



DOVER CHILDREN'S HOME



# Dover Children's Home 2026 Events Prospectus

*"It takes a community to raise a child."*

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# About Dover Children's Home



## Our Vision, Values, and Purpose

Dover Children's Home is committed to providing the highest quality treatment services and becoming a leader in trauma-informed residential and community-based treatment. Our program supports a culture characterized by a sense of respect, compassion, commitment, and integrity. We are attentive to the individual needs and potential of the young people in our care, and we have an abiding commitment to excellence to the larger community. We take pride in our role as stewards of a unique and treasured community resource, with a history dating back to 1893.

This prospectus highlights opportunities at events we host throughout the year in efforts to raise funds to help support our youth. These include our annual golf and bowl-a-thon events, Apple Harvest Day Inflatables, and more.

Sponsorship opportunities for our fundraising events allow you to build brand awareness through on-site promotional materials, social media marketing, and more benefits, including the ability to networking with others in the community.

# About Dover Children's Home Cont.

## Our Mission

We provide tools and support for youth to heal from emotional trauma through community-based treatment programs that foster relationships and enable youth to create hope for the future.

## Who We Serve

### Level 1 - PILOT House

Program: Independent Living Residential Program

Population: Youth, Ages 18 - 21

Housing: (1) Studio Apartment, and (1) 3-Bedroom Apartment

Census: Up to 4 Residents

### Level 2 - Main House

Program: Intermediate Residential Treatment Program

Population: Youth, Ages 10 - 21

Housing: 10 Bedrooms, 7 Bathrooms

Census: Up to 12 Residents

## What We Provide

- Clinical treatment through groups and individual therapy
- Connection to community resources (therapy, mentors, mental health needs)
- Daily life skills
- Typical adolescent experience
- Activities and daily programming
- Future planning
- Inclusive, equitable care with a specialized focus in LGBTQ+ youth
- Trauma-informed model to focus on building connection and resiliency - Trust Based Relational Intervention (TBRI)

## Domains of Treatment

- Safety and behavior
- Family and Community
- Physical Health
- Mental Health Services
- Education
- Independent Living



# 2025 YEAR-IN-REVIEW

“There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about.”

- Margaret J. Wheatley

**RENEW**  
Programming

**HONORING**  
Youth Body & Choice

**JOYOUS**  
Movement

**TRANSITION PLANNING**  
and Independent Living

**BUILDING CONNECTIONS**  
Within and Outside our Program

What a year it has been—and how incredibly fortunate we have been to receive such generosity from our community. Whether you have volunteered your time, donated a bag of gently worn clothing for our in-house Empowerment Boutique, prepared a homemade meal for the youth in our care, sponsored one of our fundraising events, or contributed a financial gift to sustain our programming, your support means the world to us.

Each young person who comes to live at Dover Children’s Home deserves safety, support, and comfort, with an environment grounded in trust and relationship-building. Your dedication makes that possible. Because of you, Dover Children’s Home remains a place where resilience grows, where hope is restored, and where healing truly happens. That is the true power of community.

Together, your stories and theirs form the heart of **Dover Children’s Home: a story of compassion, connection, and unwavering belief in what is possible when a community comes together in support of its young people.**

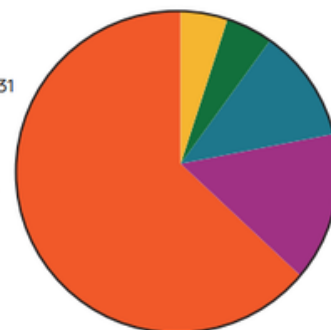
Thank you for being an essential part of this story, and for making it one of hope, healing, and Home.

