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2023



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TO ACT JUSTLY AND TO LOVE MERCY AND
TO WALK HUMBLLY.

SOCIAL TIME

WELCOME - *Marsha Feder, Board President*

OPENING PRAYER - *Rev. Sarah Rockwell*

GSOP HIGHLIGHTS - *Sarah Jane Knoy, GSOP Executive Director*

MICAH AWARDS

- **Livia Gershon:** Presented by Anne Grossi, Manchester Chapter
- **Will Hopkins:** Presented by Sandra Yarne, NH Peace Action
- **Lucille Lingard-Frederique:** Presented by Father John Bucchino, Blessed Sacrament Parish
- **Jonathan Hopkins:** Presented by Rev. Jason Wells, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
- **Liz Alcauskus:** Presented by Rev. Kali Fyre, Unitarian Universalist Church of Manchester

DINNER

MICAH AWARDS

- **MaryAnn McHugh:** Presented by Paul Introcaso, Nashua Chapter
- **Elaine Thomas:** Presented by Rev. Allison Palm, Unitarian Universalist Church of Nashua
- **Bill Ploog:** Presented by Carolyn Gordon, Upper Valley Chapter
- **Debbe Callaghan:** Presented by Roberta Buerner, Kol Ha' Emek Valley Jewish Community
- **Lou D'Allesandro, 2023 President's Award:** Presented by Patrick Long,

