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displayed in The Center for the Arts micro gallery at Zero Celsius Wealth Studio on Main Street in New London across from the fire station. His paintings will hang at Zero Celsius through the end of July, and free copies of *Bunsen and Pondering* are available there

while the supply lasts.

Additional paintings by Barber may also be seen at the Harbor Gallery in Sunapee through the summer. His work has been displayed in galleries from coast to coast and is in private collections worldwide.

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Frank Haley and his granddaughters Kate, Mariah, and Shannon Haley at the annual Blind Awareness Walk-a-thon. For the ninth year running, Frank was the top individual fundraiser, raising \$6,162 for the cause.

**Frank Haley Raises Over \$6,000 for Blind Awareness**

Nine-year total approaches \$39,000

By Laretta Phillips, for the *Beacon*

Frank Haley turns 90 this August and his birthday isn't the only thing he is celebrating. He is celebrating nine years as the top individual donor to the New Hampshire Blind Awareness Walk-a-Thon, which took place this year on June 8.

Congratulations Frank Haley for a job well done. Frank's total donations collected for 2013 was a whopping \$6,162, bringing his total donations for the last nine years to \$38,690. These donations have helped a lot of people in a lot of ways.

Frank and wife Ann were accompanied on this walk by daughters-in-law Norma Haley and Vickie Haley and granddaughters Katie, Mariah, and Shannon Haley. Frank, who has a brace boot on his left foot and ankle from an injury, says he enjoys the walk and the food provided to the walkers by the New Hampshire Association for the

Blind (NHAB) and their supporters.

The Walk-A-Thon is a 3K walk throughout Concord's historic district to the State House. Every year prior to the walk, Frank and his wife Ann spend time driving around to meetings, businesses, friends, and acquaintances seeking donations for this worthy cause. Frank said people are "usually pretty generous" and that without their donations, he would not be able to do this.

The Blind Awareness Walk-a-Thon has been produced each year for the past ten years by the New Hampshire Association for the Blind. The NHAB provides vision rehabilitation services for New Hampshire people of all ages who, like Frank, are blind or visually impaired.

Frank wishes to thank his family and supporters from the Andover community and beyond who donated money and time to help support the NHAB. For more information about the New Hampshire Association for the Blind or to make a donation contact them at 224-4039 or [Services@SightCenter.org](mailto:Services@SightCenter.org).



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being states away, Andover reached out to me as well, to help me when I needed it most, through the work of the Andover Service Club. I had left a low-rent apartment shared with three others in Atlanta and had left a full-time job to make a return as a full-time student at Albany Medical College. As a career path, it was certainly the right choice for me.

"But the transition from full-time employee to full-time student was difficult. Not only did I have to remember how to focus and study again, but I also suddenly found my meager savings disappearing into textbooks, student loans, and the inevitable Ramen noodle soup stash. It was here that my hometown remembered me, awarding me a scholarship through the women of the Andover Service Club. It was as if people that

I barely knew, who owed me nothing, were saying 'Keep going. We believe in you. We can do it.'

"They say the first year of medical school is the hardest. I certainly found it so. But having the support and caring of what felt like a whole small town helped to carry me through. I have since completed medical school and residency and now work in a small community ER where I try to pay forward some of the same caring and respect that was shown me ... trying to help the people of my community when they most need it, just as the people of the town of Andover helped me."

Jonathan and his wife Laura are busy with renovations on their home while waiting for the arrival of their first child. He now resides and is employed as a physician in the greater Buffalo area.