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## **New Hope Woman to Sponsor Benefit Evening of Giving**

NEW HOPE-Marilyn Bullock of Newhopepennsylvania.com has announced an Evening of Giving Wednesday, Dec. 3, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Variété, 34 W. Ferry St.

Ms. Bullock is the local representative of the Heartfelt organization, a nonprofit group whose mission is "changing people's lives through the healing power of heartfelt service."

In previous years she has organized two smaller holiday events to gather donations for families in need. This year, she wanted to create an event that would benefit men, women, and children in the local community and provide another opportunity for everyone in the community to participate.

She approached Greg Conocchioli, owner of Variété, and he offered to host the event at his shop.

"I try to give something back to the community every year," Mr. Conocchioli said.

He will provide hors d'oeuvres and wine for the evening. The general public is invited to attend. Admission for the evening is a donation, check or an item selected from a "wish list" that is available at [www.newhopepennsylvania.com](http://www.newhopepennsylvania.com).

In addition, Mr. Conocchioli also is donating 10 percent of all sales made that evening.

The event will benefit three local organizations-Fisherman's Mark, A Woman's Place in Bucks County and the Women's Crisis Center in Hunterdon County. These organizations were selected for the range of services they offer and for the geographical area to which they cater.

Ms. Bullock's earlier events benefited families in Philadelphia.“

The New Hope-Lambertville area is the 'richest' place in which I have ever lived,” Ms. Bullock said. “I don't mean 'rich' in the sense of money. What I am referring to is the sense of giving and volunteerism that exists here-something I think many take for granted because it is so ingrained in our community.“

She hopes the Evening of Giving will become an annual event people can plan on each year and a simple one. There is no auction, no dinner, no dance; just an opportunity for people to give to a good cause.

All donations are welcome. Items requested are as simple as a small stuffed animal for a lonely child or a toothbrush for a displaced adult. A list of suggested donations is available on line at [www.newhopepennsylvania.com](http://www.newhopepennsylvania.com).

All donations go directly to the organizations. Checks can be made out to The Heartfelt Foundation. The money collected will be used by the three area organizations to purchase items for families in need.

Variété will continue to collect money and donations through Sunday, Dec. 7.

The Heartfelt Foundation is a nonprofit charitable organization. For more information, call Ms. Bullock at (215) 862-6489.

Individuals unable to attend may make a contribution by mail to New Hope Pennsylvania.com, P.O. Box 16, New Hope, PA 18938.

For information on the Heartfelt organization, visit [www.heartfelt.org](http://www.heartfelt.org).