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19 Days Results
$353,321 raised! This includes a match from The Jack & Dorothy Byrne Foundation. Thank you Upper Valley and the Byrne Foundation!

Mom’s in Recovery:
The Haven surveyed the moms about food and cooking and results included:
❤ Moms are using any and all options to obtain food – chain supermarkets, neighborhood stores, food shelves in their towns and the Haven;
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❤ All had a microwave and stovetop/oven, a few had a crockpot and blender;
❤ The survey helps the Haven plan for the 2020 needs of the program.

Turkey Day Results
65 volunteers, Thanksgiving turkeys and groceries for 720 households, thousands of smiles.

Your Gifts Change Lives!

CURRENT WISHLIST

Personal Items
- Small bottles of hand sanitizer
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Hand soap

Other Needs
- Electric blankets (any size)
- Feminine hygiene products
- Sweatpants (Adult Medium-XXL)
- Grocery bags
- Diapers in all sizes

Always needed
- Cereal (hot and cold)
- Peanut butter
- Tuna
- Pasta of all kinds
- Canned vegetables
- Pasta sauce
- Soups or broths
- Canned tomatoes
- Macaroni & cheese
- Red kidney beans
- Canned fruit
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One sentence in your will can make a lifetime of difference.

To leave a gift in your will, simply share this sentence with your attorney or financial planner:
“[I bequeath $____ or ____% of my estate to Upper Valley Haven, 713 Hartford Avenue, White River Junction, VT 05001.”