



SPRINGFIELD FAMILY CENTER

December 2025 Newsletter



Springfield Holiday Program

Springfield Family Center is EXCITED to join Springfield's Holiday Program, sponsored by Springfield On The Move and the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce!

We'll be located at 56 Main Street, alongside our friends from the Springfield Supported Housing Program, to celebrate the night's festivities.

Join us Friday, December 5th, from 4:00–6:00 PM to stop by, say hello, and enjoy a fun children's craft!

We'll also have a selection of baskets from our annual basket raffle on display, and tickets will be available for purchase.

We hope to see you there!

Learn more about the evenings festivities by clicking the button below.

[Learn More!](#)

Springfield Democrats Host Food Drive to Benefit the Springfield Family Center!

The Springfield Democrats will be hosting a Food Drive to benefit the Springfield Family Center on *Saturday, December 13th, from 9:00 AM–3:00 PM at Shaw's Plaza in Springfield.*

Stop by, drop off a donation, and help support local families this holiday season—every little bit can makes a difference!

Springfield Family Center Wish List

Holiday Meals

Turkeys
Hams
Stuffing
Canned Veggies
Crispy Fried Onions
Boxed Mashed Potatoes
Mac and Cheese
Gravy
Broth
Cream of Mushroom soup
Spices/Seasonings
Cranberry Sauce
Frozen Pies

Food Shelf

Canned Meats
Canned tomato products
Tomato Sauce
Spaghetti Sauce
Assorted Pastas
Canned Pasta
Rice
Cereal
Oatmeal
Pancake mix
Canned Soups
Canned Beans
Canned Fruits
Canned Veggies
Shelf Stable Milk
Condiments
Seasonings
Mac & Cheese
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Halal, Kosher and Gluten Free Foods

School Pantry's

Cereal
Mac & Cheese (microwavable is great)
Canned Pastas
Spaghetti Sauce
Canned Soups
Canned Fruit
Applesauce
Assorted Pasta
Canned Tuna fish
Canned Veggies
Oatmeal
Peanut Butter
Jelly

Want to help but don't have time to shop or drop off items? Scan the QR code to make your donation today!

Donation to Springfield Family Center, Inc.

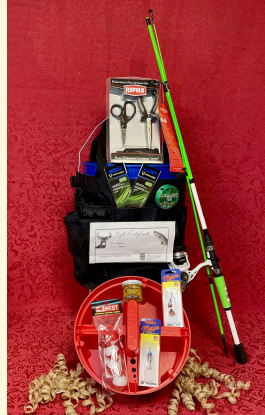


Basket Raffle

Fundraiser is live!



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Springfield Family Center's Basket Raffle is in Full Swing!

Springfield Family Center's Basket Raffle is in full swing, and we currently have 39 AMAZING baskets up for grabs! The drawing is only a couple of weeks away, so be sure to check it out and get your tickets today.

Interested in seeing the baskets in person? We will be hosting two special evenings where you can visit Springfield Family Center to view the baskets and purchase tickets in person.

Join us on December 10 or December 16, from 4:00–6:00 PM.

All baskets will be on display in our lobby!

Every ticket sold helps ensure that no one in our community has to go hungry. Get your tickets today!

Drawing will be live on Facebook December 18th at 6:00pm! Join us to see if you won!

Thank you for supporting our mission!

View all available baskets by clicking the button below.

Basket Raffle!

Springfield Family Center, Inc.

Buy a Day, Make a Difference!

Purchase a calendar day in honor of yourself or someone special and gift enough ingredients to make meals for up to 30 food insecure neighbors.

The honoree will be publicly recognized on their chosen day as a partner in the Springfield Family Center's efforts to help reduce hunger in their community!

What a unique way to help someone celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or other special occasion by giving this gift of hope.

Lead the way by buying a day! Spread the word about your special day to friends and family and any donation made on your day will be matched up to \$100.

To secure your day, make a one-time gift to the Springfield Family Center in the amount of \$100 or become a sustaining donor throughout the calendar year \$10/month.

For more information or to purchase your day please email us at SFCbuyaday@gmail.com



A Heartfelt Thank You for Supporting “Buy a Day, Make a Difference”

The Springfield Family Center is thrilled to share that we received an overwhelming response to our Buy a Day, Make a Difference campaign. In fact, November saw the highest number of “days purchased” since the program began!

We are deeply grateful to everyone who chose to purchase a day. Each day sold ensures that 30 hot meals are provided to community members facing adversity. Your generosity directly nourishes our neighbors and strengthens our

mission of caring for those in need.

These Buy-a-Day contributions came in after our November newsletter was completed, and we didn't want to wait to express our gratitude—thank you for making a meaningful impact in our community!

Honorees:

November 5th Honoree: Rick Johnson

This day has been generously sponsored by Nick Merrill through our Buy a Day, Make a Difference program, in loving memory of Rick Johnson.

By purchasing this day in Rick's honor, Nick has made it possible to provide 30 nourishing meals to food-insecure neighbors in our community. This meaningful tribute reflects the deep love and lasting impact Rick had on those around him.

Through remembrance, Nick is honoring Rick's legacy with compassion, generosity, and care for others, truly a powerful way to keep his spirit alive in our community.

