



### A Colorful Entrance

Increasing our visibility



Our mural, finished in August, has become a large and welcoming beacon to guests arriving at the Lighthouse. We hope it positions us as a landmark in our community, and it is wonderful to hear someone say, "We had an idea where you were, but then we saw the mural - it's beautiful!"

And it boasts the things our guests find within our walls:  
**Welcome - Kindness - Friendship - Compassion**

### Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

We did it! On Oct 21, the Lighthouse hosted its 1st Fundraising Event.

We welcomed the public for a delicious dinner of spaghetti and salad prepared by our own cooks, yummy garlic knots provided by Holy Cannoli, topped off with tasty cupcakes donated by Hillman's Bakery.

Our board and volunteers were joined by a dozen students from Mount Merici School. The students staffed the dining room, offering superb table service and many smiles during the evening.



In addition to the meal, we had raffles and prizes. Along with a 50/50 raffle, Sherri Gauthier donated a beautiful wine and cheese basket.

Congratulations to the winners. Many thanks to those who joined us to help raise \$1500.

We plan to host more events to engage the community and continue our mission - Keep an eye on our Facebook page as plans are forming for a breakfast fundraiser in December.



## Clean-up Day at the Lighthouse

### Teamwork for Clean-work

On a beautiful day in early October, Lighthouse friends and patrons came together to tidy and freshen our outside area. The mission: Rake, sweep, and clear trash and brush from our surrounding area. Our parking lot and other common gathering areas got a good sweep, and the resulting refuse was collected by the city. A good job by all - rewarded with a pizza lunch!



## Our crew expands

### Welcome Back to Chad

We are excited to welcome back Chad Cookson. Chad has been with WASK since its start in 2020 and was a Sacred Heart cook before that. He spends summers as head cook at Camp Manitou and the rest of the year with us.



In addition to being one of our lead cooks, Chad is also a valued member of our Board of Directors and makes significant contributions to WASK Operations.

## Grants & Funding

### Our Need being Addressed

As with any nonprofit, WASK continually seeks funding to operate the Lighthouse and serve the needy in our community. WASK recently received a generous \$1000 grant from Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston as part of the Partnerships' of New England program. The grant was then matched by Kennebec Savings Bank - a great friend of the Lighthouse!

We have also partnered with Door Dash whose services deliver meals each day to those of our clients who find the trip to the Lighthouse too difficult for them. Door Dash also provided us with a \$3000 gift.

## Winter is at our Door

### Warm Clothing Donations are Welcome

It is no surprise that many of our guests have struggles beyond food insecurity. With cold weather ahead, their needs increase. The Lighthouse continues to focus primarily on meals, but we are happy to provide an array of donated clothing or other necessities and have always offered guests a variety of items such as toothbrushes, combs, deodorant, shampoo, and razors. As the temperature drops, many are in dire need of winter clothing, with the greatest need being adult items. For those who continue to live without solid shelter, sleeping bags and blankets are in high demand.

Anyone wishing to donate warm, gently used clothing is invited to bring it to us on weekdays 8am to 12:30 and we will offer them to our guests.

**Pants - Shirts - Socks - Hats  
Sweaters - Sweatshirts - Jackets  
Blankets - Sleeping Bags**



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