

Andrea Condodemetraky has been a dedicated board member of *The Santa Fund of the Lakes Region* for almost 10 years and she is co-creator of the *Care Closet* at Laconia Middle School. The *Care Closet* provides food, clothing and hygiene supplies to LMS students in need. Andrea is also co-creator of the *Cereal Heroes*, a group of boys who shovel snow and raise money to provide food and other items to kids and families in need in Laconia.



In 2013 Andrea was the gracious recipient of the Debra Bienarz Award that honors a member of the community who has enriched the lives of young people.

Andrea is a huge supporter of non-profits in the area and is very passionate about giving back to the community where she lives with her husband Mark and three boys, Deano, Lex and Niko. She is a Lakes Region Dancing with the Stars Alum where she danced to raise money for the Santa Fund in 2015 and met Laura Brusseau who she teamed up with to create *The Spirit of Hope and Kindness Award* to recognize the wonderful things kids in our community are doing for others.

Laura Brusseau is a high school social studies teacher at Inter-lakes High School, where she also advises the Interact Service Club and helps with the Girls on the Run Program. Laura is the co-founder of *Hunger and Homelessness Week* at Plymouth State University, an AmeriCorps alumnus, and co-founder of the *Faith, Hope, and Love Foundation* whose mission is to help children and youth suffering from hunger, and homelessness. *Faith, Hope, and Love Foundation* celebrated thirteen years this January.



Laura started the *Alternative Spring Break* program, *Mr. LHS* and *The Great Sleep out* at Laconia High School. Laura is also the co-founder of *Lakes Region Dancing with the Stars*, which has raised over \$75,000 for local charities in the past few years. Laura plans creative fundraisers and donates the money to charity, through her *Be the Voice for the Voiceless Campaign*, which she started in 2014; some events include *Painting for Pibbles*, *Cupcakes for a Cause* and *Wear Your Heart* fashion show. Laura is the co-founder of *The Spirit of Hope and Kindness Awards*, an event to spotlight children and youth doing good throughout the region.

Laura is a former *Circle Girl* Mentor and past President of the *Plymouth State Alumni Association*. She also supports the *Love 146 Taskforce* to end Human Trafficking. Laura enjoys volunteering for nonprofits that focus on women's rights, children's charities, hunger and homelessness issues and helping end breed discrimination of Pibble Breeds. Laura participated in the *Million Pibble March* in Washington D.C to protest breed specific discrimination. Laura is also a *Girls Who Hike National Ambassador*, which empowers women through hiking.

Laura has been honored with awards including the Gold Award the highest rank in Girl Scouts of America (2000), a collegiate All-American Scholar (2004), Top twenty graduating seniors at Plymouth State College (2004). The *Union Leader* named her a recipient of the *40 under 40 Award* (2009). She was chosen as the first Habitat for Humanity Teachers Fellow Program (2010), Plymouth State Distinguished Alumni Award (2011), Lakes Region Hero Award (2014), the New Hampshire Civic Leader of the Year (2014), Fusion Impact on the Lakes Region Award Recipient (2015), received numerous citations from United States Senators and Representatives and recently named a *Paul Harris Fellow* by Rotary International(2015). She was chosen to Keynote the Altrusa International Northeast Conference (2016) and the WPI Philanthropy Sorority Ball (2017). In December (2018) Laura was honored with the Boy Scouts of America by receiving the *Lakes Region Good Citizen Award for Character and Citizenship*.

Laura believes that there is more good in the world than bad, and positive change can be made by anyone at any age! She believes that gratitude, kindness, and service can transform lives.

In her spare time she loves: to work on her photography, read, travel, go hiking with her pup, Calli, and make new memories with friends! Laura is currently hiking the 48 4,000 footers in New Hampshire.