

76th Edition
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All That's News



Peter Mann and Brewster
Student Volunteers

Each Wednesday they unload and shelve deliveries and then set up the tables for the next pack. We could not function without their help.

Thank You!



Meredith Village Savings Bank



This season, Meredith Village Savings Bank continued a more than four-decade tradition of collecting donations of new mittens, hats, gloves and scarves for their annual Mitten Tree drive.

All donated items were distributed to local schools and nonprofits. To extend the impact, each item donation was matched with \$2 to a local organization addressing childhood food insufficiency.

Our chapter of End 68 Hours of Hunger Wolfeboro Area will be receiving a donation.



Coordinators' Corner
News from The Annie C. Casey
Foundation

Child poverty in the U.S. has surged, nearly tripling from 5% in 2021 to 13% in 2024.

This dramatic increase follows the expiration of pandemic-era economic policies and rising prices that have strained family budgets nationwide. However, a new report from the Annie E. Casey Foundation, ["Measuring Access to Opportunity in the United States: A 10-Year Update,"](#) underscores the profound impact of public policies and programs, demonstrating their capacity to cut child poverty in half.



One of our volunteer packing teams, Christine Japy (and husband Phil who is taking the picture) and Michelle Capone. There are 26 volunteer packers.



**2524 BAGS have been PACKED
since July 2025**

12/5	116
12/12	119
12/19	119

**Total bags packed in December, 354
Ave. each week = 118**

VOLUNTEER	
Hours	Miles
172	962



Thanks go to volunteer Joan Scapicchio who for many years has coordinated and created the Valentines we give to all our children in their weekend bag.



We welcome a new volunteer, Teresa Kretchmer. Teresa has stepped up to shop and deliver for our new venture shared in this newsletter last month.

We provide food for an afterschool cooking program for School's Out at Ossipee Central School because federal funds have been cut.

THANK YOU, TERESA!