



PRESS COVERAGE OF OUR 15TH ANNUAL

Potter's Bowl

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Volunteer Marie Greene of Londonderry, stirs up her soup.



Rabbi Peter Levy, left, of Etz Hayim Synagogue in Derry receives a bowl of soup from Zac Harmon, vicar of St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Hampstead.



Attendees picked out a bowl to fill with soup.

Soup's on for a good cause

15th annual event supports Community Caregivers

DERRY — Soups were simmering for a good cause. The 15th annual Potter's Bowl held Feb. 1 gave soup lovers and community supporters a chance to come out to Pinkerton Academy to fill up on hearty soup, enjoy a night of friendship and to help those in need. Tables were lined with colorful, handcrafted bowls as people lined up to choose their favorite. Then it was time to fill those bowls to help Community Caregivers of Greater Derry and its mission to serve others.

Community Caregivers works in the area to help elderly and disabled people live independently in their homes through a strong volunteer network. Volunteers offer light housekeeping, shopping, transportation to appointments and perform other tasks for those needing assistance. Caregivers also offers a Loaner's Closet, lending out medical equipment and other items for those in need, like wheelchairs, crutches, walkers and much more. The Potter's Bowl featured a menu of soups donated by local restaurants and businesses, as well as a big supply of pottery bowls created by local artists and art students. The night also included pottery demonstrations, raffles and a silent auction featuring artisan-created items like jewelry, pottery and paintings. Community Caregivers is located in Londonderry at 1B Commons Drive, Unit 10.



Abbott Webb, 4, plays with a "selfie" station.



Volunteer Andrew Tanuma, 10, sells raffle tickets to MaryAnn Moser of Derry.



Volunteers Marybeth Zinni, left, and Eileen Hegarty, both of Londonderry, stir up soup.



Sally Goodwin of Londonderry tries to decide what bowl to choose.



News from the local food scene

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• **Bowled over:** The Community Caregivers of Greater Derry will host their 15th annual **Potter's Bowl** on Saturday, Feb. 1, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the cafeteria of Pinkerton Academy (5 Pinkerton St., Derry). Attendees will get to pick a handcrafted pottery bowl donated by New Hampshire professional and student artists, and then choose from a dozen different soups donated from restaurants in the Derry area, as well as breads and desserts. Other features of the Potter's Bowl are a 50/50 raffle, a silent auction and a pottery wheel demonstration. The cost is \$40 for adults and \$15 for kids ages 12 and under. Tickets can be purchased through Eventbrite; visit pottersbowl.eventbrite.com.

• **Drinks on ice:** Join the Bedford Village Inn (2 Olde Bedford Way, Bedford) for its **Ice Bar**; tickets have sold out for Saturday, but they are still available on Thursday, Jan. 30, and Friday, Jan. 31, at 6 p.m. This year's event is '80s themed; in addition to martini and whiskey bars, there will be live music, food and drink specials and more. Admission is \$20 per person (21+ only). Visit bedfordvillageinn.com or call 472-2001.

Caregivers Plan for Annual Potters Bowl Event on Feb. 1

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On Saturday, Feb. 1, Community Caregivers of Greater Derry is hosting their 15th Annual Potter's Bowl fundraiser from 5 - 8 p.m. at the Pinkerton Academy Freshman Cafe in Derry. The Potter's Bowl has become regionally famous as a night of fun, a charity auction, for artisan crafts, community spirit and also for the many different soups available to taste. The event is also for a great benefit, organized by the nonprofit Community Caregivers of Greater Derry, which is dedicated to serving the elderly and disabled in the Southern NH area. For \$40, patrons are able to pick out a handcrafted pottery bowl donated by NH artists and then enjoy many different soups as well as delicious breads and desserts

donated by restaurants in the Greater Derry area. In an effort to encourage more families with children, tickets for kids under age 12 are just \$15. To purchase tickets to the event, please visit <https://pottersbowl.eventbrite.com>. Processing fees have been absorbed by the agency this year as a thank you for ordering online. Community Caregivers Executive Director, Cindee Tanuma told us, "Please note the change this year that tickets are only going to be sold through eventbrite-online." The pottery bowls for the soup come from artists all over NH. To make the event even more family friendly The bowls are typically designed just for kids. Community Caregivers is enticing attendees to come out with more than just some "chicken soup for the

soul" with big night of family friendly events. A pottery wheel demonstration will be taking place in the hour prior to the event that will be conducted by a skilled craftsman. When the event starts, there will be a lot going on - featuring a 50/50 raffle, musical entertainment, a photo booth, a silent auction, and the Red Star Twirlers will again be serving at the event. Auction items donated from artists and craftsmen from all over New England include oil, acrylic and watercolor paintings, matted photography, books, wooden crafts, clothing and handcrafted jewelry. We spoke with children's book artist, Cheri Pellegrino Khorram who has donated copies of her popular child's book "Snow Day? No Way!" for the auction. Khorram

