

KNP Konnections



From Our Editor, Nancy Allenby

WELCOME 2021! One year ago, KNP was but a name. In March of 2020, we developed a website, obtained an email address, a phone number, and a PO Box, appointed leadership and drafted volunteers...and KNP began to operate as an independent nonprofit. If you've been along on this ride, WE THANK YOU! Your dedication has amazed us every step of the way.



KNP Holiday Season Happenings

THE GALLERY OF TREES at the Inn at Pleasant Lake is a festive holiday event that allows local merchants to decorate trees, and gather donations for area charities. We were honored to be designated as the charity for *two* of the merchants, which gave us an opportunity to get KNP information to the community. Congratulations Artisans on your winning tree, and to the KLS Food Pantry on receiving all of the donations gathered!

THANK YOU, GENEROUS DONORS! KNP totaled nearly \$12,000 from our holiday appeal. More than 30 donations were given in honor of a loved one. You TRULY help us extend our reach in the Kearsarge Region, and we are most eager to put your donations to use in new and powerful ways this year!



Warner Connects Coat Drive

KNP GATHERED OVER 500 COATS for adults and children, and transported them to our partner, Warner Connects. Four hundred of those have already been distributed, with more available for the taking in Warner Connects' tent of clothing and outerwear. Great job, everyone, for helping to protect our Neighbors from winter's worst weather!



Food Security Update

"HEAT OR EAT" is a reality for many people during a NH winter. The KLS Food Pantry reports that **NEEDS ROSE** in the 4th quarter of 2020 in every single category: every family size, every age group, the number of people fed, and the number of new families coming to the pantry. KNP was pleased to work together on a project with the Food Pantry, the Andover HUB and the Andover Elementary and Middle School to help meet the growing need for food security in that town. Remember to donate food to local food pantries, if and when you can!

First KNP Annual Report is Coming!

BEN HARROLD, a college senior at Northeastern University, deserves our profuse thanks! While studying remotely in Sutton over the fall semester, he generously used his spare time and ample talents to help the KNP Communications Committee put together a fabulous KNP 2020 Annual Report. Be on the lookout for the report to appear on our website very soon!

Time for a Check-In!

KNP TOTALED 3,957 VOLUNTEER HOURS for the year, and that's pretty impressive! PLEASE make sure you *check in* each time you interact with a Neighbor, so we can track the

impact of volunteers in our community. This is helpful when we apply for grants, etc.
<https://knpnh.org/contact/checkin/>
