



# The Chase Home

Fall Newsletter 2022

## Fundraiser Nets \$150,000+



Michelle LeMay (l) with Bill MacDonald

On November 8th, The Chase Home held the 8th Annual Wine & Chocolate Tasting Presented by LeMay Family Goodworks and Hosted by Jimmy's Jazz & Blues Club. Providing both general operating and program financial support for services provided by The Chase Home, the event exceeded all expectations.

"We are amazed at how the night came together and extremely thankful for the role Michelle LeMay played in helping raise so much more than we could have dreamed," said board of director Ben Lindberg, who chaired the event.

According to Executive Director Meme Wheeler, the event underscores critical needs in the community. These needs, she explained, have increased due to lingering effects from the pandemic and inflation.

"These are complex times that demand complex solutions," she said. "When kids and their families reach a point where they need our services, our job is to help them stabilize, heal trauma, and attain permanency in their lives."

This year's event was highlighted by the participation of a current teen resident of The Chase Home who spoke about her experiences and the help she has received.

"I am not sure there was a dry eye in the house," said Wheeler. "This annual event is so important, because it's about the only time of the year the public can hear directly from one of our residents. She was courageous to share her story."

Bill MacDonald, ambassador at The Chase Home, agreed and said her story and those like hers is what inspires him to continue his advocacy. "Kids deserve the best life possible, and that is exactly what Chase Home provides every day," he said. "It was terrific to see so many step up to support our mission."



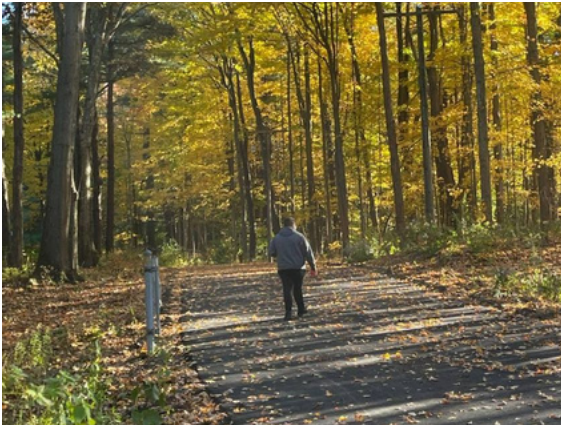
Teen resident shares her experiences.

In addition to LeMay Family Goodworks, other major event sponsors include Northeast Credit Union, Service Credit Union, Kennebunk Savings, Partners Bank, WIN Waste Innovations, and Brian Gibb. [Click here to view all sponsors of the event.](#)

Event photos by bravo photography



# New Driveway Welcomes Youth Home



*Youth walking 'home' on driveway*

In May, The Chase Home launched 'Pave the Way Forward' to raise funds to repave its rapidly deteriorating driveway, a campaign that met with success this fall.

"When the kids walk 'home' to Chase Home, their path is nicely paved," said Executive Director Meme Wheeler. It not only looks more welcoming, it feels more welcoming."

Major campaign sponsors from the community included LeMay Family Goodworks with additional support from Eastern Bank Foundation.

---

## Serving Up Care

This fall, The Chase Home received a \$2,500 grant from Northeast Delta Dental to support its Food Program, which provides nutritious meals to residents who live at the home while receiving services. Noting the program serves more than just food, but also "care," Executive Director Meme Wheeler credits Kitchen Manager Andre Owens for elevating the program itself.

"Andre makes everything from scratch," said Meme Wheeler, executive director at The Chase Home. "He involves the kids, too, in preparing the food."

According to Lisa Rousseau, community relations specialist at Northeast Delta Dental, The Chase Home's Food Program reflects their daily mission. "We believe everyone deserves a healthy smile," she said. "Nutritional meals through The Chase Home's Food Program provide their young residents with home-cooked meals and lessons on proper nutrition, which leads to good oral health and overall wellness."

In the summer, The Chase Home also grows a garden, which Wheeler noted serves a deeper purpose than enhancing nutrition. "Kids, families, and staff work together on it, so there is a therapeutic component," she said.

This year's garden produced hundreds of vegetables, ranging from cucumbers and summer squash to cabbage, peppers, and more. "A healthy mind starts with a healthy body," added Wheeler.



*Chef Andre in the kitchen at The Chase Home*



**The Chase Home**

Supporting children, youth  
& families since 1877.

Visit [chasehome.org](https://chasehome.org) to stay current!