

April 26, 2022

Dear Friends of the Laconia Kiwanis Club,

Thank you for including Belknap House in the festivities of your recent Club meeting, celebrating the LHS Key Club Seniors. Both Tom and I enjoyed the evening, and the opportunity to highlight our work at Belknap House. Tom especially enjoyed honoring the Key Club Seniors through his message.

Your generous donation of \$500 to Belknap House was a wonderful surprise. Thank you! This contribution means a lot and, it will make a difference.

A favorite sentiment of a mom with three young boys seems appropriate to share. After parents arrive and become settled, feelings of relief follow, and many parents share a similar experience. "Being in place where I know my children are safe, have food and a warm bed, helps me literally breathe. I mean, breathe better. It is such a relief. And I know it will help me to focus on what I need to do next, to get our family on a better path."

As uncertain times continue, we remain optimistic and confident. Providing shelter and services to families, while maintaining safety measures for them and staff, is a priority. Maintaining financial sustainability means we can do just that. It takes a village, teamwork and the spirit of generosity.

We are immensely grateful to you for your gift to Belknap House, your investment in homeless families, and being a part of the village.

Sincerely,

Paula Ferenc

Executive Director