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It Takes A Somervillage

Do you wonder, "What can I do?" when you see a homeless person on the street corner, with a tattered cardboard sign, asking for help?

Last fall, Lara, a young girl with a tender heart and a determined spirit, decided to sell apple cider. She raised \$125 which she donated to the Somerville Homeless Coalition. That \$125 covers a two-night stay in our shelter. Or it can provide enough groceries for five families for a week through our food pantry, Project SOUP.

There's a neighborhood in Somerville that holds an annual block party, collecting food and household supplies to help formerly homeless men and women furnish and fill the cupboards of their long-awaited-for apartments.

The wonderful folks of the Nave Gallery knit and crochet beautiful, warm hats, scarves, mittens, baby blankets and more, selling them each fall in their Wrap Around Sale. The combined donations help fund our grants to help prevent homelessness.

Carla DeLellis, owner of Johnny D's, says, "It Takes a Somervillage to address problems like hunger and homelessness in our community."

She's right. Everyone has something to contribute, everyone is able to pitch in and help.

Like most of us, Macaela VanderMost of Somerville wanted to do more than buy someone



Cameron and his mother, safe and secure at the SHC Family Shelter, waiting for their new home.

a cup of coffee, or make a donation. She owns Newfangled Studios (newfangledstudios.com), a video and design firm. She came to the Somerville Homeless Coalition with the idea of using her resources to make a video to raise awareness and to encourage everyone to do what they can to help.

Using the theme, "It Takes A Somervillage," she and her team created a fantastic video! Many contributed to it, from the local band Hallelujah the Hills that wrote the theme song, to Q Division Studios which donated studio time for the recording, to the Mayor and many nonprofits and businesses who participated in the video. See the video online at www.shcinc.org.

Thank you, Macaela, Carla, Lara, our neighbors, friends and colleagues. Together we are a Somervillage, together we can end homelessness and hunger in our community.

Back-to-School donations get homeless kids off to a smiling start

Allison may live in a shelter, but she's ready for school, thanks to generous donations of back packs, note books, pens, pencils and art supplies.

SHC Board member, Deborah Morgan, had the great idea to use the Amazon Gift Registry as a way of coordinating these donations. The list of needed items was easy to set up, and made shopping a breeze. AmazonSmile donations added more bang for the buck.

Allison and dozens of other children who benefit from services at the SHC were all smiles to receive their new supplies.

Succeeding in school is a key ingredient to breaking the cycle of homelessness and poverty. Thank you to all who contributed, shopping online or locally! (And stay tuned for the Holiday Gift Drive, starting in November.)



The children were all smiles thanks to generous donations

Somerville 5K is Just Around the Corner!



There's still time to lace up your running shoes for the Somerville 5K on Saturday, October 3! This fun race boasts about 1,000 runners and features a delicious buffet brunch following the race, with food provided by many local restaurants. Register online at www.shcinc.org.

You can also get in on the action by supporting your friends who are running! Last year Eleanor and Mike Barish promised to run in their wedding clothes if they reached their fundraising goal.

