If owning a home is the American Dream, then Crystal is on a pathway towards that goal. But the college-educated Veteran was far from that achievement a few years ago.

In 2011 she had a rough pregnancy with her first child and had to leave work. Soon after her second child was born she left her husband. She had a van, two bags of clothes and two kids under four years old. She wasn’t sure where help, both financially and emotionally, was going to come from. That’s when a friend recommended NHCO for guidance.

Soon she was able to put down the first months’ rent on an apartment. But the bills kept coming. “You learn that you either keep the lights on or you put food in your mouth,” Crystal said while looking back on her struggles.

She then enrolled in NHCO’s Pathways Program where individuals set goals to become self-sufficient. A service coordinator guided her through the various programs offered at NHCO. They used the food pantry, and was assisted in applying for food stamps and child care services. Her children received school supplies, winter coats and holiday gifts through NHCO’s sharing projects. With her immediate needs taken care of, Crystal was able to concentrate on getting a job and moving forward.

“The great thing about The Pathways Program is it’s all about empowerment,” said Nicole Zeak, a Pathways Program Service Coordinator. “I’m not giving her anything she didn’t already have. She had all of the tools in her toolbox. I’m just there to show her how to use some of them.” NHCO’s mission is extremely important to Nicole. She used the organization’s services when she was a child while her parents were divorcing.

“Something that’s important to me when working with clients like Crystal is letting them know about my own story,” Nicole added “I’m happy to come full circle and be here now as an adult to provide some of the services that were provided to me as a child.”

“Thank you,” Crystal repeatedly said during a recent meeting. They were filling out a loan application for a home.
Volunteer Opportunities at NHCO
Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator Harriet Klatte if you’re interested in these opportunities
hzklatte@nhco.org • 412-408-3830 x 3204

In Service of Seniors Holiday Project
Spread a little cheer to someone who might be lonely this season.
Help coordinate the delivery of Thanksgiving Meals and holiday gifts to local seniors. This is part of our In Service of Seniors program where volunteers help seniors live comfortably and with dignity in their homes.

Speakers Bureau
Be the voice of NHCO.
Give presentations to local businesses, organizations, schools, congregations, scout troops and more about our services and mission. We also need volunteers to staff information tables at community events, health fairs, career fairs, car cruises and more.

Free Rides for Seniors – Drivers and Dispatchers
We provide training and no special license is needed.
Our shuttles provide door-to-door service along the Route 28 corridor weekdays 10am- 4pm. Important destinations include medical appointments, grocery stores, banks, pharmacies and other locations critical to their well being. The ride along dispatcher assists the driver by taking calls, navigating the route and helping passengers onto the shuttle.

Ring bells for NHCO during the holiday season!
Nov. 21 – Dec. 24
You’ve seen them, and you’ve definitely heard them. So now join them. Help us ring in the holiday season and become a Bell Ringer during our Salvation Army Kettle Campaign. No rhythm, no problem. It’s all about holiday cheer for a great cause.
Two locations - Walmart in Gibsonia and Kuhn’s Market in Hampton

Volunteers Organize Charity Golf Tournament Benefitting NHCO
More than 80 golfers recently teed up to help those in need, thanks to the efforts of two industrious volunteers.

Mary Weber (right photo) has volunteered with NHCO for the past 15 years doing computer work. Her husband Mike, a seasonal volunteer in NHCO’s Free Income Tax Program, recently retired.

“My husband and I love golf,” Mary smiled. So they combined their passion for golf and fondness for helping others and organized a fundraiser at Pheasant Ridge Golf Club benifitting NHCO.

Participants paid $100 for a round of golf, lunch and dinner. Baskets of donated gifts from 40 local businesses were auctioned. And golfers had a chance to win a cherry red Mustang on a two-year lease if they scored a hole-in-one on the 17th hole.

Interested in organizing a fundraiser for NHCO? Contact Erica - emcochran@nhco.org • 412-487-6316, opt 1 ext. 3112

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Winter Coat Collection  
Sept. 3 – Oct. 11  
Winter is coming. Please consider donating new and gently used coats to give to those less fortunate in our community. We’re collecting clean coats in all sizes for men, women and children with working zippers and buttons.

Winter gloves, hats and scarves are also needed, and are greatly appreciated.

Thanksgiving on Every Table Collection  
Oct. 7 – Nov. 8  
Help us fill their table this holiday season. NHCO distributes hundreds of complete Thanksgiving dinners to local families experiencing hardship during this festive time. Please donate nonperishable items and help us bring joy this Thanksgiving. Or, if you’re up for the task, start your own collection drive and bring the items to us to distribute.

Holiday Gift Collection  
Nov. 11 – Dec. 11  
‘Tis the season for giving toys! We’re holding our annual toy collection, giving thousands of less fortunate children a reason to smile. We’re collecting new toys, games, gift cards and stuffed animals for children of all ages. Consider holding a toy collection of your own and help us spread the cheer this holiday season.