With sincere gratitude,  
**Lauren Petraitis, Director of Development**

## FINANCIAL YEAR-IN-REVIEW

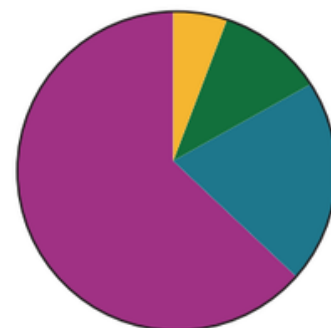
### Operating Revenue – \$2,054,778

- 5% Endowment Disbursement \$108,331
- 5% Grants & Estates \$101,170
- 12% Fundraising \$249,277
- 15% Individual & Corporate Donations \$300,000
- 63% State/Medicaid Funding for Services \$1,296,000



### Operating Expenses – \$2,333,385

- 6% Fundraising & Marketing \$136,998
- 11% Administrative Wages & Benefits \$255,145
- 20% Youth Service & Programming \$468,010
- 63% Youth-Facing & Program Support Staff Wages & Benefits \$1,400,972



[Click here to view the full 2025 Year-In-Review](#)

# Our Leadership



**Sarah Gordon**

Director of Treatment Services  
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**Lauren Petraitis**

Director of Development  
Fundraising - Marketing - Donations  
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**Mary Thurber**

Director of Business & Finance  
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# 2026 - 2027 Board Members

## Board of Directors

**Annie  
Novak**  
*Chair*

**Austin  
Mikolaities**  
*Vice Chair*

**Benjamin  
Bradley**

**Jonelle  
Colbath**

**Michael  
D'Ascensao**

**Sean  
Dempsey**

**Jennifer  
Stauffis**

**Courtney  
Stillings**

**Chuck  
Tewell**

**Sam  
Wood**

**Sharon  
Zacharias**

## Board of Trustees

**John  
Gill**  
*Chair*

**Don  
Cichon**

**Charlie  
Griffiths**

**Branden  
Ladebush**

**Caitlyn  
Turgeon**

# 2026-2027 Events Calendar

## NH Gives 24-Hour Fundraiser

Tuesday, June 9, 2026 - Wednesday, June 10, 2026  
5:00 PM - 5:00 PM



## 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament

Monday, September 21, 2026  
8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

145 Gulf Road  
Dover, NH 03820



## Charitable Gaming at The Brook

From May 11<sup>th</sup> - May 20<sup>th</sup> a percentage of  
income from The Brook will be donated to  
Dover Children's Home.



## 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Bowl-a-thon

Sunday, April 4, 2027

Session One | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM  
Session Two | 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM  
Session Three | 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM  
Session Four | 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Bowl-o-Rama  
599 Lafayette Road  
Portsmouth, NH 03801





**NH Gives**  
**24-Hour Peer-to-Peer Fundraising**

**Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM**  
**to**  
**Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM**

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## About

*Get Involved! Visit our  
NH Gives Page to Donate*

### What is NH Gives?

**NH Gives** is a 24-hour online fundraising event designed to connect donors with local nonprofits working to strengthen New Hampshire communities. It's the state's largest day of giving, providing an easy and impactful way to support the causes you care about most. **Dover Children's Home** is excited to participate in NH Gives again for its 5th year! This year, we were able to raise \$4,235 in funds to provide fun opportunities, activities, and day trips for summer programming.

### How to Participate

The fundraiser is available to donors beginning at 5:00 pm on June 9, 2026 to 5:00 pm on June 10, 2026. Before the big day, fundraisers encourage people in their networks to donate what they are most comfortable with. ANYTHING helps and is much appreciated!

### Matching Sponsorships Available!

In the amounts of \$1,500, \$3,000, and \$6,000

*Contact Lauren Petraitis for more information*

### What is Peer-to-Peer Fundraising?

Gathering fundraisers (board members, volunteers, staff, development committee members, etc.), to share their involvement to Dover Children's Home and connect with their own circles to reach more people as donors. The NH Gives P2P Fundraiser is one of our larger fundraising events and a great opportunity to get more members in the community involved!

### Matching Donations

Matching donations are a powerful way to double the impact of contributions. For example, if a business commits to matching donations up to a certain amount, every dollar donated by individuals during the event will be matched, effectively doubling the total contribution. This approach not only increases the funds raised but also encourages more people to donate, knowing their contributions will have an even greater effect.



