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North Andover Thrift Shop Announces Charitable Donations

North Andover, MA – [July 2, 2025] – The North Andover Thrift Shop, a long-standing volunteer-run nonprofit organization committed to serving the local community, is proud to announce a new round of charitable giving. In keeping with its mission to support worthy causes in the Merrimack Valley, the Thrift Shop has donated a total of \$7,000 to five area organizations and awarded a scholarship to a deserving North Andover High School graduate.

The following donations have been approved by the Thrift Shop Board of Directors:

- Nevins Farm MSPCA \$1,000, given in honor and memory of Officer Scarlett of the North Andover Police Department.
- Project Home Again \$2,000, to help furnish homes for families in need.
- People's Food Pantry \$1,500, supporting efforts to provide food security for local residents.
- Veterans Northeast Outreach Center \$1,500, aiding veterans and their families in the Merrimack Valley region.
- Emmaus, Inc. \$1,000, in support of their mission to end homelessness in the Haverhill area.

In addition, the Thrift Shop awarded a \$1,500 scholarship to Ms. Nicole Kroon, a 2024 graduate of North Andover High School, who will be attending Bryant University this fall. The scholarship was presented at the school's recent awards ceremony and reflects the Thrift Shop's ongoing commitment to supporting educational advancement for local students.

"These donations are made possible thanks to the generosity of our shoppers and donors, and the dedication of our volunteers," said a spokesperson for the North Andover Thrift Shop. "We are honored to support these remarkable organizations and individuals who make a difference in our community every day."

Last year, the North Andover Thrift Shop faced a challenge familiar to many in our community— a housing crisis of our own. After losing our physical storefront on Sutton Street and an extensive search for a new retail location, we were unable to secure a new home for the shop. In response, we reimagined our operations and transitioned **exclusively to an eBay storefront**, where we continue to offer quality donated goods to a broader audience. As a charity registered through eBay as a seller, we receive a significant discount on selling fees on the eBay platform. Proceeds from eBay sales of items donated by our local community directly fund our charitable work, just as they did when we operated a storefront in town.

For over 70 years, the North Andover Thrift Shop has provided affordable goods and supported the community through scholarships and charitable giving. Though our presence has shifted online, our mission and impact remain firmly rooted in North Andover and the Merrimack Valley.

For more information, visit <u>www.northandoverthriftshop.org</u>. Visit our eBay shop at <u>https://www.ebay.com/str/northandoverthriftshop</u>

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