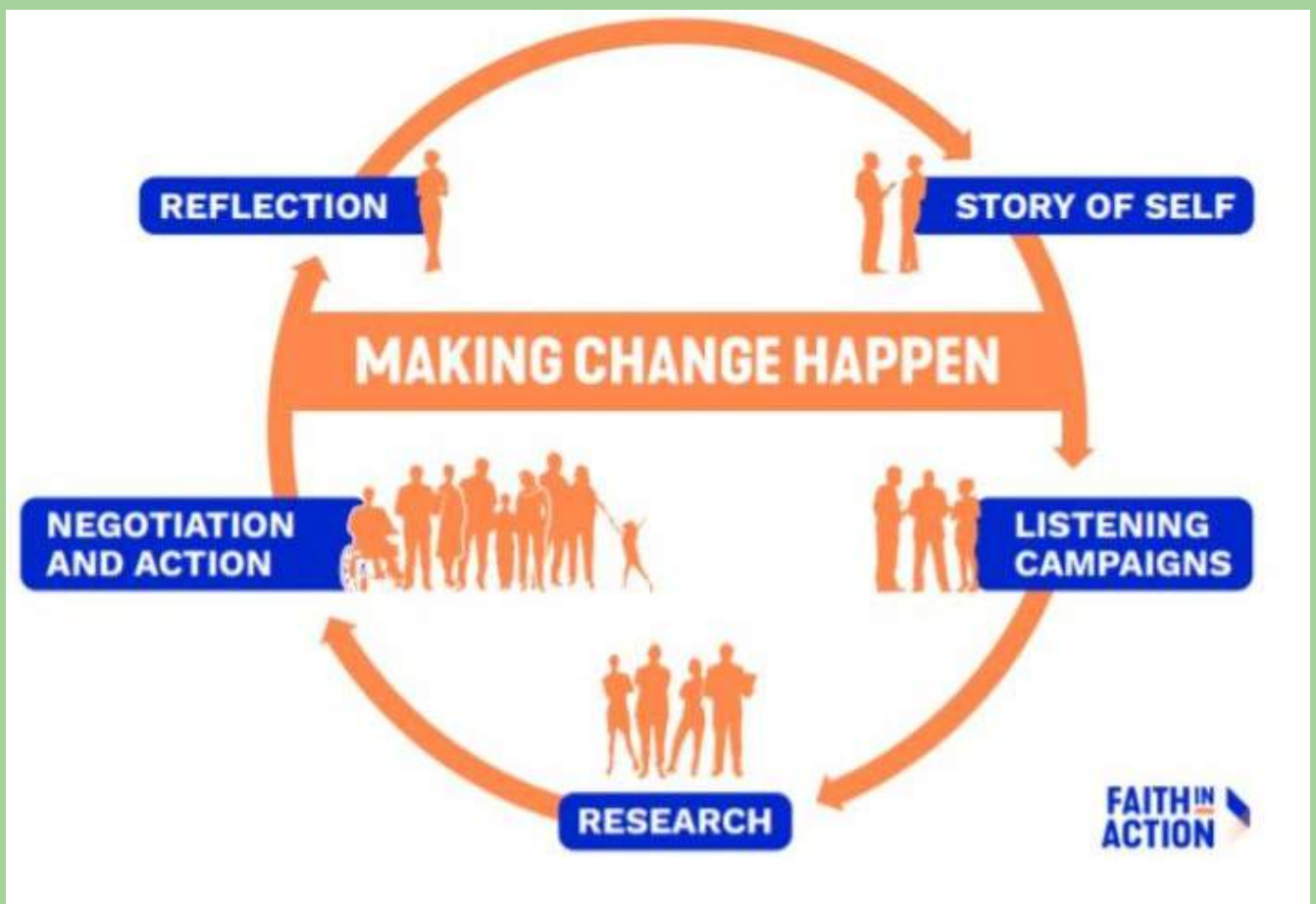
DESSERT

CLOSING PRAYER - Shideko Terai

**CELEBRATING
MICAH 2023**

What is GSOP?

Granite State Organizing Project unites religious, labor, and community groups to shape the decisions that affect our communities and the quality of life. Guided by faith and democratic values, we mobilize many voices on issue oriented actions, thus strengthening our organizations and our leadership, while building community. We work together to promote a just and equitable society.



THE *ACCOMPLISHMENTS*

Over the past year the staff and the Board of GSOP undertook the process of clarifying and defining our “North Stars.” North Stars guide us and help us decide how to move forward.

GSOP’s North Stars are: centering the voices of those most impacted, developing grassroots leadership, and winning concrete and positive changes in communities.

Centering the Voices

- High School students who are members of Young Organizers United, the youth organizing wing of GSOP, testified at more than 50% of the Manchester School Board meetings in the past year addressing such topics as the need for a more inclusive curriculum and culturally appropriate school lunches.
- Tenants whose buildings have been purchased by real estate speculators spoke out in public at city, state and federal meetings, telling their stories and demanding justice.
- GSOP sponsored Liberian Independence Day event and community listening sessions.
- Nashua community residents testified at Planning Board meetings about the impact a proposed asphalt plant would have on their families.
- GSOP supported the formation of the Granite State Tenants Union and weekly tenant clinics at the GSOP office.
- GSOP joined in a coalition to host a lobby day for NH House representatives to meet constituents and discuss climate issues in the state.
- Responding to concerns about increased Immigrant and Customs Enforcement in immigrant communities, GSOP collaborated with Welcoming NH and NH Alliance of Immigrants and Refugees to hold Know Your Rights and Protect Your Family events.

Developing Grassroots Leadership

- GSOP supported leadership development events for Emerging Leaders Konnections (ELK) – a group of young African Diaspora community leaders
- GSOP staff held two rounds of *Creando Líderes en La Comunidad*, graduating 30 new community leaders trained in community health and COVID issues
- GSOP supported ten diverse leaders to attend Faith in Action and Community Change national leadership events.
- GSOP members met with the Manchester City Director of Planning to discuss housing concerns.
- GSOP's Clergy Caucus spoke out strongly in support of immigrant communities, a just budget and against the Northern Border Alliance.
- The youth of YOU planned, organized and managed the successful We Are One Festival in August of 2023.

