

# Season's Greetings

Thames River Community Service, Inc. | 2019

# Becoming Homeless Can Happen to You

You probably said no to that. An instinctive response of how impossible that is or of how ridiculous that sounds. But, it's true. You could lose your job, have unpaid medical bills, have to remove yourself or your family from harm, be turned away or abandoned. The list of what can be out of our control goes on and between the ages of 18 to 24, the risk is higher. The young adults who come through our program didn't plan to be homeless. But they do want to support themselves and their children. They plan to contribute to the community. At Thames River, we give those without a home an apartment to call their own for a year, where they can find a job, achieve diplomas, access childcare and so much more. We work hard to give these young adults a step up and help them to open doors. Most importantly they leave here for permanent housing. At any point in the year, we take in individuals who were couch surfing, sleeping in their car, moving in with family that can barely take them in, hiding or struggling. These are young adults whose lives are just getting started here. Please help them start their life today by donating \$25 that can go toward bus passes for employment and appointments or \$100 which helps ready an apartment for a family. No matter the amount, the money you put into these services will impact their lives and the lives of their children so thank you for your support.



Together ... Creating Community

#### WHAT YOUR DONATION CAN DO

\$25 Bus passes for employment & appts

**\$50** Supplies for cooking classes

\$75 Support trainings in parenting

\$100 Ready an apartment for a family

You can contribute to Thames River Community
Service at <a href="http://www.trfp.org/donate">http://www.trfp.org/donate</a>
or via mail in the enclosed envelope.

Thank you.

## The Lives You Impact



## NPU Day of Caring

For United Way's 2019 Day of Caring, 44 volunteers from Norwich Public Utilities came together to build a room for an emergency shelter space, power wash our building, clean and organize our renovated kitchen space, revamp our playground, redo our ramp, paint our railings, as well as clean, organize and build shelves for our community area!



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#### Brighter Future Campaign

Over 1500 individuals have called Thames River home. But homes need ongoing maintenance and families need ongoing support. Today, the average length of stay for young families is less than one year. As we are making great strides helping to end youth homelessness, our apartments are rarely empty and unlike a traditional apartment building, each apartment is subjected to much wear and tear. A good deal of continuous maintenance is required to keep our apartments functional and in good condition for families.

After 27 years, the apartments need to be completely refurbished and our young inexperienced families need greater support. Please partner with us and adopt one of our apartments. Your support will refurbish an apartment and its contents as well as provide the higher level of support services necessary for young families experiencing homelessness.

Help us give them a brighter future. E-mail <u>kathya@trfp.org</u> to adopt an apartment today.

## Murder Mystery Dinner Dance

Thank you to everyone who attended our Murder Mystery fundraiser. It was an incredibly fun and successful night! Missed it? Or can't wait for more events? Be on the lookout for our Annual Luncheon & Auction Sunday, May 3rd.



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