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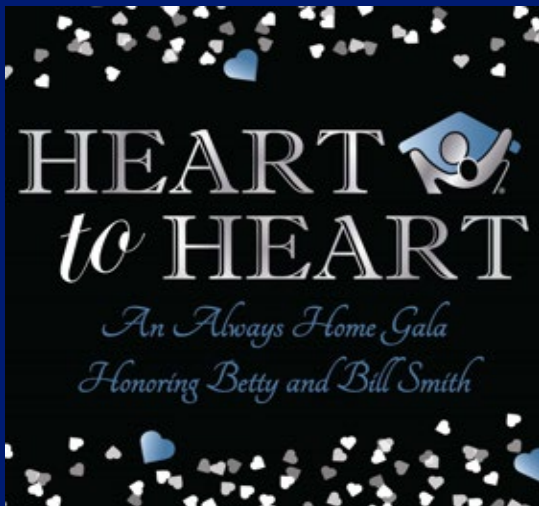
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HEART TO HEART DYNAMIC DUO

Always Home is excited to announce our 2023 Heart to Heart Gala honorees, Betty and Bill Smith. For many years, Betty and Bill have devoted themselves to Always Home. Together, they leave a powerful legacy. Betty served as Board Member, Gala Committee Chair and past Executive Director where she oversaw tremendous growth in the number of families served. As a long-time Board member and past President, Bill guided Always Home through a re-branding and strategic review. We hope you'll join us on Friday, April 21, 2023 to give tribute to this couple for always working from the heart to advance our mission.

Click Below for Gala Details, Tickets & Patron/Sponsor Opportunities.



FAMILY-TO-FAMILY

Despite the Miami Dolphins recent loss in the playoffs, this 7-year old fan is still smiling. It makes his grandmother happy. For the past year, she has worked to obtain full custody of her grandson. Her daughter tried to be a good parent, but she struggled. Connecticut Department of Children and Families was often involved.

Taking on the responsibility of a young child at this stage in her life was never part of her plan, but as his grandmother she wants to provide him with a loving and stable family home. Financially, it's not always easy. Asking for support this Christmas took courage for this hard-working woman who has never sought charity.

Always Home matched her with a Mystic family who wanted to "adopt" a family for the holidays. Family-to-Family support helps ease the financial burden that holidays place on families who are struggling to pay the rent and other meet basic needs.

Thanks to a family she never met and will likely never know, her grandson spent a magical Christmas morning opening presents that she could not have provided on her own. She is forever grateful for the Mystic family's generosity and Always Home's support.



SHAKE OFF THE WINTER BLUES!

Always Home is excited to announce that after a two-year hiatus a favorite community event is back! Gather your family and friends for Olde Mistick Village's 18th Annual Cabin Fever Festival & Charity Chowder Cook Off on Saturday, February 25th from Noon to 4 pm. Net proceeds benefit Always Home!

This is a perfect opportunity to support our organization while sampling local restaurants' signature chowders and voting for your favorite. 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](#)

Always Home thanks the Olde Mistick Village, Olde Mistick Village Merchants, participating restaurants and event sponsors [Charter Oak Federal Credit Union](#) and [Tumolo Financial](#) for making this day possible.



25 YEARS OF SERVICE

This year marks 25 years of service for Always Home. We owe our longevity to the many individuals, small businesses, corporations, foundations, community groups, faith-based organizations and volunteers who have loyally supported our mission. Together, we have helped thousands of families stabilize their housing and create a path forward.

Our sincere appreciation to everyone who gave to the Annual Appeal and provided in-kind donations during the holidays. Our gratitude to Olde Mistick Village and Mystic River Mudhead Sailing Association for hosting events that benefit Always Home, and to major sponsors of our Heart to Heart Gala including: The Whaler's Inn & The Shipwright's Daughter (Presenting Sponsor); Melinda Carlisle, Realtor at Randall Realtors|Compass; Groton Utilities; Nordson Corporation; and The Day.

We are also happy to acknowledge recent funders for providing critical program grants: Charter Oak Federal Credit Union; Constellation Community Champions Program; Dime Bank Foundation; New London Telephone Employees Fund; and the Community Foundation of Eastern CT Southeast Area Women & Girls Fund.



DON'T MISS THE REGATTA & MEGA PARTY OF THE YEAR!



JULY 16, 2022
RACE 10:55 AM / MEGAPARTY 5PM

Whether you race in the Mudhead Benefit Cup Regatta or not...
 Support Always Home & have a blast at the MegaPARTY
 at Mystic Shipyard!

Great food, full bar, live music from Woolly Mammoth & more...
 All for a great cause.



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Race info. & party tickets: www.mudhead.org