



# New Hope Foundation

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Hello and happy holidays. The year is almost over, and Holiday Season is in full swing, so this seems like a great time to share some memories from what has been an amazing 365 days here at New Hope Foundation.

For the fourth year in a row, we collected thousands of items, including all the basic toiletries, for 400 personalized gift baskets benefiting area women's shelters for Mother's Day. And our three mini makeovers for victims of domestic abuse ensured that three mothers and their children would never have to second-guess the courageous choice to start over.

This year we also provided customized backpacks and school supplies for several families and delivered full Thanksgiving dinners to several more. And several of the families who applied for the makeover but were not selected were paired with families who wanted to pay their own good fortune forward.

The centerpiece charity project of the year was once again our Elves in Disguise home makeover. 2015 was different from past years because we moved the home makeover to October instead of during the holiday season. We also completely moved the family of six from a cramped, run down, two bedroom apartment, to a dignified three bedroom in a more welcoming community. More than 200 volunteers and contributors donated money, time, talent, household items, clothing, gifts, and furnishings to make Elves in Disguise 2015 a huge success. And the mother of four, who is legally blind due to glaucoma, will soon continue her education with our support. Check out our website for our new Elves 2015 Photo Gallery for some of our favorite photos.

Our Foundation is still completely self-funded with no paid employees or financial grants of any kind. We do it all with the help of volunteers and our compassionate, generous financial backers. We would love to have you join our growing list of volunteers and donors, assisting the volunteers in their projects and helping to provide scholarships for our clients. Please complete the contact form on our website to share ideas or for more information.

All of this year's supporters deserve a huge Thank You. Their names (real and Elfin!) are in the last photo in this year's online Elves Photo Gallery and on a framed banner we gave the family this year. But none of them do it for the attention or name recognition; they do it for the fun and joy of serving their less fortunate neighbors. Thank you, sincerely, for everyone's fantastic support again this year - we truly couldn't do it without you!

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!**

P.S. We're already planning for future Service Events for 2016! More on that later...