Winning Concrete Changes in our Communities

- GSOP led a campaign to convince the City of Manchester to raise the wages of all workers and contractors to a minimum of \$15 per hour. This resulted in 374 employees taking home a total of \$800,000 more per year in their paychecks!
- Our Nashua Chapter helped lead a robust campaign against the construction of an asphalt plant in a low-income Nashua neighborhood. The permit was denied by the Nashua Planning Board.
- Our Upper Valley Chapter is supporting the construction of the first winter shelter for unhoused people in Lebanon.
- GSOP successfully advocated against a legislative proposal that would have allowed eviction without cause.
- GSOP worked in coalition with other organizations to help defeat anti-immigrant proposals at the State House.
- GSOP held several community health & education events to combat COVID, and reached more than 500 people about the importance of COVID-19 prevention.
- YOU, with support from GSOP, successfully organized and advocated to win a commitment from the Manchester School District to add an African American History class to the High School curriculum. We expect the class to debut in the spring of 2024.



The

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Welcome to all and thank you for supporting the Granite State Organizing Project.

Today we celebrate members of the New Hampshire community who have exemplified the spirit of Micah 6:8:

*The Holy One has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the Divine require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly.*

Those whom we honor have been nominated by their faith community or community group because of their extraordinary commitment to the work of justice in our state. Reading their accomplishments is inspiring. Among our nominees this year are those who have worked tirelessly to improve the conditions of asylum seekers and refugees. They have been instrumental in establishing sanctuaries and have shown compassion in their work with those in need. We honor those who are providing relief to those who are incarcerated, as well as others who are champions for racial and environmental justice. These Micah heroes are striving for a more just and peaceful world.

In addition, tonight we have a special MICAH Award for State Senator Louis D'Allesandro. Senator D'Allesandro has served the people of New Hampshire for the past fifty years in a variety of roles. He has worked hard for his district and has sponsored legislation that has improved the lives of all Granite Staters.

If you are motivated by these award winners and would like to join in this work, consider donating time or funds to GSOP. GSOP unites people in various faith groups and community groups to pursue justice and achieve a more equitable life for all NH residents.

In solidarity,
Marsha Feder

President, GSOP





LIVIA GERSHON

*Nominated By:
Manchester Chapter*

Livia Gershon is a founder and the backbone of the NH Community Bail Fund. The Fund is a group of volunteers who free people who are incarcerated before being tried for a crime. The Bail Fund clients are often accused of misdemeanors like trespassing, shoplifting, and drug possession. Even though they have not been found guilty, they cannot get out of jail because they have no money to pay the bail. Many are impoverished, homeless, and often people of color. Many individuals are at the Valley St. Jail in Manchester, but the Bail Fund service has grown and now bails are being paid throughout New Hampshire. The fund has now freed over 475 people since its founding in 2018.

Livia has routinely recruited volunteers for the team paying bails, and she has drafted training materials and media articles. Over the past several years, she has initiated and implemented ideas for publicizing the project and expanding funding and recruitment. She has also forged connections with numerous collateral agencies, such as NH Public Defenders, ACLU, American Friends Service Committee, substance abuse providers, and the Southern NH Law School. The NH Community Bail Fund is a revolving fund. The money paid out in 75% of the cases is paid back by the state to the Bail Fund. Because of the slowness of the courts and the increase in demand for bail relief, the Bail Fund is often in fund-raising mode. Livia is a significant part of these fund-raising efforts.

Livia is currently working on a documentary about the Valley Street Jail because she feels it will help to publicize the poor conditions for prisoners and the impact incarceration has had on families, loved ones, and our communities.

Livia is part of the NH Abolition Network. This is a group that studies ways in which incarceration can be reduced and eventually eliminated. In the last NH Legislative session, the group opposed legislation that would make it easier to incarcerate people without due process. The group is growing its base of like-minded people and organizations who will work towards taking meaningful steps to achieve this goal and create beloved community. This will be a long journey and Livia is along for the ride.

Livia is also an accomplished freelance journalist with more than a decade of experience writing about the intersections of economics, politics, and everyday life. Much of her writing touches on the social justice subjects near and dear to GSOP-- ublic education equity, climate crisis, economic justice, and immigration. She has been published in the Daily Beast, Salon, Smithsonian, the Guardian and JSTOR Daily, to name a few. Her articles are informative, timely, and thought provoking. They are easily accessible on the web. Livia does all this while being a parent of two. Livia walks the walk with humility, being the first to praise the work of others. We are so honored and inspired to be working with Livia and to nominate her for the MICAH award.