Donated Items can be dropped off at any of our three locations 9am-4pm, Monday through Friday.

Our Allison Park office is also open for donations the first Saturday of the month from 9am-noon.

You can also arrange a drop off by calling 412-487-6316 opt 1.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with our Back to School Sharing Project this fall!
Other Ways to Help

Donate your Unwanted Car
and help someone get on the road out of hardship

Funds received from the sale of your car will help people with transportation needs, such as emergency vehicle repairs, CONNECT cards, gas cards or even a new car. **Pickup or towing is free.** Visit NHCO’s donation page or call 412-408-3830 ext 3225 for more information.

**You’ll be helping people stay on the road during times of financial difficulty**

Sharing Winter Warmth
How often have you thought “we are truly blessed?”
Share your blessings by giving the gift of heat and light.

Your donation of $50 towards a person’s heating bill...

...will warm a family during the cold winter.

**Brighter Days Ahead**
[nhco.org/donate/sww](http://nhco.org/donate/sww)

Help Us Keep Our Community Clean
NHCO adopted a road in North Park and we need volunteers to help keep it clean.

Please contact Harriet for more information
hzklatte@nhco.org • 412-408-3830 x 3204

Rosalinda Sauro Sirianni Memorial Garden Wish List

NHCO’s garden provides fresh and highly nutritious food to our food pantries. Help us keep growing by donating these items.

**Don’t throw away that bale of hay!**
Do you use hay bales in your fall décor? We’ll take them when they’re no longer wanted.

*We also need:*
- Gift cards to Home Depot, Lowe’s or any local gardening stores
- Garden gloves
- Seed packets

Learn more about our garden at [NHCO.org](http://NHCO.org)

Corporate Matching Gifts!

**DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT** with a matching gift or volunteer incentive grant from your employer. Many employers will match your financial donation in part or in full. Some will financially match your volunteer hours, too.

Visit [nhco.org/corporate-matching-gifts](http://nhco.org/corporate-matching-gifts)
Upcoming Events and Fundraisers

Have fun while helping your neighbors in need

Lean On Me Singing Event
Saturday, Sept. 14th, 7pm
St. John’s Lutheran Church, 311 Cumberland Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15237
The North Hills Harmony Line Chorus, a member of the Barbershop Harmony Society, will sing songs of togetherness. Admission is any amount you’d like to donate to NHCO. Non-perishable food items are also being collected.

Fun Run & Walk
Saturday, Sept. 28, 8-11am
Millvale Riverwalk Park, 70 River Front Dr, Millvale, PA 15209
Learn how you can help NHCO during The Pittsburgh Marathon this spring. Join other jogging and walking enthusiasts for a little exercise before taking in some libations that evening at our next event...

Wigle Whiskey’s Barrelhouse benefit for NHCO
Saturday, Sept. 28, 3-6pm
Wigle Whiskey’s Barrelhouse, 1055 Spring Garden Avenue, North Side, 15212
Enjoy whiskey and other spirits while helping your neighbors in need. Wigle will donate 9.9% of the drink and bottle sales to NHCO, helping support our mission.

Got It Covered presented by Seubert & Associates
Friday, Nov. 15
West View V.F.W. Post 2754, 386 Perry Hwy, West View, PA 15229
$15 for three great bands, food and fun. Enjoy the Celtic and classic rock sound of Corned Beef & Curry, surf rock from The Turbosonics and classic rock and roll from Midlife Crisis. Local abstractionist and part-time musician Chuck Olson will emcee the event.

Block Party
Sunday, March 22, 2020
The Chadwick, 10545 Perry Highway, Wexford PA 15090
Save the date for one of our biggest and most fun events of the year. Stay tuned for more information.

First Ever Corks For The Community Fundraiser a Huge Success

Volunteers, Donors, Board Members, and new faces alike had the chance to meet and discuss what’s happening at NHCO over a glass of wine, or two. Guests also enjoyed a silent auction, wine pull and live painting.
MISSION
North Hills Community Outreach addresses the needs of people in crisis, hardship and poverty.

WE ENVISION
Northern Allegheny County as a sharing community where no one should feel cold, hungry or alone.

Thank You Quotes

“Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! You have no idea the blessing you have been to me! The shop just called and told me everything is done and taken care of! Such a relief! I feel like a weight has even lifted! I can’t thank you enough!”
- A Transportation Assistance Client who needed her car repaired

You’ve given me some hope for the first time in a very long time. Thank you. You guys do a very good thing out there. I was in a level of desperation I didn’t want to admit to. Again, from the bottom of my heart, I thank you.
- A Resource Client in financial distress because of health problems

“I came to a point in my life when I wanted to give up...That’s when I think NHCO literally saved my life... The most important thing is to say thank you very much.”
- A Pathways Client who came to NHCO during an extremely difficult time in her life