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## MAY

### **Andover Crafts in the Park 2011**

Saturday, May 7 10am – 4pm  
See [craftsinthepark.com](http://craftsinthepark.com)

### **Clown Town**

Fri., May 20, 2011 – Sat., May 21, 2011

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## SEPTEMBER

### **Art in the Park**

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### **Holiday Open House**

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# LAZARUS HOUSE MINISTRIES, INC.

## OPENING THE DOORS OUT OF POVERTY

By Tom Draheim

It was another grim, winter day in Lawrence when The Andover Guide visited Lazarus House Ministries. The snowstorm was over but the streets were barely plowed, shop owners struggled to shovel their sidewalks and the snow banks lining the road were at least six feet high.

But as we pulled into the parking area at The Good Shepherd Center on Hampshire Street the sun came out and smiling volunteers stopped clearing snow for a minute to direct us inside. We met with Lazarus House executive director Bridget Shaheen, Dennis McCarthy, in charge of donor relations and Ray Joyce, director of development.

The mission at Lazarus House is “to move people out of poverty, one person, one family, at a time,” said Bridget Shaheen. “Our food pantry is usually the first stop.” Shaheen feels that homelessness can be prevented by helping people put food on their table, which frees up money for housing expenses. “Usually people come into a food bank and are just given a bag of groceries, here they can pick the food they want off the shelves. I’ve seen people stand and cry when they understand they can help themselves, it restores their self worth,” she added.

The numbers are impressive. Lazarus House distributes 10 to 12 tons of food per week. “Last year we helped 25,000 families with 50,000 bags of groceries,” said Ray Joyce. “We get virtually no government funding for our \$3.5 million dollar budget. The Town of Andover is one of the largest areas in terms of donors, dollars and volunteers,” he said. The people of Andover, local banks and businesses—

large and small—and several houses of worship support Lazarus House.

“The Andover Country Club is especially helpful,” added Joyce. The country club hosts two of the Ministries’ annual fund raising events: a golf tournament (the 16th annual) in July and “Sharing Our Bounty” dinner and auction in November. The third event is the popular “Hike For Hope” fundraiser at Merrimack College in October.

In addition to the Food Pantry Lazarus House also feeds two hundred people daily at their soup kitchen, serving breakfast and lunch seven days a week in the winter, five days in the summer. “If help with food isn’t enough we can offer people shelter,” Shaheen said. Social workers make calls on their behalf and people can stay for as long as three months, she explained. “They sign a contract every three days during their stay. There is accountability; they meet with an advocate to break their cycle of poverty and begin to understand there is a future.”

For longer transitional housing Lazarus House has Capernaum Place, where families and individuals stay in apartments for up to two years; the residents sign a lease every six months. “We offer language and life skills workshops, child care, and they meet with social workers once a week,” said Shaheen. “More than 90 percent eventually go to permanent housing.”

Capernaum Place offers some interesting employment opportunities. “Some of the people work for SPARK\*L.E., our cleaning company, after the work preparation training they begin a seven month paid internship. Amazing miracles happen there; one woman went through the program and then started her own successful cleaning business,” Shaheen said.

Another Lazarus House work

preparation program provides training in Food Preparation and ServSafe Certification. The program includes eight weeks of English language study, “ServSafe” food handling techniques and weekly hands-on training by visiting guest chefs from local restaurants. Graduates are sought after by area restaurants. Shaheen is proud that “these are career tracks, not just dead end jobs.”

There is also limited scholarship money available. A woman was afraid that her dream of becoming a nurse would never be realized. With scholarship money she was able to take and pass a Certified Nursing Assistant program “and is now working full time and going to college to become a Registered Nurse. The violence of poverty is broken in that family,” said Shaheen.

This is just a sample of the programs and success stories for which Lazarus House Ministries is responsible. “We channel the goodness of the community into 22,000 ‘touches’ a month,” said Shaheen.

“We’re locking arms together to help people,” said Dennis McCarthy. “It’s not a hand out but a hand up. We encourage people to become productive members of society.” McCarthy tells the story of Ella, a six-year-old from Andover, “who pledged one third of her allowance to Lazarus House and was able to donate \$100 last year. Our donors trust that we’ll do our best with their money. We value and treasure that trust. Most people want to help their neighbors.”

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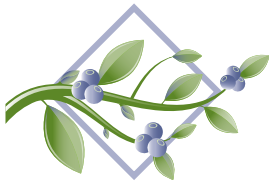
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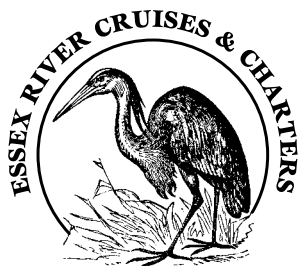
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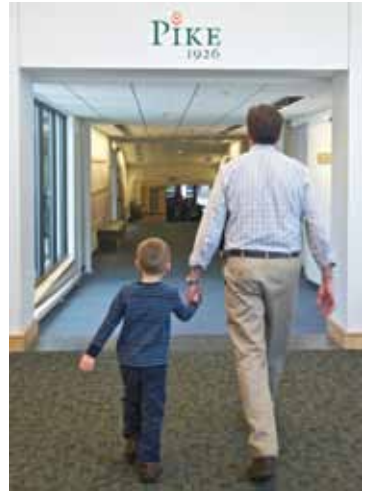
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