Our Mission

To assist children, families and seniors experiencing hardships by helping to improve their quality of life and ensure greater stability and success.

Through cooperative, working relationships with local service organizations, Friends of Forgotten Children fulfills necessary supplemental community needs by providing food assistance, self-help training opportunities, clothing and holiday gift wishes.

Volunteers

Our dedicated volunteers are the backbone of our organization. We are always looking for volunteers to share their time, talents and experience in conjunction with FOFC to benefit the needs of our community.

Hours of Operation

**Thursdays:** 9:00 am–8:00 pm

Last client intake for the day at 7:30 pm

Contact us for an appointment outside regular operating hours.

Contact Us

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Friends of Forgotten Children does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, or age for participation in its programs or services.

For over thirty years, Eleanor Still ran the informal, one-woman charity out of her Bow, New Hampshire home operating a food pantry and giving holiday gifts to the local children and teenagers in need. Before her death in April 2004, Eleanor Still arranged for her friends and supporters at the Concord Moose Lodge to carry on her work.

The lodge offered a temporary rent-free home in Concord and a ready corps of volunteers; a combination that allowed Friends of Forgotten Children to flourish.

In 2006, businessman and racecar driver Robert Finlay read the plight of FOFC needing a new home. Mr. Finlay did something extraordinary: he purchased a building for the organization. Shortly thereafter, Friends of Forgotten Children moved to its current home at 224 Bog Road in Concord which was generously gifted to us in 2016.

The charity has never changed its mission from Eleanor Still’s original vision. However, Friends of Forgotten Children is not just a food pantry—it meets a vital, and necessary need in the community.
**FOOD PANTRY**

Operating one of the largest food pantries in the greater Concord area, the FOFC food assistance program is made possible by generous businesses, individual donations and food drives conducted by local organizations.

Food donations come from the US Department of Agriculture and the Capital Region Food Program. We purchase food from the NH Food Bank when needed. All items are for distribution to families and individuals in need.

FOFC stocks a variety of shelf-stable food items, as well as refrigerated and frozen meats and produce upon availability. FOFC provides enough food to feed clients for seven days. We provide recipes and tips on how to make food supplies go further.

FOFC carries non-food items that cannot be purchased through the food stamp program and items that other pantries do not stock.

These items include: soaps and shampoos, laundry detergent, toothbrushes and toothpaste, baby care items and household paper products.

**THE CLOTHING CLOSET**

Friends of Forgotten Children maintains the “Clothing Closet,” an area at our facility that distributes seasonal, gently-used clothing, shoes and accessories to clients in need.

Members of the community help support the Clothing Closet with generous donations of clothing for all sizes—children to adults.

**HOLIDAY GIVING PROGRAM**

The holiday season at FOFC starts in the fall, with distribution of our Annual Thanksgiving Baskets donated from local groups and organizations. Each basket is filled with food items for an entire Thanksgiving meal and are given to clients who sign-up at our facility.

FOFC also collects and distributes holiday gifts for children and teens throughout greater Concord.

Over the past 45 years, over 40,000 gifts have been generously donated by members of the community, local corporations and organizations and then distributed to children who would likely go without gifts during the holidays.

We are also one of the few local organizations that remember our senior clients at the holidays—providing extra food items and donated gifts.

**SELF-HELP TRAINING SERIES**

FOFC sponsors a series of self-help training workshops for our clients year-round. Workshops are free and open to the public.

The objective of our training workshops is to increase the level of self-reliance for all of those who participate.

Some workshops offered throughout the year include:

- healthy cooking
- budgeting and personal finance
- make your own laundry detergent
- sustainable living
- growing and gardening your own food
- couponing