



# The Chase Home

Summer/Fall Newsletter 2021



## The Chase Home Concludes Successful Summer Program

This summer, at-risk youth living at The Chase Home had the opportunity to enjoy many activities that gave them the chance to have fun, socialize, explore the natural world, and build self-confidence.

Some of the activities included trips to the Saco River, Stonehouse Pond, Pierce Island Pool, Six Flags, Franklin Park Zoo, New England Aquarium, York and Ogunquit Beaches, Pawtuckaway State Park, Adventurelore, and more.

"These activities are part of our Summer Program, which is designed to complement our clinical, vocational and therapeutic services," said Executive Director Meme Wheeler.

The program, part of Life Enhancement services

at The Chase Home, took on increased importance in 2021.

"Covid has really impacted our kids, so we tried to create every opportunity we could to get the kids outside and in nature where it was much easier to practice social distancing," explained Wheeler. "Last year, the kids felt caged in, whereas this year we could provide a little more freedom, which helps the therapeutic process."

Activities within the Summer Program are funded in part by the Hesed Foundation.

"We appreciate their support, as their contributions helped us create a terrific summer for our kids," added Wheeler.

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# Jimmy's Jazz & Blues Club to Present 7th Annual Wine & Chocolate Tasting

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On Wednesday, November 10, The Chase Home's 7th Annual Wine & Chocolate Tasting Hosted by Jimmy's Jazz & Blues Club will take place with attendees as excited about Portsmouth's newest venue as the evening's philanthropic impact.

"Jimmy's recently opened, and it is just a beautiful facility," said The Chase Home Executive Director Meme Wheeler. "We are so grateful they are supporting our mission through this important event as our title sponsor."



*Executive Director Meme Wheeler (left) with  
Board Member Justin Rivlin*

Founded in 1877, The Chase Home in Portsmouth serves nearly 300 at-risk youth and families annually statewide through prevention, early intervention, residential and community-based programs. Since its inception, the annual wine and chocolate fundraiser has raised nearly \$200,000.

According to Justin Rivlin, who is helping to lead a working committee on The Chase Home board that is planning the event, the opportunity to host the fundraising event after a year hiatus is "incredible."

"Like many nonprofits, it's been tough to engage people when we are not sure what is next regarding the pandemic," he said. "This event gets Chase Home back out into the community, and we are grateful for the support of our sponsors and individual donors, all of which makes this possible."

"It's a big night for us and our kids," added Wheeler. "We look forward to an incredible event at an equally incredible venue."

Taking place on Wednesday, November 10 from 6 to 9 pm, The Chase Home's 7th Annual Wine & Chocolate Tasting Hosted by Jimmy's Jazz & Blues Club will feature food, cocktails, a short program, and a live and silent auction. In addition to Jimmy's Jazz & Blues Club, major sponsors include Service Credit Union, Kennebunk Savings, Wentworth-Douglass Hospital, Exeter Hospital, Seacoast Children's Dentistry, and Meredith Village Savings Bank.

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Individual tickets for the fundraiser are \$75 with sponsorship opportunities beginning at \$250. Tickets may be purchased securely at [chasehome.org](https://chasehome.org).



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& families since 1877.

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