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8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**Cochecho Country Club**

145 Gulf Road  
Dover, NH 03820

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## About

Enjoy a relaxing and entertaining day on the green while helping to support the impactful work of Dover Children's Home. Participants will experience a top-tier tournament experience complete with exciting contests, exclusive gifts, and exceptional hospitality.

### Tournament Highlights Include:

- **Welcome Breakfast** – Fuel up with breakfast at registration and scope out the silent auction items!
- **Luncheon Banquet** – Savor a delicious meal after your round.
- **Embroidered Golf Shirt** – Receive a custom golf shirt as a keepsake of your participation.
- **Golf-Themed Giveaways** – Collect a variety of golf essentials throughout the day.
- **Premium Player Gift** – Every participant will go home with a special high-end item.
- **Hole-in-One Prizes** – Take your shot at winning major prizes with a single swing.
- **Longest Drive Contest** – Showcase your power and aim for the fairway's farthest point.
- **Closest-to-the-Pin Challenge** – Test your accuracy in this classic short-game contest.
- **Putting Competition** – Demonstrate your finesse on the green.
- **Silent & Live Auctions** – Bid on one-of-a-kind items, exclusive experiences, and golf packages.
- **Raffle Drawings** – Enter to win a wide array of exciting prizes.

Gather your foursome, polish up your game, and prepare for a day of spirited competition and camaraderie—all in support of the youth and families we serve.

[\*Click Here to Register on Our Event Page!\*](#)

# Sponsorship Opportunities

Sign Up as a Sponsor Here!

## Luncheon Sponsor – \$5,000

**1 Opportunity Available**

Includes 1 foursome, lunch banner, and event recognition.

## Tournament Underwriters – \$4,000

**2 Opportunities Available**

Includes 1 foursome, prize presenter, and premium marketing visibility.

## Golf Shirt Sponsor – \$4,000

**Sponsored by Blue Dolphin**



Includes 1 foursome, logo on shirt sleeves, and event recognition.

## Swag Bag Sponsor – \$3,000

**Sponsored by First Seacoast Bank**



Includes 1 foursome, company logo on goody bags, and event recognition.

## Hat Sponsor – \$3,000

**Sponsored by Wentworth Douglass Hospital**



Includes 1 foursome, logo on hats, and event recognition.

## Beverage Cart Sponsors – \$1,750

**2 Opportunities Available**

Includes 1 twosome, logo on cart, and program mention.

## Breakfast Sponsor – \$3,000

**1 Opportunity Available**

Includes 1 foursome, breakfast banner, and program mention.

## Golf Cart Sponsor – \$1,750

**1 Opportunity Available**

Includes 1 twosome, logo in carts, and program mention.

## Giveaway Sponsor – \$2,000

**Sponsored by Leone, McDonnell & Roberts**



Includes 1 twosome, present giveaways, branded tablecloth, and event recognition.

## Putting Green Sponsor – \$1,500

**Sponsored by Eastern Bank | Cambridge Trust**



Includes 1 twosome, green banner, and event recognition.

## Registration Table Sponsor – \$2,000

**Sponsored by BackBay Networks**



Includes 1 twosome, registration banner, and program mention.

## Silent Auction Sponsor –

**\$200 | \$400 | \$600 | \$800 | \$1,000**

**5 Opportunities Available**

Includes logo placed by sponsored silent auction items, and program mention.

## Hole-in-One Contest Sponsor – \$500

**1 Opportunity Available**

Includes logo at site of contest, and program mention.

## Longest Drive Contest Sponsor – \$500

**1 Opportunity Available**

Includes logo at site of contest, and program mention.

## Closest to Pin Sponsor – \$500

**1 Opportunity Available**

Includes logo at site of contest, and program mention.

## Golf Gallery Sponsor – \$500

**Sponsored by Leone, McDonnell & Roberts**



Includes logo on golf images, and program mention.

