

Let it Shine!



**KEENE PUMPKIN
FESTIVAL**

PumpkinFestival.org
c/o Sterling, 214 Washington Street
Keene, NH 03431



August 2, 2018

Dear Friend,

This past October 29th, children, their pumpkin creations, and their families returned to downtown Keene to celebrate the fall, our community and the return of the Keene Pumpkin Festival. We have never felt such community spirit. In spite of the drizzle, children—dressed up in Halloween costumes with colorful umbrellas overhead—walked around Central Square full of thousands of carved pumpkins. The energy was palpable! The families were there because they remembered the Keene Pumpkin Festival experience and they wanted to have it again, even in the rain. It was heartwarming. It was exhilarating. It was all we could have hoped for.

We kept the Festival small, a request from our City, by inviting Keene school children to fill Central Square with their carved orange masterpieces. Pumpkin Festival encourages children to see how they can turn their jack-o'-lanterns into works of art to display for their community.

We need your support to bring this free community tradition back to downtown Keene in 2018. The event is planned for Sunday, October 28. There will be games for the children, music, and, of course, the stars of the show, the pumpkins.

Help us bring the magic, community spirit and thousands of flickering orange gourds back to downtown Keene by making a contribution to the Festival or volunteering to help make it happen.

Keene Pumpkin Festival's home is in downtown Keene. Help us keep the Festival's light shining.

To make a contribution or volunteer, please go to pumpkinfestival.org.

With gratitude,

Nancy Sporborg
On behalf of Let it Shine and everyone who
loves kids, smiles and pumpkins

Shaundi Rider photo, 2017



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