge Goudreault, her Case Manager, to remain independent and living in her own home and community.

That beach dream was a dream for a simple reason: Laura has a right-leg amputation at the knee and has been in a wheelchair for many years, so getting around has always been a significant challenge.

“She is such a nice lady,” Marge says. “She had expressed to me a request for a couple of things to help her. She wanted a lightweight wheelchair so that she can easily put it in the back of the car when she wants to go out with her husband. And then she asked for this beach wheelchair because she said she used to love going to the beach before her medical problems.”

When Laura lost her leg, her beach trips came to a quick and lamentable end (her power wheelchair was not going to negotiate the sands anytime soon). And because her husband—who is long past retirement age—must work to support the two of them, she spends most of her time alone in her home. Despite her husband’s employment, the two barely get by living month to month. So that means any perk is hugely appreciated and treasured.

“As the summer was approaching, she remarked to me that it would be ‘really nice if I could get onto the beach,’” Marge says.

Marge worked with Laura to apply for a special grant through the Harry Gregg Foundation, which awards grants directly to New Hampshire residents with disabilities to help improve their quality of life.

“Once she got the wheelchair through the Harry Gregg Foundation, she and her husband stayed for a long weekend at Pawtuckaway State Park,” says Marge. “They were able to use it and she was able to get on the beach. She said it was wonderful.” ■



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First Annual Winnepesaukee Cornhole Classic

August 29, 2026 - 12:00 pm - AKWA Marina Yacht Club, Laconia

Partner up and register your team to benefit Logan's Giving Fund for Autism! Whether you're playing to win or just for fun, your participation helps support children with autism and their families by providing access to essential therapies and services. Enjoy great food, beautiful waterfront views, and a memorable day for a great cause.

Register at nhcornholeclassic.org

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