To read articles written by Livia, simply Google Livia Gershon

To contribute to the NH Community Bail Fund, go to tinyurl.com/ypdazk9k or to donate by mail, please make a check payable to UU Action NH with "Bail Fund" in the memo line. Mail checks to UU ActionNH PO Box 3862, Manchester NH 03105.



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Congratulations, Will Hopkins, on your Micah Award!

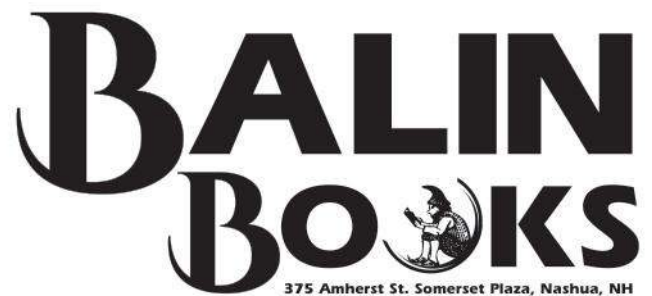
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WILL HOPKINS

Nominated By: NH Peace Action



New Hampshire Peace Action is pleased to nominate our outgoing Executive Director, Will Hopkins, for the MICAH Award. Will has served as Executive Director of New Hampshire Peace Action, New Hampshire's only statewide peace group, since 2009.

Will is a lifelong New Hampshire resident who served for six years in the New Hampshire National Guard and was decorated for valor during a year-long tour in Iraq as an infantryman, which included the fall 2004 Fallujah offensive.

One of Will's important accomplishments is the relationship he has cultivated with our congressional delegation. While NH Peace Action can't count too many legislative victories, we can engage with key policy staff in important ways that help demonstrate that there is a constituency for peace and demilitarization in NH because of Will's relationship building.

Will has an intersectional vision and can see how militarism affects so much else. During Will's time as Executive Director he helped to mentor and support many other groups as well, such as: 350NH, NH Peacekeeper Project, Post Landfill Action Network, Black Lives Matter Nashua, March Against Monsanto, and the Poor People's Campaign.

Will's work with youth through the New Hampshire Peace Action Peace of Mind retreat helped launch the New Hampshire Youth Movement.

So, while having more than enough work on his plate as New Hampshire Peace Action's director, Will also made sure to be there for so many others. Will Hopkins walks the walk with grace and humility for peace in NH and the world.

**Award-Winning
Author Kathy Brodsky**



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- Two Arms, Two Legs, Two Feet
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LUCILLE LINGARD- FREDERIQUE

*Nominated By: Blessed Sacrament
Parish*

Lucille T. Lingard-Frederique (Lulu) and her family settled in southeast Manchester in May 1955 in a court with 26 other families. She grew up watching her mother prepare food for other families when someone was sick or had died in a family. Her mother produced fruits and vegetables from her garden, canned them and gave them away. Her mother also taught the neighborhood ladies to sew, mend, crochet, and knit. Lulu and her six siblings learned from her mother. They learned by helping.

At 18 years of age Lulu started volunteering at the VA and other nursing homes. She learned from her volunteering that poverty was much more than a lack of food, clothing, or shelter.

On February 14, 1976, Lulu married Wayne, and for the next 27 years until Wayne died in 2003, she taught CCD classes in the church. She was the youth minister at St. Theresa Church, as well as serving on the finance council. She exercised her ministry as a cantor and a leader of song. Lulu tried to impart to all her students the values her mother had taught her. Some of her students followed Lulu's example and teachings and started helping the residents of the senior apartment complex behind the church with cleaning and repair jobs that the residents could no longer do. Friendships were forged and her students learned to care for others.

In 2004, Lulu joined the Blessed Sacrament Church and served on the finance council and continue her music ministry. She married Phillippe Frederique on October 10, 2004. Phillippe had four children and Lulu assumed the role of mother to his children. Lulu and her husband now have eight grandchildren and one great grandchild.

