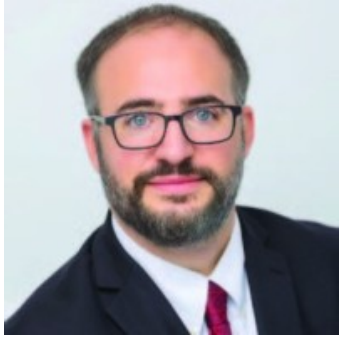




FRIENDS OF NH DRUG COURTS ANNUAL REPORT



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Over the last several years, the Friends of New Hampshire Drug Courts has thrived. With the help of many volunteers and donors, our organization has continued to grow. And thanks to our supporters, we have been able to ensure that Drug Court participants are able to overcome many of the financial barriers to recovery. Just look at the numbers in our annual report and you will see the breadth of our reach.

With the support of New Futures, our fiscal manager, our fundraising and communication efforts have put our organization in a positive where we have enjoyed consecutive years of operation with sufficient reserves to sustain our efforts of providing grants and incentives to the Drug Court participants most in need. This means that because of supporters like you, we have not had to deny a single Drug Court participant's request for assistance.

In early 2023, we expanded our scope of service by partnering with the United States District Court to support the federal court's Drug Court through its LASER Docket. At the end of the year, we were happy to further expand to the newly formed Young Adult Court in Hillsborough County's Northern Judicial District. We are confident that these new collaborations will enhance our ability to support additional New Hampshire citizens suffering with substance use disorders, help them break the cycle of dependency and reduce crime in our communities.

During the past year we have endeavored to educate the public at large regarding the important work being done by the professionals who serve citizens through the Drug Courts: judges, court personnel, drug court coordinators, law enforcement, probation and counseling personnel. To support the professionals working in this field, we were pleased to co-sponsor the New Hampshire Treatment Court Conference for the second year in a row. Spending time with 175 professionals committed to the work of drug and treatment courts was inspiring and we are excited to again co-sponsor the conference in 2024!

In April, the Friends joined the Hillsborough County Southern Judicial District's Drug Court to sponsor a screening of the documentary - The 50. The 50 is an incredibly powerful documentary about 50 men serving life sentences in California, who became substance misuse counselors through a specialized program within the state corrections system. This event, held at the new Nashua Center for the Arts, enjoyed wide support from the New Hampshire Bar and legal community.

As a wholly volunteer-driven organization, I am proudest of the work of our Board members who are committed to the mission of the Friends of New Hampshire Drug Courts. As citizen servants, they bring out the best in each other and are fine examples of our Granite State volunteer spirit. Thank you to them and to all who are joined with us in addressing head-on opioid dependency and substance use disorder through New Hampshire's Drug Courts.

-Tony Naro, President

YEAR IN REVIEW

A Year of Growth for the Friends of New Hampshire Drug Courts

2023 was another year of growth and change for the Friends of New Hampshire Drug Courts.

Since our expansion several years ago into the Sullivan County Family Treatment Court, the Friends now supports court programs in all 10 New Hampshire counties, as well as the LASER Docket, a drug treatment program located within the New Hampshire's federal District Court.

In 2023, with the help of new corporate, community and individual supporters, the Friends further expanded our work once again, agreeing to support participants of the Young Adult Court housed within the Hillsborough County Superior Court - North in Manchester. Much like drug court, this pilot program, which serves certain at-risk offenders under age 25, operates on a program of accountability through court and probation supervision with a combination of incentives and sanctions.

Following a board vote in December 2023, the Friends board began supporting Young Adult Court participants in January on a trial basis. The Board will review the matter once again later this year.

"The support of Friends of New Hampshire Drug Courts has provided participants important incentives to make wise decisions," said Will Delker, Supervisory Judge of Hillsborough North, who helped found and oversees the Young Adult Court. "One young man will see his high school diploma framed on his wall with the help of FNHDC, while others have received rewards when they have achieved significant milestones like beginning trade school. This kind of financial support helps these young men and women chart a successful path into adulthood."

