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Community Series



Good Shepherds Foundation
Newsletter - 2021

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 Statement

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

Vision Statement

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

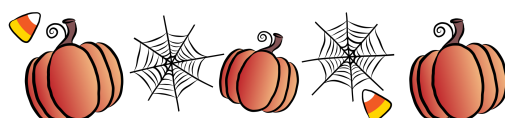
- Sophia Baird
- Stephen Baird, II
- Sean Kelly
- Jaxon Pereira
- Becca Farnum
- Delaney Petri
- Maddie Hajduk
- Lucas Dickinson
- Beau Dickinson
- Kenzie Daneau
- Maddie Frank
- Brooke Currier
- Abby Levine

Board of Advisors

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

Our Furry Mascots

- Gronk
- Nikita



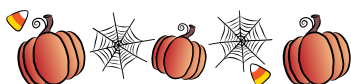
Duckling Dash 5K

Jaxon Pereira

Congratulations to the Winners of the 5k race!

1. David Beaudoin, 19:11
2. Brett Rickenbach, 20:29
3. Jonah Prevost, 21:07

The Duckling Dash was a gathering of friends and family, and where a 5k race was held that went throughout the town of Auburn. It raised over 1,000 dollars that will be used to give back to the community. These funds will help us put thanksgiving baskets together for families in need and especially to families of veterans and first responders. The event was managed by our youth advisory group but wouldn't have been possible without the support of the Auburn Fire department. Thank you to the men and women of the fire department who helped make this great day happen. And another thank you to the sponsors who continue to allow us to keep these special events going so we can continue to give back to the community.



Thanksgiving Basket Brigade

Becca Farnum

We are excited to announce that the Good Shepherds Foundation will be hosting our annual Thanksgiving Basket Brigade on November 20th this year! This year we are aiming to feed more than 500 families in our community. Our goal is to let these families know we are thinking of them and want to help them in challenging times. The brigade is taking place at Tower Hill Church in Auburn, where we will be assembling and delivering baskets full of Thanksgiving food. In order to make this happen and reach our goal, we are in need of help in any way you can offer it! Ways you could help are by nominating a family, becoming a corporate sponsor, making a donation, or volunteering with us. To get involved and help us feed families in need this year, check out our website at goodshepherdsfoundation.org.

We appreciate the support!

Sponsor Shoutout

Jim Trombly Plumbing

Abby Levine

Since 1967, Jim Trombly Plumbing, Heating & Cooling company has been the plumbing and heating contractor that customers turn to again and again for top value and high quality plumbing service. The Good Shepherds Foundation would like to give Jim a huge thank you for his support with the 5k Duck Race.

<https://tromblyplumbing.com>



Writing Submission

Good Shepherds Foundation is proud to announce our most recent addition to our newsletters - a writing submission! Each newsletter will feature a piece of writing submitted by an elementary or middle school student.

October Prompt : Write about your favorite fall activity!

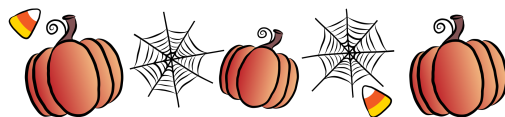
Our very first piece of writing is from Caden, a middle schooler at Learning Skills Academy. Learning Skills Academy is a school in Rye, NH whose “mission is to ignite the educational potential of students with language and learning differences so that they may succeed in school, college, and career.”

Thank you for your submission, Caden! We loved your story!

Topsfield Fair by Caden, Middle School

Have you ever been to the Topsfield Fair? I went to the Topsfield Fair a couple weeks ago. I went on the Thunderbolt Ride two times. It was a thrilling experience. There were like 20 cars. We went to one and then we put the safety bar on. They started playing very loud music, and the ride started spinning, the cart started tipping and then it went backwards. We almost flipped over.

After the rides, I got a turkey gobbler sandwich. It was pretty good. In a sandwich there was stuffing, turkey, and mayonnaise in a roll. In my opinion they should really open a restaurant. My brother ditched me in the bathroom. I only went on the one ride because my brother's friend was trying to find bunnies!!!!!!!!!!!!!! In my opinion, it was not a good fair since there were no haunted houses.



Interview : Dr. Powers

Maddie Hajduk

The following interview is with the Headmaster of Pinkerton Academy, Dr. Powers.

How did you become the Headmaster at Pinkerton?

