

NORTHEAST KINGDOM HUMAN SERVICES, INC. (NKHS) Requesting \$1297 in 2021

181 Crawford Road – Derby, P. O. Box 724, Newport, VT 05855 ♦ 802-334-6744 or 800-696-4979

2225 Portland Street, P. O. Box 368, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819 ♦ 802-748-3181 or 800-649-0118

Emergency Crisis Line 802-334-6744 – 24 hours a day/7 days a week

NKHS Parent Support Line 802-749-1111, a free community service

www.nkhs.org

Thank you **Town of Concord** voters, for your appropriation support last year. Annual appropriations are a vital funding source supporting community members who otherwise cannot afford care to improve their lives through confidential program services for Emergency/Crisis Services, mental health, addiction, and/or developmental/intellectual disabilities. Our mission is to empower individuals, families, and communities by promoting hope, healing, and support.

Summary data for July 2019 through July 2020:

- **3,663** = Total number of individuals of all ages in our service area that utilized support services in the past year.
- **109** = Number of individuals **from the Town of Concord** who accessed supportive care at Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.
- **Over 100 hours** = Employees provided community consultation, education, and outreach in community meetings, events, and trainings in Northeast Kingdom Human Services offices, area schools, and businesses. Training examples include QPR Gatekeeper and Youth Mental Health First Aid.
- **512 total, 21 from the Town of Concord** = Dedicated professional employees who support community members in the Derby or St. Johnsbury offices, the satellite office in Hardwick, telehealth during the COVID-19 pandemic, in homes, in schools, and throughout Northeast Kingdom communities.
- **18%** = There was an increase of 18% in unanticipated expenses not reimbursed by the state or other grants for technology, cleaning supplies, and personal protective equipment needed to provide services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Good mental health is important for everyone. As a Designated Agency serving the Vermont's system of care, NKHS has a responsibility for assuring that a comprehensive range of services are available regardless of an individual's ability to pay. A sliding fee scale is available for those in financial need. Northeast Kingdom Human Services is asking the Town of Concord voters to consider helping neighbors, family members, and friends receive the supports they need to live a happy, fulfilling life and be an active and contributing member in your community. The 2021 appropriation request of \$1297 is the same amount voted on at the 2020 Town Meeting. This represents 1.34% of appropriation requests from 48 towns.

Thank you so much for your support!

Respectfully submitted,
Tomasz Jankowski, DPT, MHA, MBA
President and CEO

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