While at the church food pantry one day, Lulu heard recipients talking about a lack of money for Christmas gifts. Immediately, she and her grandchildren that were old enough, started recycling stuffed animals. They sanitized them, put them in gift bags, and took them to the food pantry for distribution. She wanted her grandchildren and her great granddaughter to learn to love their neighbors, as Lulu's mother taught her.

In 2008, Lulu became a state employee, the Executive Assistant to the Legislative Liaison and Administrative Assistant to the Commissioner of the Department of Health and Human Services, where she still works. Among her duties is answering the Commissioner's hotline and helping citizens of NH who have fallen through the cracks, through no fault of their own, including the homeless, the hungry, the ill, and the mentally and/or physically challenged, receive the help they need from state agencies, as well as private and religious agencies. Lulu leaves no stone unturned as she looks for services for people. She goes to work every day with a smile on her face and a song in her heart knowing that she can make a difference, one person at a time.

Lulu wants to thank her mother for all that she taught her. Lulu is following her mother's example of acting justly, loving mercy, and walking humbly.

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CONGRATULATIONS

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AWARDEES

Marsha & Bob Feder

**The Upper Valley Chapter of
Granite State Organizing Project**

wishes to congratulate
**Bill Ploog of SHARe and
Debbe Callaghan of the
Upper Valley Jewish Community**
for being the recipients of the
2023 MICAHA Award

**These individuals have humbly
demonstrated their commitment
to justice and peace.**

You have our heartfelt thanks.

Current projects of the UV Chapter:

- **Affordable Housing**
- **Climate Action**
- **Immigrant Support**

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JONATHAN HOPKINS

Nominated By: St. Matthew's Episcopal Church



St. Matthew's Episcopal Church is proud to recognize Pastor Jon Hopkins and his long-time faith-rooted organizing and advocacy with the 2023 MICA Award.

Pastor Jonathan Hopkins has served Concordia Lutheran Church in Concord since 2009. A 2003 graduate of Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, Pastor Jon has been a respected community organizer and faith-based social justice advocate for 20 years. As a former president of the NH Council of Churches and evidence by his commitment to the Greater Concord Interfaith Council, he is a recognized interfaith and ecumenical leader. Pastor Hopkins's interfaith leadership is certainly demonstrated by his work to organize the faith communities of Concord to establish Family Promise, a program to serve unhoused families.

During his ministry, he has been an active leader within Granite State Organizing Project, the Immigrant Solidarity Network, and can often be found leading prayer outside the ICE offices at the regular Jericho Walks. Many people know they can find Pastor Jon testifying on legislation at the State House or can read his justice-advocating op-ed contributions in the Concord Monitor.

In his work and in his life, Pastor John Hopkins demonstrates acting justly, loving mercy, and walking humbly.



LIZ ALCAUSKUS

Nominated By: U.U. Manchester

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Manchester is pleased to nominate Liz Alcauskas for the MICA award. Liz has been the backbone of our Sanctuary/Asylum program, which has allowed the church to offer housing to three immigrants seeking asylum since 2018. This interdenominational program involves funding from up to seven faith communities. She has kept the financial records and written a regular newsletter which is sent to the member faith communities.

Liz is also a founding member of the Church's Green Team, which is seeking Green Sanctuary certification from the Unitarian Universalist Association by moving the church to green energy and reducing the carbon footprint of the church. This program is working in coordination with the Manchester NAACP to distribute air quality monitors to various locations in Manchester.

Liz is a member of UU Manchester's Social Responsibility Committee. Wherever social justice work is being done in Manchester, Liz's footprint is likely to be near. She willingly takes notes to create a running history of the activities of the committees she is on. She has been a consistent representative of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Manchester at GSOP's monthly ICE Vigils. Liz is often the low-profile glue tying everything together. Acting justly in the Manchester community, Liz is well deserving of this award.