In addition, the Friends continued to expand its funding base in 2023. In addition to continuing funding from the Northeast Delta Dental Foundation, Merrimack County Savings Bank and other long-time supporters, the Friends' applied for additional support from Bangor Savings Bank and the Rockingham County American Rescue Plan Act Nonprofit Assistance Program. We were also proud once again to co-sponsor and participate in the N.H. Treatment Court Conference, held in September 2023.

Thanks to the support and commitment of a wide variety of corporate, community and individual supporters, the Friends provided more than \$53,000 in 2023 to help nearly 100 drug court participants access transportation, housing, health and dental care, among other needs, in 2023. These numbers are nearly double the totals from the prior year, and with your continued support, we look forward to broadening our reach and impacting even more lives in the year to come.

THANK YOU NOTES

From Drug Court Participants



"Thank you so much for helping me on the journey towards getting my license back. It means so much to me to be able to grow my relationship with my daughter Myka and getting my license back will help me do this. It will open new opportunities for me as far as work and becoming more independent. I appreciate this more than I can express. Your generosity has made a huge impact on my life." - Rianna Martin



Thank you so much for all of your help with the scholarship. This really helps myself as well as my sons. It's awesome that there is programs out there like yours to help people when they need it the most

Sincerely
Tim Kingsbury Sr.



"Thank you for the Amazon.com Gift Card! This is gonna be an amazing and huge help for me I can't thank you enough and I can't put into words how much this means to me. --
Dustin Gagnon"



TO Friends of NH DRUG COURT,
Thank you so much for all the help with purchasing my glasses. I can finally see!!! You have changed my life in so many ways. I look and feel like a new man!
Thanks again
Chris Adler



"Thank you so much for your help. It helps me a great amount! With your help you have made my life a lot more productive." -Amanda Fortin

FNHDC BY THE NUMBERS

January 2023 - December 2023



123

TOTAL
GRANTS



\$53,500

TOTAL
AMOUNT



94

INDIVIDUALS
SUPPORTED



26

GRANTS
SUPPORTING
TRANSPORTATION



38

GRANTS
SUPPORTING
HOUSING



21

GRANTS
SUPPORTING
HEALTH/DENTAL
CARE



13

GRANTS SUPPORTING
TRAINING/EDUCATION



5

GRANTS SUPPORTING
CHILDCARE



20

OTHER
GRANTS

"I am writing to express my deepest gratitude for your generous support in granting me funds for my dental expenses. ***Your kindness and generosity have made a significant difference in my life***, and I am incredibly thankful for your assistance during this time of need. Please know that your contribution has not only alleviated my financial stress but has also restored my confidence and improved my overall well-being. ***I am sincerely grateful for your generosity and the positive impact it has had on my life.***"

-Scott Famsworth, Belknap County Drug Court Participant, 2023

OUR MISSION

The Friends of New Hampshire Drug Courts is the first in the nation statewide drug court support organization. As a statewide non-profit, the Friends is dedicated to supporting the activities and participants of New Hampshire's drug courts. The Friends, which first formed in the early 2000s as the Friends of the Grafton County Drug Court, officially expanded into a statewide organization in 2015. Since that time, the Friends has raised and contributed more than \$170,000 to participants in all drug treatment courts in NH, the Sullivan County Family Treatment Court, and the U.S. District Court for the District of New Hampshire's LASER (Law Abiding, Sober, Employed, Responsible) Docket drug court rehabilitation program.

BOARD MEMBERS

Ovide Lamontagne (Immediate Past President), Tony Naro (President), Jon Morgan (Vice President), Ed Rajsteter (Treasurer), Jake Berry (Secretary), Dr. Thomas Andrew, Stephan DiCicco, Jennifer Gasser, Daniel Goonan, Rev. E. Carrington Health, Chief Joseph Hoebeke, Dr. Jennifer Jones, John Kacavas, Ricardo St. Hilaire

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