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CELEBRATION

Start Here: A Place For New Mainers

Where do refugees and asylum seekers find shelter when they've newly arrived in #Vacationland? For 43 people, over the course of six months, it's been Yarmouth. The Compassionate Housing Initiative, a partnership between three churches, has provided beds, meals, and rides to these newest Mainers. In an exclusive interview, Anne Turner explained how First U's involvement extends further: "Volunteers participate in weekly conversation circles, building warm relationships with New Mainers as they learn English. These connections have developed to include help with finding jobs, moving into apartments, and mentoring." Our editorial team is so impressed that we forgot to mention we borrowed ABC's slogan for our headline. Oops!

OPPORTUNITY

Go There: Gather Thursday, January 26

This reporter can't attest to where CNN wants you to go, but we can tell you where Nancy Dix is hoping you'll go. "Our Gather nights are a wonderful opportunity to hang out with friends, and are fundraisers that involve no set-up or clean-up," gushed Nancy, "It's also fun, builds community, is family friendly, involves eating good food which is locally sourced, and supports a local business!" First U members and friends fill the dining room, live music is provided, and a portion of the profits goes to First U. Reservations are requested, so sign up for a 5pm or 7pm seating. Let's go now to our on-the-scene reporter to learn more: "Mmm," our reporter verified. Now: traffic.

TRANSPARENCY

Fair & Balanced: Holiday Fair Fairs Well With Fares

Local Fox affiliate station, WPFO, has not covered First U's Evergreen Holiday Fair fundraising numbers, but that's why we at *The Financial Times* are committed to being your best pre-post-truth news source in Yarmouth. This week those close to Marge Titcomb leaked documents containing the following information: \$8,000 was raised for the church at the Holiday Fair, with \$3,000 coming from the silent auction and \$1,000 from the Giving Tree. It appears that the Giving Tree will remain in the Gathering Room through January with many opportunities to support the church. When reached for comment, Marge responded: "It was, as always, loads of fun, weather was great, and lunch sold out!"