MARYANN McHUGH

Nominated By: Nashua Chapter



Four years ago, MaryAnn McHugh attended a GSOP-organized immigration rally at Nashua City Hall. At that time, GSOP was looking for volunteers to host an immigrant in their home. MaryAnn immediately stepped up. A month later, she became an organizer and founder for the Nashua Host Home Network. Sometime after that, she welcomed an undocumented immigrant into her home. MaryAnn helped this woman with her schooling, and she also helped raise money for an immigration attorney for the woman's asylum case. This woman later found work as a licensed nursing assistant in Dover and moved into a shared apartment.

Currently, MaryAnn leads the Nashua Host home Network, a multi-faith team that has been working with a Congolese refugee single mom with two children. The mother and children arrived in Nashua after living in a refugee camp in Malawi for 10 years. MaryAnn and the team helped the mother through medical, emotional, and daily challenges that immigrants experience coming to the United States.

The twelve-year-old son of this mother came to this country with a myriad of problems. Sadly, he has behavioral and impulse control issues that were undiagnosed and misunderstood, possibly caused by living in a refugee camp for so long. School and after school programs have been extremely difficult for him. MaryAnn has helped to make some headway with the school. It was learned that this boy has ADHD, hearing loss, and potentially trauma. MaryAnn has found an occupational therapist who now works with the boy. MaryAnn has led the team that has advocated on behalf of this boy. The team has educated the school, the school district, the Boys and Girls Club, the YMCA, and other care providers, so that they all understand this child's needs. MaryAnn has truly performed justice work on behalf of this child and his mother.

The Nashua Chapter cannot think of anyone more who "acts justly, loves mercy and walks humbly," and pursues justice for people who are in need.

LA NATURALEZA ES PARA TODOS

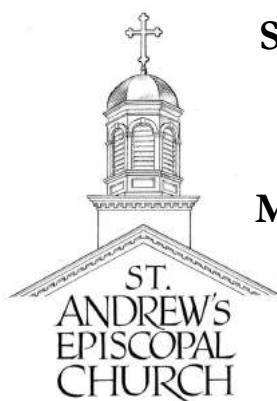
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ELAINE THOMAS

Nominated By: U.U. Nashua

Elaine Thomas has been a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Nashua for five decades. She has been active throughout all this time working to bring forth a more just and peaceful community and world at large. Elaine's efforts have included global efforts with her membership and action with Beyond War. On climate justice, her actions have focused on the world at large and on our church by building and promoting a green sanctuary. Elaine's focus has also included legislative efforts to address the multiple harms suffered by non-cis gendered people. She has also shown up again and again for racial justice.

In fact, Elaine shows up again and again for those in need. She was a founding member of the Ending Hunger and Homelessness Project, which became the first church-wide social justice project of UU Church of Nashua, The church joined with Harbor Care to continue that effort as the Ending Homelessness Fund. Elaine then coupled this effort with work to address income and wealth inequality. Elaine has been working and continues to work in the political area, including serving as an elected ward Selectman to ensure a fair and efficient election process.

In summary, Elaine is an ardent activist for creating a more just world. She is an astute student of the issues and means to solve them. She often speaks of "root issues" and our need to resolve issues, not simply put a band aid on them! At the same time, Elaine is always there with an encouraging word or card in tough times. Our church and community have been enriched by Elaine's caring.



BILL PLOOG

Nominated By: Upper Valley Chapter



The Upper Valley Chapter of the Granite State Organizing Project is delighted to honor William (Bill) Ploog as our 2023 MICAHA award recipient. Bill is the son of immigrants, and he works energetically, passionately, and compassionately to accompany, support and advocate for asylum seekers and refugees. As the horrors of detention of asylum seekers grew, Bill was inspired to create a new organization that would bring asylum seekers and refugees to the Upper Valley and to provide the support to enable them to rebuild their lives and become part of a thriving community.

Bill's vision became a reality in 2020 when he founded the all-volunteer 501C3 organization SHARe: Supporting and Helping Asylum Seekers and Refugees. Under Bill's unassuming and tireless leadership, SHARe has rapidly expanded. SHARe provides a warm welcome to newcomers, listening to their goals and dreams, and walking beside them as they become comfortable in a new environment. In addition to addressing needs for housing, security, community, and cultural adaptation, SHARe covers the cost of legal representation and locates needed resources, e.g., for English language learning, education, job training, employment, community connections, and more.