says, "I am a full-time artist in addition to being a children's book author so this charity event involving other local artists is meaningful to me. I especially love that the donations from the auction go directly to the elderly and disabled residents." Her book "Snow Day? No Way!" was inspired by the winter of 2014 that brought a whopping 100" of snow to us that season. She says, "While I was out snow blowing during the storm, all I could think about was how much school the children in my neighborhood were going to miss that year due to the snow. I thought about how happy they must be at having a few snow days, but after several days of not seeing their friends the thought of even more snow days might have the exact opposite effect." It is not too late to donate your fine art, pot-

tery or homemade craft-work to a good cause. And if you do, all donors receive a complimentary ticket to the event. All donors receive a complimentary ticket to the event. The Pinkerton Academy Culinary Arts program gets involved here too and those who have enjoyed the Astro Café's soups over the past couple of years can look forward to their culinary magic that night too. Students in the Pinkerton Culinary Arts program participate in catering events like the Potter's Bowl as a course requirement and it helps them to work on large-scale events to gain experience serving a recipe to more than 200 people. The money raised during the Potter's Bowl goes towards keeping Community Caregivers running by helping to fund its operation budget. The

organization is able to provide constant community care through the efforts of its staff and dedicated volunteers. The organization gets a lot of volunteer support from all ages of people across the community. Volunteers do a variety of things, like provide transportation to and from medical and dental appointments, or doing small household chores or yard work. Executive Director, Cindee Tanuma, matches volunteers with clients. Tanuma started the Potter's Bowl event about 15 years ago. It's the biggest fundraiser of the year for Community Caregivers. Everyone involved looks forward to the Potter's Bowl because it sheds a light on their mission while bringing the community together. Call Community Caregivers at 432-0877 for more information or visit <https://communitycaregivers.org>.

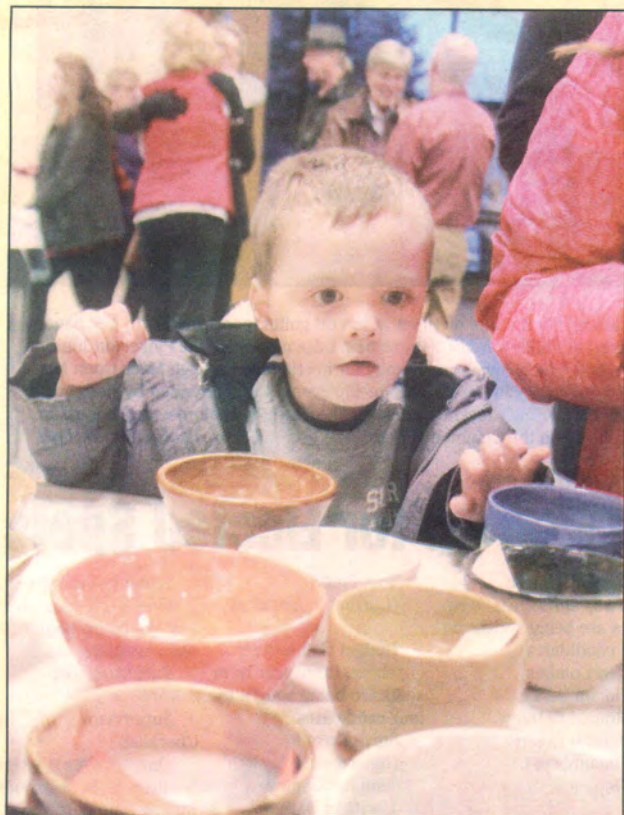
Annual Potters Bowl Sees Large Turnout for Caregivers



For the fifteenth consecutive year, the Community Caregivers of Greater Derry hosted their annual "Potter's Bowl" on Saturday evening, Feb. 1 at Pinkerton Academy. The organization services the communities of Derry, Chester, Londonderry, Windham, Sandown, Danville and Hampstead. There were a wide variety of soups donated for sampling from local restaurants and hundreds of pots donated for attendees to take home from over 15 potters. Pinkerton Academy Art Teacher Michael Gooden attended the event again this year to demonstrate the art of throwing. Also on hand, volunteering their time, were a number of Red Star Twirlers to help those attending. Over 60 items were presented in the Silent Auction with minimum bids ranging from \$10 to \$425.

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Pot Picking

Abbott Webb has his eyes set on the perfect pot to pick out at the Potter's Bowl held at Pinkerton Academy. The annual event is a fundraiser for the Community Caregivers of Greater Derry and is now in its 15th year. See more photos on page 5.

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