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Discovery

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Helping Teens Move Forward

In the last 140 years, Chase Home has evolved to meet the changing needs of the at-risk youth in the greater Portsmouth region. Once an orphanage, Chase Home currently offers a variety of programs and services.

In our **Residential Program**, youth live on premise and we work with them to develop their skills across various areas of their life, including social, emotional and educational.

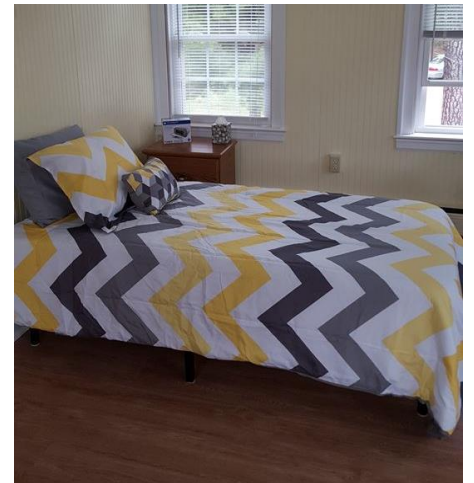
With financial support from organizations like Lonza Biologics and Newburyport Five Cents Saving Bank, Chase Home has launched an **Independent Living Program (ILP)**. ILP is for older teens, ages 19 to 21, who previously would have been too old to receive services. Select youth are now able to live in an independent-style living apartment on the third floor of Chase Home. Helping older youth make a successful transition to adulthood, this program is in its second year.

We also offer a **Home-Based Program**, which provides clinical and therapeutic support to families to avoid placement in our residential program.

Most recently, Chase Home has developed a community diversion program in collaboration with many community partners. Known as the **Seacoast Community Diversion Program (SCDP)**, this program provides an alternative to traditional punishment for youth who have committed minor offenses.

Want to learn more about this program? Visit www.chasehome.org or call (603) 436-2216.

Chase Home's mission is "to provide supportive and restorative residential and family services to at-risk youth in a safe and nurturing environment."



Piscataqua Savings Bank renews partnership

In February of this year, Piscataqua Savings Bank, a mutual savings bank, renewed its longstanding partnership with a \$1,000 investment to support Chase Home. The investment supports Chase Home's Seacoast Community Diversion Program (SCDP), which is launching on May 1.



Formed in collaboration with the Portsmouth Police Department, New Heights, Portsmouth Middle and High School, Rockingham Juvenile Court, and Office of Juvenile Justice, SCDP provides alternatives for youth about to enter the juvenile justice system.

"It's an opportunity to divert youth from the courts by offering them a chance to rehabilitate themselves in a program that address the root causes of their behaviors," said Chase Home Executive Director Meme Wheeler. "We are so grateful that Piscataqua Saving Bank sees the value in the program."



Chase Home receives \$5,000 grant

Recently, Chase Home was awarded a \$5,000 KidCents grant from The Rite Aid Foundation. Chase Home is now eligible for the Foundation's Step Up Fund, which provides a matching donation of \$500 for every \$500 a charity receives through designated KidCents contributions up to a maximum of \$5,000.

In addition, Chase Home can apply for members-only competitive grant opportunities. Chase Home is one of the approved KidCents charities that can receive financial contributions through Rite Aid wellness+ with Plenti members who elect to round up their purchases to the nearest dollar and donate their change.

Chase Home Executive Director Meme Wheeler said she is thrilled at the grant award and said she looks forward to leveraging the numerous opportunities the grant provides to raise additional revenues.

"This grant is huge, because it provides us with cash and the opportunity to get our name and mission out there," she said. "I think this is an incredible opportunity."

Youth go to court

Aside from the therapeutic and clinical services provided by staff, one of the biggest objectives at Chase Home is to provide youth with meaningful opportunities for self-expression. Sometimes, it means just creating some space for them, which a new basketball court provides for youth.

Noting the court was the gift of a donor who wishes to remain anonymous, Chase Home Executive Director Meme Wheeler said its impact has been incredible.

"It gives them a place to decompress after a stressful school day or clinical sessions with our staff," she said. "It's their space—and for some of them, it represents a lot of freedom. With the weather turning nice now, I can't emphasize enough the impact of this court. It calms some of our kids down, too, so they can work off some steam."

Major corporate sponsors this year include The Gove Group Real Estate in Stratham, Piscataqua Savings Bank, The Provident Bank, Timberland and others.

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