Bill served for several years as coordinator of the Upper Valley Refugee Working Group, a local forum for discussing immigration issues, undertaking actions, and coordinating with other organizations in support of immigrants. The organization has also hosted educational events. Bill became a member of New Hampshire Drive Safe, a group advocating for driver's licenses for undocumented immigrants. Bill's vision and endless efforts have profoundly impacted numerous lives.

The Upper Valley Chapter is proud to recognize Bill Ploog as our MICAHA honoree.

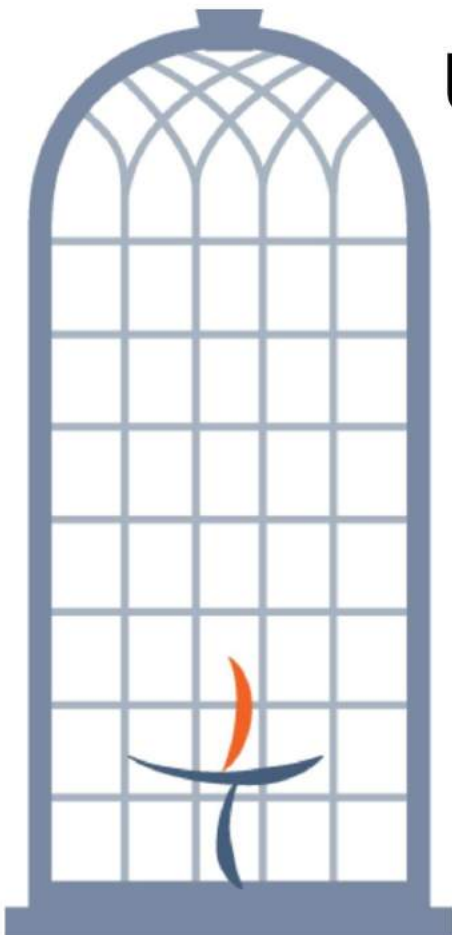


Congratulations & Thank you

Senator Lou D'Allesandro
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Congratulations to our
Micah Award winner Elaine
Thomas! Thank you for all
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our community.

From all your friends at the
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DEBBE CALLAGHAN

*Nominated By: Kol Ha Emek Upper
Valley Jewish Community*

As a first-generation American, Debbe has long had a commitment to helping others establish roots and succeed. Thirty years ago, she helped to resettle a Russian Jewish family in the United States. In the 1990s, she was a volunteer ESL (English as a Second Language) tutor and assisted one of her students to pass the TOFEL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) exam so that she could earn her MSW degree. Her former student, who became a close friend, is getting ready to retire from a career in community mental health.

Since leaving the corporate world, Debbe has worked with a range of community-based nonprofits including several in the Upper Valley, both as a professional and as a volunteer. Most recently Debbe has worked with Supporting and Helping Asylees and Refugees (SHARe), and the Kol Ha'Emek congregation and the Upper Valley Jewish Community (UVJC).

As President of the UVJC, Debbe steered the congregation through the pandemic years with her full attention and skill. Instead of losing momentum, the community grew in numbers and investment. With the assistance of her predecessor in the presidency, Rusty Sachs, she led a large and successful fundraising initiative to sustain the congregation into the future. Her good ideas, financial acumen and attention to the details led to caring efforts that supported individuals in times of stress and worry and in times of celebration and joy.

As Debbe ended her term as President, she increasingly focused again on issues involving asylum seekers and refugees. Initially, Debbe volunteered to teach English to an extended Afghan family while they were waiting for their US visas in Poland. As despair set in during the Warsaw winter, Debbe and her husband Carey went to Poland to visit the family. They then began advocating on the family's behalf and eventually led efforts to finally welcome the family to the Upper Valley. They hosted family members in their home and tirelessly advocated for services and resources for the family. Working with others in the Upper Valley, the Callaghans went above and beyond in providing the support the family needed to have a good beginning in their new home.