I started teaching and coaching at Salem High School and Pelham High School, and then I became the Athletic Director at Pinkerton. After that, I transitioned to being the Dean of Students and currently, I am the Headmaster. My journey to this position was a series of events with different opportunities that led me down different paths. I was in the right place at the right time.

What has been your biggest challenge yet?

Definitely the pandemic. Many, if not all, of the past few years have been difficult because of the changes happening, and change can be hard.

What is your favorite part of being Headmaster?

Seeing the success of students and seeing faculty interacting with students is very important to me. Opportunities like this {interview} and talking to faculty around campus is definitely one of my favorite parts.

What building at Pinkerton is your favorite?

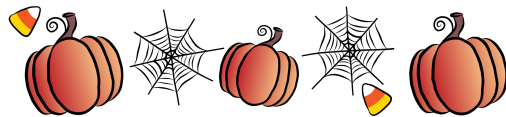
Pinkerton Hall because of its architectural history. What was held in this room around 150 years ago is interesting, and the bricks that make up this building are from a shipyard in Portsmouth.

If you could tell your 20 year old self one thing, what would it be?

Never say no to something, always be open to new opportunities and work hard. Good things will come.

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

I'd say something similar to what I'd say to myself - never say no, work hard. If one door closes, another will open. If you keep working hard, opportunities will present themselves and your hardwork will pay off.

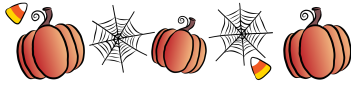


Member Spotlight - Stephen Baird

Sophie Baird

Stephen Baird II is a co-founder of the Good Shepherds Foundation. Stephen is a senior at Pinkerton Academy. He is part of the school's robotics club. For sports Stephen is on the track team. He is an active leader for the Good Shepherd Foundation. He is the race director for the Duckling Dash 5k that has run for the past six years. Stephen is also one of the coordinators for the Thanksgiving Basket Brigade. The Basket Brigade is to provide a Thanksgiving meal for people in need of a good meal. He loves to volunteer and be involved in things like helping out for Habitat Humanity. He also volunteers for Bread and Roses in Lawrence Massachusetts. Stephen is planning on studying mechanical engineering in college and hopes to work in the aerospace industry when he graduates.





Good News

Delaney Petri

Sometimes with all the bad things going on in the world its hard to see the good. Although the world has been through a lot the last two years, there are so many things good people do every day. Just like Amelia Earhart said “A single act of kindness throws out roots in every direction” You never know what someone is going through, so be kind to everyone. These are some amazing examples of kindness being spread even though the hardest of times.

On October 20th in New Zealand a local emergency response center received a call from a four year old boy. When the dispatcher picked up the phone she was met with a little boys voice.

He said “Police lady..? Can I tell you something? I’ve got some toys for you.”

She responded “You’ve got some toys for me?”

“Yep! Come over and see them!” He exclaimed

The short talk was quickly interrupted by the boys father taking the phone and telling her there was no emergency. The dispatcher then hung up the phone and called any local police and asked if there was one available to see the boy. The closest police stopped by the boys house, and took him in a short drive in the car. The parents were very grateful and thanked the officer.

In Naples a man called Luca Trapanese, had wanted to adopt a child forever. The adoption agency made it very difficult for a single man in Italy, he was told he would only get a child with a severe disabling condition or illness. He had worked with the disabled in the past so he knew he had the right experience and was up for the job. He didn’t miss a beat when the agency called him and told him there was a baby girl by the name of Alba with severe Down syndrome who had been abandon by her parents and rejected by 20 other potential families. He adopted her and has since then been posting videos of their life together on social media. He stated “I didn’t think it would go this way [...] It’s just our life story.”

A dog named Stumpy from the UK is a Labrador and has saved more than 100 canine lives with his way of giving. He has a career of a guide dog but sadly had problems with a deformed leg. He has found a new way to help dogs of all breeds, by giving blood. Stumpy has been given the title “most prolific blood-donor dog” He has a negative blood type which allows him to donate to any dog! Stumpy’s owner stated in a interview with the Daily Mail “He has no idea what he’s doing, but if he did I’m sure he would be really proud of himself!” Every day people, and dogs, are helping to make the world a better place! So why don’t you, go out and challenge yourself to do 5 good deeds. You can do it! Maybe you’ll be the next person on the good news article!

