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IT TAKES A **WHOLE VILLAGE** TO RAISE A CHILD

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH



This month, we celebrate **Child Abuse Prevention Month** and **Autism Awareness** by wearing blue! Whole Village staff work daily with families to educate, model, and provide tools to strengthen families. We often forget how challenging it is to raise children in this current environment. There are so many stressors and competing priorities. Whole Village grants and donations help us to provide parent education classes, fun social activities that establish a sense of connection in our community as well as resources and referrals to connect families to services and programs that empower their family unit.

WHAT'S UPCOMING THIS QUARTER?

May Events

- **May 5, 6:30 -8:00 pm**, *Cooperative Coparenting After Separation and Divorce* (8 week virtual Zoom class)
- **May 13, 3:00-6:00 pm**, *Family Resource Fair* at Whole Village Agencies and businesses that support families with children from birth through age 5 will be available to ask questions and share information and materials. Light snacks available.
- **May 16, 5:30 pm**, *Family Fun Night Family BBQ*, Register with Kristine.Perry@graniteuw.org

Weekly Events

- **Tuesdays at 9:30 am**, *RAISE Playgroup*, for families with children birth through age 5
- **Thursdays at 8:30 am**, *New Parent Playgroup*, for children under one and their siblings

Monthly Events

- **Second Wednesday, 8:30 am**, *Veterans' Coffee Hour* at Whole Village
- **First Monday, 1:00 pm**, *Pregnant and New Parent Coalition*
- **Fourth Thursday, 1:00 pm**, *Central Region Veteran Coalition* (hybrid meeting), Contact Jennifer.Hunter@graniteuw.org for more information on the coalition work.

ACTIVITIES AT WHOLE VILLAGE

Senior Valentine Project

A special thank you to Kathleen Hagerty and friends for helping put together and distribute over 100 bags to Ashland Seniors and Boulder Point residents. There was amazing community support from so many businesses. Walmart, Minus 33, Belknap Subaru, Pemi Baker Health, Midstate, Edward Jones, Amerihealth, Wellsense, Meredith Village Savings Bank, Service Credit Union, Elaine Hughes Realty, Kidneys for Kindness, Plymouth Rotary, Granite VNA, The Jake Deware Kindness Project and so many amazing businesses and individuals



New Front Doors

Thank you to NH Electric Cooperative and the Plymouth Rotary for their generosity in helping to fund our new front doors. The old ones were almost 30 years old.

Pemi Glass did a great job as did the electrician and security company on one of the coldest days of the year. We put in ADA buttons to aid our families with strollers, wheelchairs and service dogs.



Family Resource Fair MAY 13, 3:00-6:00 pm (Rain date May 20)

Mark your calendars for a fun-filled resource fair being held at Whole Village. Many local providers to include medical, Midwives, lactation consultants, insurance representatives and more! Join us and receive a Free Welcome Baby bag, enter a raffle for a car seat, and enjoy the children and families in your community.

We have new programs and classes starting this quarter. New parent playgroup on Thursdays at 9. It's a great opportunity to get answers to your questions, build relationships, and engage and interact with other new parents.

We will also offer another virtual session of Cooperative CoParenting after Separation or Divorce on Monday evenings. To register, contact Kristine.Perry@graniteuw.org.

Cooperative CoParenting after Separation or Divorce

An 8-week virtual series will address the unique challenges of co-parenting. Provides practical activities to guide your family to success.

Topics include:

- Child Focused Making the Commitment to Caring
- Plan for Peace Allowing My Child to Love Both Parents
- Letting Go Changing My Long Term Role
- Making it Better Choosing my Personal Path
- Neither Fight nor Take flight Managing my Anger
- Defuse or Light the Fuse Taking Control of Conflict
- Negotiating agreements All a Winner or Winner Take All
- Cooperation or Conflict Co-parenting is Forever

Monday Evenings from 6:30-8 pm on Zoom
The series begins May 5th to June 30th 2025

To register, contact Kristine.Perry@graniteuw.org or call 603-536-3720
*Zoom link sent after you have registered
*Class will be canceled if we have less than 5 participants

Recent Funding

Thankful for the IRS and Citizen's Bank for the ongoing support to the VITA program. We also received a grant from the Greater Lakes Children's Auction, NH Charitable Foundation and the

We can't do it without your funding. Grateful to the many businesses and individual donors to the Valentines project.



Donations and Volunteers Needed

Many of our families receive scholarship funds to send children to summer camps. These experiences provide social engagement, exposure to new activities and a sense of independence from caregivers. They must have things like sunscreen, bug spray, beach towels, which can be costly to our families. Please consider donating to our Summer Camp bags for these families.

DONATIONS NEEDED!
Help Kids Get Ready For Summer Camp!

Whole Village is collecting items for kids attending day and/or sleep-away camps this summer. Items will be placed in bags and sent home with the kids to help prepare them for a fun-filled summer camp experience!

ALL ITEMS MUST BE NEW AND IN GOOD CONDITION

NEEDED ITEMS:

- BUG SPRAY
- SUNSCREEN
- BEACH TOWELS
- LUNCHBOXES
- WATER BOTTLES

Donated items can be dropped off at Whole Village Family Resource Center, 258 Highland St, Plymouth, NH 03254

Monday - Friday between 8 am - 4 pm

For more information, contact Kristine.Perry@graniteuw.org

CENTRAL REGION DAY OF CARING
Friday, May 16th 2025

What is Day of Caring?
Day of Caring is an annual volunteer event that mobilizes thousands of volunteers to serve hundreds of local nonprofits with short-term, needed projects.

Who does Day of Caring help?
Local nonprofits have limited capacity and rely on volunteer support for projects such as painting, cleaning up parks, reading to children, planting flowers and much more.

Why Volunteer?
Volunteering makes a tangible difference in the lives of those in need. It fosters a sense of teamwork and contributes to building a stronger, more supportive community.

How do I sign up?
Click here or scan the QR to sign up for volunteer projects in your community!

Special thanks to our event sponsors:

For more information contact: Jen Hunter at jennifer.hunter@graniteuw.org

Looking to make a difference? We're still searching for volunteers for Day of Caring! It's your chance to give back and help strengthen our community. Interested? Email jennifer.hunter@graniteuw.org

You are not alone! You can contact Whole Village in a variety of ways and keep up to date with events and opportunities with us online.

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When making a donation on Granite United Way's giving page, please be sure to designate your gift to Whole Village Family Resource Center!