



THE PETTENGILL HOUSE, INC. Children & Family Services

To the Editor:

The Pettengill House, Inc. hosted its ninth annual Donor Appreciation Luncheon on Wednesday, May 14th. This year we had the opportunity to honor our guests with a delicious meal at the Amesbury Sports Park. Donors heard testimony written from clients about how they were assisted and supported, and we honored those volunteer efforts that made a difference in the lives of many.

The Saturday Night Meal Program was recognized for the monthly meal program they make and deliver to those in need. Executive Director Deb Smith chronicled the inception of the program and the great gap it fills. The program is made possible through the volunteers of Central Congegational Church, East Parish United Methodist Church and Standing Committee, and Main Street Congregational Church. Coordinators Steve Fraser, Diane Clark, Stuart Johnson, Louise Macrae and Elizabeth Watson have even expanded to include volunteers at Hope Community Church. The program, in place since 1998, serves more than 300 individuals, children and families each month who appreciate and rely on the meal.

Volunteer and Advisory Board member Peg Brown was recognized for her many years of service coordinating numerous Pettengill House programs, checking in clients weekly in our food pantry and leading many fundraising event committees. Peg is always on hand to provide support and leadership. We also announced that Leeward Industries, Inc. will be the Honorary Chair at our March 2015 fundraising event that will be held at the Blue Ocean Music Hall. Leeward Industries has been a major supporter of The Pettengill House and has helped many of our clients through yearly donations and grants for heat and food.

We would like to acknowledge and thank our event sponsors – Gold Sponsors: Institution for Savings and Leeward Industries, Inc., Silver Sponsor: Newburyport Five Cents Savings Bank, and Bronze Sponsors: Healey, Deshaies, Gagliardi & Woelfel, PC, Matter Communications, and The Provident Bank. Thanks also to Coastal Printing, Inc. for their in-kind donation of invitations and raffle tickets for this event and for additional donations from Adams Imaging Systems, Mary Sylva, Morrill Electric, Peter and Patricia Hoyt, Pettengill Farm, Richey Woodworking and Robert Mazzone.

In addition, we would like to thank everyone who helped make this event possible, especially Board Of Director member Sandra Licciardo of the Newburyport Five Cents Savings Bank, for her efforts coordinating the luncheon, and our speaker, Board Of Director member Caroline Meagher of the Institution for Savings. A fun acknowledgement goes to the Amesbury Middle School students and Art teachers Susan Olsen and Ryan Jackson for lending the wonderful ceramic centerpieces. It's always wonderful to tie in local student art and see their achievements!

Special thanks to Cathy Toomey, for her generous donation of Red Sox Tickets to our annual raffle and to the many restaurants who donated gift cards: Hungry Traveler, Family's Chinese Restaurant, Agave, Master McGrath's, Ale House, Barking Dog, Flatbread, All American Tavern, Phat Cat Bistro, Capri Seaglass, and Crave. We appreciate all those who bought and sold raffle tickets. All the proceeds will directly benefit local children, families and individuals. Congratulations to our raffle winners: Carol Stuart and Donald McCoy.

Finally, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to all 3,500+ donors and volunteers who support the Pettengill House year round. We could not do what we do without the support of the community!

On behalf of Executive Director, Deborah Smith, as well as our staff, volunteers, and Board of Directors, thank you to all who support the Pettengill House!

The Pettengill House, Inc. is a community based, nonprofit social service agency that provides supports to children, families and individuals in Amesbury, Byfield, Groveland, Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport, Rowley, Salisbury and West Newbury. For further information or to make a donation, call 978-463-8801 or visit our website at pettengillhouse.org. All donations are tax deductible and stay in our community.

Sincerely,
Julie Havey
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The Pettengill House, Inc.