### New Hope, Inc.

Celebrating 40 Years of Service in Our Community...

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24/7 Confidential Support/Hotline: 800-323-4673 (HOPE)









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# NEW HOPE HAS GONE VIRTUAL

YOU ARE NOT ALONE



24-HOUR HOTLINE: 1-800-323-4673



If you are in a domestic or sexual violent relationship, please know New Hope is still here for you.

Following Governor Charlie Baker's order for non-essential businesses to close because of the coronavirus pandemic, we closed our physical offices a few weeks ago. However, we are still providing life-saving supports to survivors of domestic and sexual violence survivors. Our dedicated staff have worked diligently to develop remote processes and procedures to support those in need. All the while, prioritizing the health and safety of survivors and staff.

The **24/7 Hotline (800-323-4673 HOPE) is still operating**; counseling, advocacy and education is happening via telephone or through a secure virtual site. We want to assure you that while methods may look different, we will continue to provide survivors with the same level of professionalism and compassion.

So, reach out, via phone, web site (<a href="new-hope.org">new-hope.org</a>), social media and soon through a web chat function linked to our web site. Stay tuned in April for our on-line Sexual Assault Awareness Month activities. Together, we can create communities free from violence and exploitation.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during these challenging times.









Supporting 41 communities in Southeastern and South Centeral Massachusetts.

And, remember, the HOTLINE is still available 24/7 at 800-323-4673 (HOPE)!

We are here for YOU!

A couple of weeks ago, New Hope went virtual, and we are happy to announce we have added an additional resource for people to connect with us.

We have Web Chat Support!

It's available Monday through Friday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and it a confidential/secure session.

Just visit www.new-hope.org and chat with one of our New Hope professionals.

### April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month



April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (#SAAM). We are invested in helping everyone in our community talk about sexual violence. We have been bombarded with messages around sexual violence and how it is harming people we care about.

This month we will talk about why we all need to be involved in ending sexual violence. To balance out the difficulties we are having in this uncertain time, we will also post about mindfulness and self-care! Be sure to visit our social media pages throughout the month for informational and interactive content.

As always, our 24-hour hotline is available: 1-800-323-HOPE



New Hope's Executive Director Marcia Szymanski and Congressman Joe Kennedy III discuss resources for survivors of domestic and sexual violence during this current pandemic.

Thank you Congressman Kennedy for helping New Hope build awareness about domestic and sexual violence. New Hope is here for the community!

Please share this video with friends, family, and colleagues. The work being

done is critical to survivors, especially during these challenging times.



NEW HOPE IS HERE FOR YOU.

## Call to Action

NEW HOPE IS IN NEED OF GIFT CARD DONATIONS TO ESSENTIAL STORES INCLUDING:

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MARKET BASKET
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DOLLAR TREE/FAMILY DOLLAR

ANY DENOMINATION WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED AND HELPFUL DURING THIS TRYING TIME.

FOR ANY DONATIONS PLEASE EMAIL: DEVELOPMENT@NEW-HOPE.ORG

During these difficult times, many of our clients are in need of your support now more than ever. Gift cards to grocery stores, convenience stores, and big box stores in any denomination will be incredibly helpful to New Hope and all of the families and individuals that we serve.

#### Face masks are also currently needed.



Special thanks to New Hope's staff and family from our Prevention, Outreach & Education Program.

They made 100 Gifts of Hope packages for New Hope's shelters, Monday Peer Groups, and to the Southbridge Public School's Lunch "Grab and Go" Program for their students.

# Postponed - Highlights of Hope

New Hope's Annual Highlights of Hope event has been postponed.

The event, held every May, is an inspiring gathering of community leaders.

We hope to reschedule at the same venue, the Imperial Room, as Kevin Meehan had generously offered his venue. Once we establish a new date, we will be sure you receive our Save the-Date announcement.

We hope to celebrate with you sometime soon!

This small gesture will bring so much hope and joy to people while under the global pandemic.





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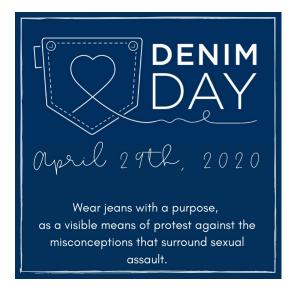
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**Introducing New Board Members** 



Matt Ezyk
L&M Entertainment

### Beats for Charity - Virtual Fundraiser

Matt has put together a Facebook Live Fundraiser for **Friday** evening -**04/17 at 7 pm!** 

Matt and his wife Loren own a music and entertainment business. Matt will be streaming live music and beats. This is a great way to help raise awareness and support for New Hope.

Matt has pledged to donate **100%** of tips to **New Hope, Inc.** and has so generously also offered to match all donations dollar for dollar up to **\$200!** 

**Live Stream** 

**Event Details** 



Kerrin Servais, SPHR NeedleTech



To all of the wonderful people who have responded to New Hope's Call to Action and donated masks, gloves, cleaning products, hand sanitizers, and other potentially life saving supplies during this pandemic, we thank you.



**DONATE TODAY!** 

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