



Always Home

PREVENTING FAMILY HOMELESSNESS

Serving Communities Since 1998

January 2024 E-Newsletter

Their Story is Our Story



Meet Yasmin – a single mother of four children and caretaker of her mother, who suffers from seizures. Like millions of others, Yasmin works in the "gig economy" as an independent contractor for a popular restaurant delivery service. She appreciates the flexibility of choosing her own hours, but every day she hustles to earn enough money to support her family's basic needs. When her car broke down, Yasmin knew that she was facing a major challenge to keep her family housed.

The car repair wasn't Yasmin's only struggle. Because her landlord was renovating the building, Yasmin and her family had to vacate the apartment they had lived in for five years and move into a motel. Finding housing she could afford and repairing her car put a heavy emotional and financial strain on Yasmin, making her feel more vulnerable than ever.

When community and organizations come together to support families in need, they create a safety net that can prevent homelessness. In partnership with our supporters, Always Home provided Yasmin with the case management support and financial assistance she needed to stabilize her housing. Additionally, she was able to replace her car radiator thanks to [Always Home's New London Wheels2Work](#) a program funded by a generous American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant from the City of New London.

Yasmin is working again, and she and her family are housed. Yet to achieve lasting stability for her family, Yasmin knows she needs a full-time job with workplace benefits like paid leave, health insurance and retirement plans. That's why Yasmin has decided to renew her Certified Nursing Assistant training and license, a goal Always Home is assisting Yasmin in achieving. In their time of dire need, this family was fortunate to have Always Home and supporters like you by their side. "Always Home gave us the best present that my family could've asked for. They gave us our stability back," shared Yasmin. "We would still be living in a motel if it wasn't for their kindness and the kindness of people who generously donate to this organization. We are very thankful for everything that Always Home has done for us."



Families served over past 6 months:

223



Amount spent to stabilize families:

Over \$200,000



Children under the age of 18:

459

Always Home appreciates everyone who gave to the Annual Appeal and provided in-kind donations during the holidays. These gifts have strengthened our capacity to help hundreds of families who need our support to overcome their housing crisis and move forward in their lives. We couldn't do it without you! We are also grateful to acknowledge the following funders for providing critical program grants: The Anderson-Paffard Foundation; Big Lots Foundation; Charter Oak Federal Credit Union; Constellation Community Champions Program; Community Foundation of Eastern CT Southeast Area Women & Girls Fund; Dime Bank Foundation; Dominion Energy Foundation; Elizabeth Carse Foundation, Bank of America, N.A., Trustee; Gernon Trust, Bank of America, N.A., Trustee; New London Telephone Employees Fund; Nordson Corporation Foundation; Town Fair Tire Foundation; and Webster Bank.



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Heart to Heart Gala

Friday, April 19, 2024

5:30pm to 10:30pm

Mystic Marriott Hotel & Spa

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Always Home staff and members of our Event Committee are excited to announce this year's Heart to Heart Gala Honorees **Karen Stone, David Schulz, Amanda Arling and The Whaler's Inn**. Each has been a dedicated supporter of Always Home and the neighboring community. Through their consistent acts of kindness and generosity, they demonstrate the power and lasting impact that one person or business can have on the lives of countless others. The Heart to Heart Gala on April 19th is an opportunity to express our gratitude. We hope you'll join us in honoring Karen, David, Amanda and The Whaler's Inn. [CLICK HERE FOR TICKETS AND DETAILS!](#)

Olde Mistick Village
Always in Season

19th Annual Cabin Fever

CHARITY CHOWDER COOK OFF



All proceeds from this event benefit **Always Home** A non-profit service agency dedicated to preventing family homelessness throughout Eastern CT.

Saturday, February 24 • 12 - 4 pm

Thank you to Olde Mistick Village Merchants' Association, Inc., participating restaurants and sponsors of this event.



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Gather your family and friends for Olde Mistick Village's 19th Annual Charity Chowder Cook Off on Saturday, February 24th from Noon to 4 pm. Net proceeds benefit Always Home! Tickets will be on sale the day of the event in various store locations. Chowder stations will also be set up inside Village stores making this an all-weather event.

Looking to volunteer? Always Home needs help on the day of the event with set-up, clean up and at chowder stations. Shifts are scheduled so you'll have time to enjoy the event too! For a list of opportunities and available times, [CLICK HERE!](#)