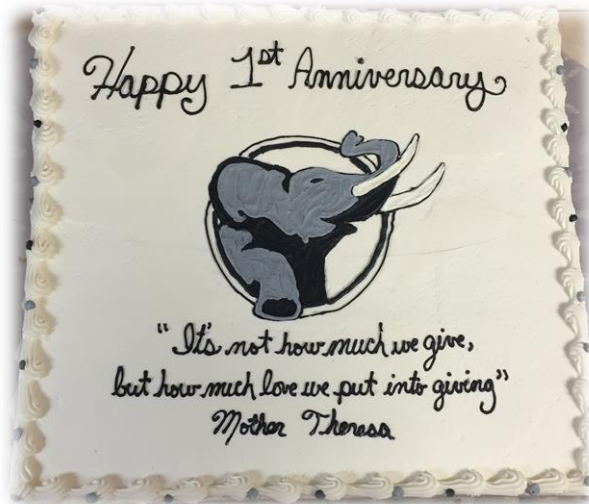


TantorGives! News



TantorGives! Celebrates Year End Successes

The last couple months of 2015 were busy but hugely successful for TantorGives! The November food drive benefitting the Shoreline Soup Kitchens and Pantries resulted in a record breaking **528 pounds** of food donated. That is 233 pounds more than we donated last year, and 178 pounds past our goal for 2015.

In its third year, the Adopt a Family Holiday Wishes Program took on the holiday wishes of 32 local children. Tantor provided gifts for 17 children through the Connecticut Family Support Network and 15 children through the Old Saybrook Youth and Family Services department. In all, there were 100 mittens on our mitten tree, and hundreds of gifts were purchased. This program has grown every year since its inception, and that is thanks to Tantor employees who enthusiastically support it every year.

Thanks to Diane James-Hart, TantorGives! was introduced to the New London Homeless Hospitality Center in 2015. Many TantorGives! members took a tour of the facility and learned of all the ways this organization helps homeless people get their lives back on track so they can get back on their feet. As a way to honor the first anniversary of TantorGives! we donated the \$600 proceeds of our basket raffle to the NLHHC, and also made an additional \$2,000 donation in December.

The spirit of generosity at Tantor is overwhelming. TantorGives! would not be successful without the continual support of all of you. Please take a moment to read the thank-you letters we have received on the TantorGives! bulletin board. These are just some of the ways that Tantor has helped make a difference in the lives of people in our community.



Have an idea for TantorGives!? Submit to tantorgives@tantor.com
We look forward to hearing from you!

3rd Annual Totes of Hope Collection

From **March 1-25** please bring in **toiletries for the Totes of Hope Drive.**

Our goal is to fill 20 tote bags!

The Totes of Hope drive supports local homeless veterans. The goal of this drive is to fill tote bags with donated personal care items and distribute them to the VA hospitals in the area. A collection box will be set up in the reception area. Please help support our local veterans.

Here is a list of the type of toiletries needed:

- Socks
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Dental Floss
- Deodorant
- Body wash
- Hand sanitizer
- Disposable Razors
- Shaving Cream
- Combs/Brushes
- Rain Poncho
- Flashlights with batteries
- Pocket Tissues
- Antibacterial ointment
- Deck of Cards
- Pocket mirror
- Fleece Throws
- A Note of Thanks to the veteran who will receive a tote!



Red Cross Blood Drive: Interest Survey



TantorGives! is looking to support a Red Cross blood drive or transportation to a blood drive. In order to proceed, we need to gauge the interest level here at Tantor. Please email tantorgives@tantor.com by **March 4, 2016** if you would be interested in donating blood. More details are TBD based on interest.

Upcoming 2016 Fundraising and Charity Events:

- **March 1-25:** Totes of Hope Drive
- **March 17:** Bake sale for the New London Homeless Hospitality Center's 9th annual Walk to End Homelessness
- **April 1:** Read to Grow Donations Kick Off
- **April 24:** Walk to End Homelessness
- **July-August:** School Supply Drive
- **November:** Thanksgiving Food Drive
- **December:** Holiday Mittens

More events TBD

ONLY NEW ITEMS ARE ACCEPTED

**Have a charity event/fundraiser that you will be participating in?
Submit to tantorgives@tantor.com so that we can support your great cause!**

Upcoming TantorGives! Charity Book Drive

Read to Grow is a local nonprofit organization that operates statewide to promote language-building and literacy for children beginning at birth, and support parents as their babies' first teachers. They provide families in need with books to read to their children to help increase literacy rates, and teach parents how to become active participants in their child's learning process.

Beginning April 1st, we will have a donation box in the front foyer to collect new or gently used books geared toward children ages 0-13. The donation box will remain in the foyer all month long. Spring clean your personal libraries and bring us any children's books you may find! Please contact Sarah Sweeney at ssweeney@tantor.com with any questions!



Walk to End Homelessness

On **April 24th at 2pm** the New London Homeless Hospitality Center will be sponsoring a 2 mile Walk to End Homelessness with proceeds going to the shelter.

In 2015, TantorGives! visited and donated towards the Center and we look forward to continuing to support this great organization. **Sign-up sheets will be located on the TantorGives! board starting March 7th.** Registration will be \$10 per person.

There will also be a bake sale held at Tantor on March 17th to raise money for the Center.

Look for more information coming soon.



Update: Pull Tab Collection to Benefit Ronald McDonald House

Since last summer's drop off, **32.5 pounds** of pull tabs have been collected. Tantor, combined with other resources, has helped to collect the tabs for the Ronald McDonald House of CT in New Haven. Every other month, the Ronald McDonald House takes the tabs to a recycling center, the tabs are weighed, and they are paid the market weight per pound of aluminum. All of the money is used to support families staying at the house while their child is undergoing medical treatment.

Joan Carlson makes an annual drop off in June, so let's keep collecting! Remember, if the tab sticks to a magnet it is not aluminum.

Committee Members

The TantorGives! committee has grown since the last newsletter!

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Brandy Lawrence: Production Assistant
Diane James-Hart: Accounting Assistant
Jason Otrin: IT Manager
Kara Boucher: Acquisitions Assistant
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Sarah Sweeney: Audio Proofreader