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DAVID VANDERBILT

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Align Credit Union collected over 100 new and unused stuffed animals for the **Amesbury Police Department's Stuffed Animal Drive**. These toys will be given to children who are accident victims, crime victims, crime witnesses, coping with loss, are sick or injured, or have experienced a traumatic event. Tom Hanshaw, Amesbury Police Crime Prevention Officer, said the toys will provide comfort and calm for the children during difficult times.

Supportive Living Inc., which provides residencies for survivors of brain injury, celebrated its 25th anniversary gala at **Fenway Park**. The nonprofit operates **three facilities** on the North Shore, the McLaughlin House in **North Reading**, Warren House in **Woburn**, and Old Farm in **Rockport**. The “Dream the Impossible Dream” paid tribute to cofounder Carrol Stephens and philanthropists Joyce and Bill Cummings, who, through the **Cummings Foundation**, have been longtime supporters and awarded the residencies a \$1 million grant last year. Stephens and her late husband, Doug, began the program in 1991, after their 17-year-old son sustained a traumatic brain injury in a car accident.

After a national search, **Salem State University** has appointed Lisa McBride as its first vice president of diversity and inclusion. McBride will be the university's liaison with city and regional task forces, including **Salem's No Place for Hate Committee**. Previously, she served as the inaugural chief diversity officer at the **Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine**. This academic year, 35 percent of incoming Salem State students identify as people of color.

Endicott College was recently approved as a new chapter for the **Student Veterans of America**, a nonprofit coalition of more than 1,400 student chapters that represents over 540,000 veterans in higher education nationwide. The organization provides resources, support, and advocacy and

helps veterans integrate into student life. The college currently has 158 veterans enrolled.

Coastal Windows & Exteriors owner Stephanie Vanderbilt donated 25 turkeys to **The Open Door** food pantry in **Gloucester**. Vanderbilt donated each turkey on behalf of a November customer. The Open Door works to build food security and advocates for those in need by connecting them to nutritious food. Coastal Windows and Exteriors, which specializes in window replacements, roofing, siding, and more, is based in **Beverly**.

The **Lazarus House** in **Lawrence** has named Tuesday, Nov. 29 **#GivingTuesday**, and shares four ways the community can help give back: Volunteering in its soup kitchen to help provide more than 1,200 meals and groceries to 829 families each week; supporting its emergency shelter and transitional home programs; supporting its education and work preparation programs; and donating blankets, toys, coats, and other winter items to one of its thrift stores. Anyone can hold coat, hat, or glove drives, and a guide to donating items can be found on the Charity Navigator [website](#).

StonehamBank donated \$4,000 to Stoneham's **Robin Hood Elementary School Homework Club**. The club provides a stress-free, supportive environment where students can work with teachers and peers to complete assignments. StonehamBank's Community Involvement Program and Charitable Foundation allows donations to local groups.

The six students of **Manchester-by-the-Sea's Brookwood School's** D-Zign Girlz class and their instructors, sixth grade science teacher Annie Johnson and Innovation Coordinator Rich Lehrer, received **Beverly's Harborlight Community Partners'** 2016 Service Partner Award. The students, **Sophia Barrett** of Manchester and Gloucester; **Ella Dooling** of

Byfield; **Abigail Groom** of Marblehead and Salem; **Brooke Guerster** of Manchester; **Abby Loughery** of Manchester; and **Gracie Parks** of Topsfield were recognized by **state Senator Bruce Tarracq** on behalf of the Commonwealth. The girls solved problems and challenges facing senior citizens at Harborlight House in Beverly by designing and creating devices they could use in their everyday lives.

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