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February is "Butternut Buddy"
Month at

Bobette's Take Out, 93 Boston Post Rd, Milford. Enjoy their Butternut Bisque and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Beth-El Center.

Grab some delicious soup at Bobette's today to help alleviate homelessness and hunger.

**Save the Date:
Our Annual Gala is
June 3rd**



A Note from Toni Dolan, Executive Director

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff and especially the residents and clients of the Beth-El Center, I want to thank those members of the greater Milford community for their incredible spirit of giving during this past holiday season.



We are always grateful for the outpouring of generosity throughout the year, but the holidays bring such an amazing reflection of the bigheartedness of this "small city with a big heart". The expressions of giving were astonishing from those who "adopted" a resident or family in the shelter to the faith communities, individuals, and businesses who donated food, paper goods, gift cards, and monetary donations, our Center was truly blessed.

Thank you so very much for all you do for the Beth-El Center at the holidays and throughout the year.

-Toni

Helping a Homeless Family

Sandra, a divorced mom, and her two children found themselves in dire circumstances. Due to loss of income, she was evicted from her apartment and staying with relatives under strained conditions. Sandra was in a grim situation when she was finally referred to the Beth-El Center.

Please join us on Saturday, **June 3rd, 2017** for Beth-El Center's '**Light Up the Harbor'** **Annual Gala** fundraiser at the Milford Yacht Club. The evening features music, dinner, live and silent auctions and some new surprises. More details to come.

You Can Make an Impact



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To Help the Homeless and Hungry

Handyman Volunteer Needed

Beth-El Center is looking for a volunteer with experience/ skills in any of the following areas to help us with minor projects to maintain our facility:

- Carpentry
- Electrical
- Groundskeeping
- Locksmith
- Painting
- Plumbing

If you can help out, please [visit our website](#) to inquire.



Beth-El Center provided Sandra, her 14 year old daughter and 9 year old son with shelter, food and a safe environment. With limited income and English as her second language, Sandra had many obstacles to overcome in order to move forward.

During her extended stay at the Beth-El Center, our trained staff provided Sandra with ongoing guidance and direction. After such turmoil in her life, Sandra's challenges filled her with despair and little hope. She accepted the full assistance of her case manager, Deb Moffa, who helped her find her self-worth and set her on a path to lead a stable, independent life.

"My case manager at Beth-El told me not to give up. For my children, I had to keep fighting," says Sandra.

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State Rep. Kim Rose Visits Beth-El Center

State Representative Kim Rose toured the Beth-El Center facility and met with Executive Director Toni Dolan to learn more about the services provided to residents in Milford and to explore ways the state can support the center's goals.

"I am grateful to Beth-El for allowing me to visit and tour their facility and spend time learning about the critical services they provide in our community," Rep. Rose said. "At times like this, when we are facing tough fiscal decisions across the state, it's important to have as much information available to prioritize our agenda." [Read More](#)



Beth-El Board News

At our Annual Board meeting in January, we said farewell to two of our board members, **Matt Kelly** and **Liz Carveth Nunes**, and wished them both success in their future endeavors. Each of them shared their time and talents on our board and we are most appreciative. We also welcomed a returning board member, **Atty. Anthony Benedosso**, and three new board members, **Sindy Berkowitz**, **Al May**, and **Greg Raucci**. We are very fortunate to have these talented people join our group of dedicated volunteers.

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Beth-El Board Volunteers in the Soup Kitchen



Board members help out in the Soup Kitchen

Members of Beth-El Center's Board of Directors put on their aprons to serve dinner at our Soup Kitchen every third Wednesday of the month. Delicious pizza, salad and dessert are served and each board member takes a turn sponsoring the dinner.

Working together in the Kitchen, the board members get a first-hand understanding of how the Beth-El Center alleviates hunger in the community, while getting to know one another in a setting outside of board meetings.

According to Board Member Shaileen Landsberg, "Getting first-hand experience interacting with the guests of the soup kitchen adds to the experience of being on the board and makes it more real. I believe that all of the board members who have participated in our monthly meal service feel a more solid connection with the Beth-El Center's mission to alleviate hunger and homelessness."

Thanks for Making Beth-El's Annual Appeal a Success

Thank you so much for your extremely generous response to the Beth-El Center's Annual Appeal. Your kind contribution will help us meet the growing demand of people in need. Because of your generosity, we can continue to provide assistance to individuals and families in our community whose needs include sustainable housing, food, employment and stability. Our programs and intensified case management services help people move from homelessness to independent and productive lives.