Thank you, Nick, for sharing Rick's legacy with us.

November 7th Honoree: Wendy Sheridan

Springfield Family Center is thrilled to celebrate Wendy Sheridan on her birthday!!

This birthday has been generously sponsored by Christine Young, Beth Koheler and Sapphire Stretton through our Buy a Day; Make a Difference program. Christine, Beth and Sapphire wanted to honor Wendy as a wonderful mother, grandmother, wife, and all-around amazing person.

With multiple people lovingly honoring Wendy on the same day, the impact is twice as much, providing 60 nourishing meals to food-insecure neighbors in our community. What a beautiful way to celebrate Wendy's life and the positive impact she has on everyone around her.

Happy Birthday Wendy! Thank you, Christine and Beth, for celebrating Wendy in such a meaningful way, showing that generosity and love are the best birthday gifts of all!

November 26th Honoree: Nancy Pennell

The Springfield Family Center is delighted to celebrate Nancy Pennell in honor of her birthday and retirement!

This special day has been generously sponsored anonymously in Nancy's honor, recognizing her incredible impact on the Chester and Springfield communities for decades. Through her work with Smokeshire Design and her countless acts of

kindness, Nancy has brought joy, creativity, and light to everyone she meets.

From the donor: "We hope this donation continues that legacy, spreading hope and comfort to others in Nancy's name." Because of this sponsorship, 30 nourishing meals will be provided to food-insecure neighbors in our community.

Happy Birthday and Congratulations on your Retirement, Nancy! Your warmth and dedication have touched so many lives, and today we celebrate you.



Looking for a Meaningful Gift This Holiday Season?

A Gift That Truly Matters – For Any Occasion

If you're searching for a gift that truly makes a difference, consider purchasing a Buy a Day, Make a Difference day in honor of someone special.

December is open for purchase (with the exception of Christmas Day), making it a perfect opportunity to give a gift that directly supports your community.

Your purchase provides 30 hot meals to neighbors facing adversity, a meaningful impact wrapped in the spirit of giving.

Give a gift that warms hearts and nourishes lives this holiday season.

No wrapping paper needed. Just a heartfelt gesture that leaves a lasting impact.

Give the gift of kindness, community, and care — for any occasion.

To learn more about how you can also "Buy a Day" and make a difference click the button below.

Together, we TRULY DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Buy A Day, Make A Difference!



Gratitude's: A Heartfelt Thank You





Battle of the Badges: A Huge Success!

Battle of the Badges is officially wrapped, and what an incredible turnout!

The competition was fierce, the stakes were high, and the generosity was absolutely outstanding.

In the end, the Springfield Police Department took home the trophy with an impressive collection of stuffing boxes, edging out Springfield Probation & Parole, whose haul of instant mashed potatoes was equally remarkable.

But let's be honest... everyone came out a winner.

Every donation, big or small, helps ensure that our neighbors have enough to eat throughout the holiday season. And that's what truly matters.

A huge thank-you goes out to Project Action, along with the dedicated teams at Springfield Probation & Parole and the Springfield Police Department, for their commitment to supporting our community.

And of course, a heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who donated and helped make this friendly competition so meaningful. Your kindness makes a real difference in the lives of so many. We could not do what we do without your generosity.



Springfield Rotary Club food Drive: All of us here at the Springfield Family Center would like to express our gratitude to our friends at the Springfield Vermont Rotary Club for hosting their annual food drive in support of SFC's charitable food programs.

Their efforts brought in just under 1,100 lbs of food and \$1,070 in monetary donations, which will go a long way in helping us feed our food-insecure neighbors.

INCREDIBLE!!!!

We couldn't do what we do without the generosity, care, and commitment of partners like you. Thank you for standing with us and supporting our community.

As we enter into December almost rounding out the year, we want to take a moment to share our heartfelt appreciation for everyone who supported the Springfield Family Center in countless ways. Whether you donated food, contributed financially, supported our annual campaign, volunteered your time, or offered words of encouragement, thank you. Your kindness and generosity create a meaningful and lasting impact on the individuals and families we serve each day.

Our work is only possible because of you. Thanks to your ongoing support, we are able to continue providing essential services, nourishment, and hope to community members who need it most.

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Another special thank you goes out to everyone who has signed up to be a sustaining donor. Your ongoing support provides stability and strength to our work year-round.

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Grant Acknowledgment:

We extend our deepest gratitude to the M&T Bank Charitable Foundation and the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation for their generous support of our charitable food programs.

These grants play a vital role in advancing our mission, empowering us to expand our programs, enhance our outreach, and improve the quality of life for those who rely on our support. We are proud to partner with foundations that share our dedication to fostering meaningful, community-driven change.

Thank you for believing in our work and helping us create a brighter, more equitable future.

Here's a quote from our friends at M&T Bank: "At M&T Bank Charitable Foundation, we believe that access to nutritious food is fundamental to building strong, resilient communities. Our support of the Springfield Family Center's Community Nourishment program reflects our commitment to addressing food insecurity and uplifting the well-being of families across the region. We are proud to stand alongside an organization that is making a meaningful daily impact in the lives of Vermonters," said Kathy Schirling, Vice President, Senior Regional Program Officer.

The **M&T** Charitable Foundation

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