Kol Ha'Emek, the Upper Valley Jewish Community, is delighted to honor Debbe Callaghan, who immerses herself in service to others, often without many of us knowing all that she does.

**Congratulations
to
MaryAnn McHugh!**

**Thank you for all of your
work!**

**Best wishes from
The Spira-Savett family,
Rev. Thomas Woodward and
Betsy Woodward,
Nashua Host Home Network
and the rest of the Nashua
chapter**

**Manchester Chapter
Congratulates**

LIVIA GERSHON

**on winning a
2023 MICAH Award**



SENATOR LOU D'ALLESANDRO

GSOP is honored to present the President's Award to Senator Louis (Lou) D'Allesandro.

Senator D'Allesandro has been in the NH State Senate, representing the 20th district which includes Manchester, since 1998. He has been Dean of the Senate and is currently the Vice Chair of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, and he serves on the Capital Budget and Finance Committees.

Senator D'Allesandro began his political career in New Hampshire in 1974 by serving on the Executive Council for six years. He was a delegate to the Constitutional Convention and was also a state Representative to the NH House of Representatives. During his time in the NH Legislature, Senator D'Allesandro was the Director of Admissions at Southern NH University, then President and Chief Executive Officer of Daniel Webster College, and then President or Assistant to the President at other colleges. He was a consultant to the Center for Life Management, a state mental health agency where he developed an Employee Assistance Program.

During his time in the NH Senate, Senator D'Allesandro was a member of the City of Manchester School Board and served as Chairman. He has been an adjunct faculty at Franklin Pierce University and New England College, a water commissioner for Manchester Water Works, and the Vice Chairman of the New England Board of Higher Education.

Senator D'Allesandro has received a multitude of honors and awards:

An Honorary Doctor of Law from New College and one from Daniel Webster College;

An Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Franklin Pierce University and one from New England College;

Inductee into the NH Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence Hall of Fame;

Outstanding Legislator Award from the National Alliance on Mental Illness;

The Walter R. Peterson Citizen Leader Award from Franklin Pierce University;

The Franklin D. Roosevelt Award from the NH Democratic Party;

***The Legislative Award from the NH Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors Association; and
more.***

These awards give a sense of Senator D'Allesandro's work and service. He certainly deserves the respect of his peers and of the citizens of New Hampshire for almost 50 years of service to the state, for the relationships he has built to get things done in the New Hampshire Legislature and Senate, and for the outstanding work that he has done. Once again, GSOP is honored to present the President's Award to Senator Louis D'Allesandro.

While all of the above is impressive and well deserved, it doesn't quite illuminate the reasons that Senator Lou is a community hero for us at GSOP. We are honoring Senator Lou because he is there when the community needs him. He is there when a woman is displaced from her home. He is there when the residents of public housing need an advocate. He is there when those who have been trampled on by the system join together to speak up. He is there when and where there is a community need. Thank you, Senator Lou D'Allesandro!

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Granite Stators for GSOP Support
Blessed Sacrament Catholic Parish
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
The State Employees Association of NH, SEIU 1984
Elmwood Community Council
Church of Christ at Dartmouth College
Meriden Congregational Church
United Food and Commercial Workers, Local 1445
NH Peace Action

St. Anne-St. Augustin Catholic Parish
Sisters of Holy Cross
St. Andrew's Church
NH Coalition for Occupational Safety & Health
Concordia Lutheran Church
Sisters of Mercy, Northeast Community
Unitarian Universalist Church of Manchester
American Friends Service Committee
Milford Methodist Church
First Church of Nashua
Tzedek Group/ Temple Beth Abraham
Upper Valley Jewish Community
Lebanon United Methodist Church
Christ Church Exeter
Hanover Friends

The MANCHESTER CHAPTER meets the second Tuesday of the month , beginning at 6pm

The NASHUA CHAPTER meets the third Monday of the month beginning at 6:30pm

The UPPER VALLEY CHAPTER meets the third Thursday of the month beginning at 1pm on Zoom

The MILFORD CHAPTER meets the second Tuesday of the month , beginning at 6pm at the U.U. Church of Milford

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