

COMMUNITY SERIES

GOOD SHEPHERDS FOUNDATION



ABOUT US

Good Shepherds Foundation is a 501 C 3 organization. It is a collaboration between youth as part of the Youth Advisory Council (ages 13-18) and adults as the Board of Advisors. We focus on helping others, one person at a time.

Our organization focuses on helping the young leaders of our community fulfill their goals in providing support, educating, and increasing the volunteer base so that others can learn how to give back.

HISTORY

Good Shepherds Foundation was founded by the Baird Family- Bella, Stephen, and Sophie. The organization has evolved to include members of different communities and helping in different capacities in the community.



MISSION

To help build up the lives of those needing assistance to their full potential.

VISION

To grow our volunteer base and create opportunities in order to assure families have the essentials to lead healthy lives.



MEET OUR TEAM

Youth Advisory Council

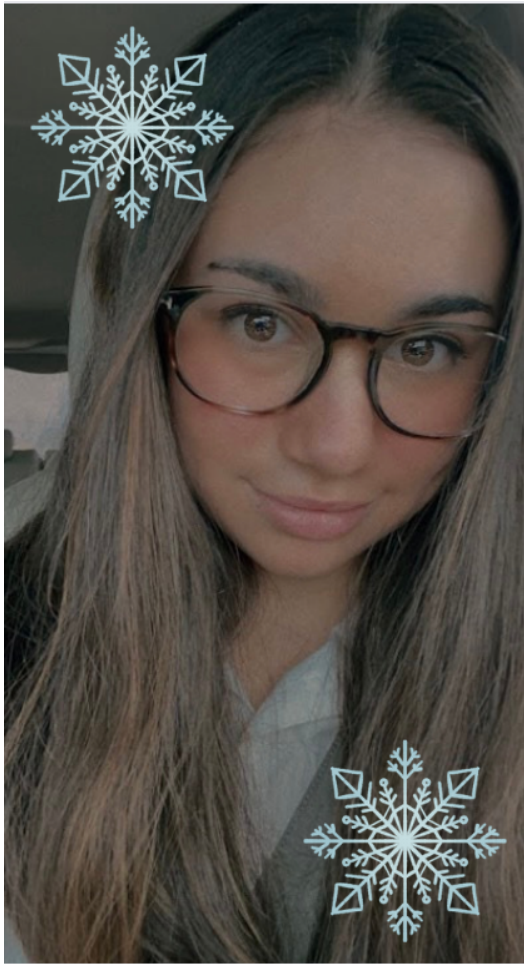
- Sophia Baird
- Stephen Baird, II
- Sean Kelly
- Jaxon Pereira
- Becca Farnum
- Delaney Petri
- Maddie Hajduk
- Lucas Dickinson
- Beau Dickinson
- Kenzie Daneau
- Maddie Frank
- Brooke Currier
- Abby Levine

Board of Advisors

- Jennifer Baird
- Tom Baird, Jr.
- Isabella Baird
- Ethan Wasiejko
- Mateo Peguri
- Jada Gaudreau
- Joselyn Simmons

Our Furry Mascots

- Gronk
- Nikita



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: DELANEY PETRI

LUCAS DICKINSON

Delaney Petri is a part of Good Shepard's youth advisory council. Delaney attends Pinkerton Academy in Derry NH. In addition, she is a member of the DECA program at Pinkerton, and was involved with the national junior honor society in middle school. She enjoys drawing floor plans for houses, and hanging out with her friends and family. Delaney also does dance, and plays softball. After she graduated middle school, Delaney was presented with the spirit of Auburn award.

ACTIVITIES RECAP

MADDIE HAJDUK

During the few days before the holidays, Good Shepherds Foundation helped Community Caregivers deliver gifts to elders or disabled individuals. It was a wonderful experience to spread joy and love around "the most wonderful time of the year". We delivered to the towns of Derry, Londonderry, Hampstead, Sandown, Danville, Chester, and Windham.

We're so grateful for the opportunity and hope everyone had a wonderful holiday!

GOOD NEWS

BEAU DICKINSON

After a tough 2021, it's reassuring to know that 2022 is off to a great start. Charities and animal shelters across the country experience a sudden increase in donations all thanks to Betty White. She loved animals in honor of her, fans began the Betty White Challenge which inspired people to donate \$5 dollars to animal rescue organizations and foundations. The donations spiked the Monday following her passing which would've been her 100th birthday.

In other news, a missing cat was recently found and returned to its owner in Essex England and you won't believe how he was found. Rachel Lawrence, the owner of the cat, was on a phone call with the vet when she heard a noise in the background that left her speechless. The meowing sounded exactly like her missing cat, Barnaby. Mrs. Lawrence asked about the cat and was told it was a stray that was brought in. To confirm it was hers, she asked the vet to give a description of the cat and sure enough, it was Barnaby. She rushed to pick up her cat along with her family and they were reunited after 8 months. Make sure to give your pets some extra love today!

Source:

<https://theweek.com/briefing/it-wasnt-all-bad/1009184/the-weeks-good-news-january-20-2022>

INTERVIEW: AVS - MRS. COHEN

JAXON PEREIRA

1. How did you become the NJHS leader at AVS?

I became the NJHS advisor when another teacher left. I wanted to help give our 7th and 8th graders a voice and stage to continue to make great choices and inspire their peers to help their communities, achieve their goals academically, and include all they can in our small town.

2. What has been your biggest challenge yet?

My biggest challenge yet has been Covid. It is SO hard to have to put their great ideas on the back burner as we wait for Covid protocols to settle down. Our main focus this year is keeping everyone safe and still spreading our message.

3. What is your favorite part of being in this position ?

My favorite thing about this position is seeing my former students grow into quite amazing middle school leaders, to then hear from them in highschool and beyond about all their accomplishments. I also love seeing the gratitude from the organizations that we help in our community and beyond. It shows we are making a difference, no matter how small.

4. What are some of your favorite events or fundraisers you have done at AVS.

There are so many great events NJHS has put on! Some of my favorites were the 50 legs middle school olympics we held, our teacher lip sync battle, numerous red ribbon weeks, dances for causes and desk painting with elementary students.

5. What have you changed since your first couple years of being the leader of NJHS?

I try to make it as student led as possible. THEY really have the ability to create greatness!

6. What is the most important piece of advice you could give to students?

My most important piece of advice that I try to give to my students is that their voice matters! Every idea, every suggestion, can help make a difference and change someone's day for the better no matter how small. THEY have the power to do that.