## Hole Sponsor – \$250

**Many Opportunities Available**

Includes logo on hole sign, and program mention.

To inquire about sponsorship opportunities, please visit [our website](https://doverchildrenshome.org/), or contact Lauren Petraitis at [lpetraitis@doverchildrenshome.org](mailto:lpetraitis@doverchildrenshome.org)



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## **Bowl-o-Rama**

599 Lafayette Rd  
Portsmouth, NH  
03801

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## About

Join us for a fun, family- and team-oriented bowling fundraiser in support of the Dover Children's Home. Now in its 19th year, this spirited event brings together community members, local businesses, families, and friends to raise crucial funds for healing services dedicated to youth affected by trauma.

Four 90-minute candlepin bowling sessions at Bowl-o-Rama (599 Lafayette Road, Portsmouth, NH):

**10:00 AM – 11:30 AM**  
**12:00 PM – 1:30 PM**  
**2:00 PM – 3:30 PM**  
**4:00 PM – 5:30 PM**

Teams of 4–6 bowlers—composed of coworkers, friends, and families—are encouraged to sign up. Participants can also join by pledging support even if not bowling.

### Fundraising Goal

- A suggested pledge minimum of \$100 per bowler is encouraged

### Competitions & Prizes (for each session)

- Most Creative Team Costume or Theme
- Top-Fundraising Team
- Highest Team Score
- Grand Prize will be raffled off at the end of the event to a lucky winner who purchases raffle tickets!

### How to Participate

- Register online at the event page - **Coming soon!**
- Form or join a team of 4–6 people (costumes encouraged!)
- Collect pledges and bring funds on the day of the event

# Sponsorship Opportunities

## Bowling Shoes and Lane Sponsor for Event - \$4,000

### 1 Opportunity Available

Includes your logo displayed at registration table and in all marketing

## Raffle Prize Sponsor - \$1,500

### 1 Opportunity Available

Includes your logo displayed in front of the grand prize and in all marketing

## Sponsor Lanes for DCH Youth, Mentors, and Staff - \$2,500

### 1 Opportunity Available

Includes your logo displayed in front of the lanes and in all marketing

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# Become More Involved

For over 132 years, Dover Children's Home has been able to provide services to New Hampshire's most vulnerable children and their families, but only with the philanthropy and support of our community. There is more than one way to help us continue our mission of supporting youth in their path to living successful, productive and positive lives.

Interested in learning about becoming a donor, and the impact of your gift? Attend one of our Donor Information Nights from 5-6:30 PM on the following dates:

April 29, 2026  
July 29, 2026  
October 28, 2026

Contact Lauren To Register



## Make a Donation

The generosity of our community and friends allows our organization to thrive.

Whether **monetary** or **in-kind**, we are incredibly grateful to all those who support our mission!

Donate

## Provide Needed Items for our Youth and Program

Visit our [Amazon Wish List](#)! We update it regularly with everyday essentials, household items, comfort items, and tools for healing. It's an easy way to make a meaningful impact—just click, ship, and share some love

Amazon Wish List

## Become a Volunteer

Whether you're interested in assisting with fundraising events, weekly programming, or becoming a mentor, your involvement helps provide essential support to the young people in our care, and our mission.

Fill out our [volunteer application](#)!

Volunteer

## Join Our Community!

Follow us on social media and [sign up for our mailing list](#) to receive our newsletter. Learn more about what Dover Children's Home is doing around the community!

For More Information about Sponsorships or Custom Sponsorship Opportunities, Please Contact:

**Lauren Petraitis**

Director of Development  
Fundraising - Marketing - Donations  
[lpetraitis@doverchildrenshome.org](mailto:lpetraitis@doverchildrenshome.org)

Contact



# Thank you

*Thank you for your incredible support and generosity - your kindness has made a lasting impact. Dover Children's Home is beyond grateful for the unwavering support and kindness from our community!*