

PUBLIC COMMENTS - 2024

Genesis

January 10, 2024

Glenn Hutchinson
Bath Savings Institution
PO Box 548
Bath, ME 04530

Glenn
Best wishes for
happy new year
ahead!
All my best,
Liza

Dear Glenn:

On February 10, 2024, Bath Savings Institution's investment with a balance of \$100,000.00 will mature. Investment loans like this one are vital to the Genesis Fund, as we continue to respond to urgent needs in our communities.

This investment, along with others, enables us to provide essential capital to help our community partners create and preserve affordable housing, add childcare slots, provide more shelter beds, expand food bank capacity, and more. Recent projects include:

- Supporting **Tedford Housing's** ambitious journey to break ground on a 64-bed emergency shelter in **Brunswick**, with ten family apartments and dormitory space for adults. On-site case management services will assist residents in finding and securing permanent housing. The Genesis Fund provided a bridge loan to purchase over three acres of land in Cook's Corner, where the shelter will be built.
- Working with local developers like **Pat Dearborn** and **Jon Miller** to transform distressed Maine properties in **Dexter**, **Kenduskeag** and **Augusta** into quality rental homes for people with moderate and lower incomes, including seniors, veterans and people with disabilities. With flexible Genesis Fund loans, smaller-scale housing developers like Pat and Jon can keep construction costs manageable – and rents affordable.
- Providing financing to **Eastport Health Care** for the transformation of a commercial building in **Machias** into a state-of-the art medical facility providing essential primary care, dental and mental health services, and pediatric care. This nonprofit, federally qualified health center opened in August, making comprehensive health care services available – and affordable – to hundreds of families in Washington County.

Bath Savings' investment partnership with the Genesis Fund is essential to our success in connecting capital to community needs. **We thank you for your commitment to our work, and ask that you continue by renewing this investment today.** Thank you again for your ongoing support!

Regards,



Liza Fleming-Ives
Executive Director

Enclosure





MIDCOAST SENIOR COLLEGE

...because learning never ends

Glenn L. Hutchinson
President and CEO
Bath Savings Institution
105 Front Street
Bath, Maine 04530

February 13, 2024

Dear Glenn,

Bath Savings Institution's sponsorship of \$1000 for Midcoast Senior College's is gratefully acknowledged and deeply appreciated. Your contribution to Midcoast Senior College helps us to provide life-long learning opportunities for senior citizens within our greater community. With your support we can offer a wide array of opportunities to our membership and the Midcoast region.

We strive to maintain low-cost tuition for our students despite the rise in our operating costs. With the help of supportive community sponsors like you, we can achieve our mission. Your sponsorship will be publicized on printed materials, our website and during the year's outreach efforts.

We could not continue to operate as we currently do without your support, and we hope that we can continue to count on you in future years. Thank again for helping us deliver quality programming for our Midcoast seniors.

Most sincerely,

Donna Marshall
Executive Director, MSC

cc/ Shannon Anketell



PINE TREE SOCIETY

discovering abilities together

March 8, 2024

Mr. Glenn Hutchinson
Bath Savings Institution
105 Front St
Bath, ME 04530-2608

Dear Mr. Hutchinson,

On behalf of the individuals and families who will be impacted by your generosity, I cannot thank you enough for your recent gift of \$10,000.00.

Thanks to you, Pine Tree Camp continues to expand, offering programming on a year-round basis to campers and families. Whether attending an overnight summer session or a winter Family Camp, the impact is the same. Campers leave transformed thanks to the unique combination of access to the outdoors in a barrier-free environment while making friends that will last a lifetime.

As a mom recently shared with us - Pine Tree Camp is so much more than just a camp. For her daughter Pine Tree Camp is "heaven on earth." We thank you for helping us bring this transformational experience to Maine children and adults with disabilities and their families - year after year, no matter what.

It takes a team - and we are grateful that you are part of ours. On behalf of Pine Tree Camp, campers, and families, thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Noel Sullivan

Noel J. Sullivan
President and CEO

This letter serves to confirm that no goods or services were exchanged as a result of this donation.

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Auburn, ME 04210

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149 Front Street
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April 5, 2024

Bath Savings Institution

Stephanie Wagg, VP

P. O. Box 548

Bath, ME 04530

Dear Stephanie:

It is because of your support that, after 50 years, Freeport Community Services continues to be a beacon of hope during times of need for many. Thank you for believing in the mission of FCS and for your gift of \$500.

FCS is an enduring, thriving social service organization proudly meeting the needs of those living in Freeport and Pownal. With our mission of enriching lives, connecting neighbors, and helping those in need, FCS not only addresses emergent needs with essential resources, but provides a venue and countless opportunities for members of the community to participate in social, educational, arts and cultural, as well as physical movement activities.

To assist you in complying with tax regulations, Freeport Community Services acknowledges that no goods or services were received in return for these gifts.

Thank you again for supporting us in our mission and in helping those in need in Freeport and Pownal. Your commitment to FCS is a commitment to your community. Your generous support is greatly appreciated.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads 'Sarah Lundin'.

**Sarah Lundin
Executive Director**

*Stephanie and the Bath Savings team, thank you for so generously supporting FCS and all that we do for our community. We could not do what we do without your longstanding partnership.
Sarah*



April 23, 2024

Ms. Stephanie Wagg
Bath Savings Institution
PO Box 548
Bath, ME 04530

Dear Ms. Wagg:

Thank you and everyone who is part of Bath Savings Institution for joining us in fighting hunger, reducing food waste, and strengthening our community with your generous contribution of \$500.00 on 03/28/2024. We are in awe and appreciate your dedication to supporting our community through Wayside.

In the past year, we faced more challenges testing our resilience and generosity. Our work focuses on sharing food to build strong connections and support systems. It remains a humbling yet heartfelt challenge. Although this year has brought heartbreak to many worldwide and here in Maine, you all have continued to show up for each other through your support of Wayside's and our partners' work. You have helped us to share millions of pounds of food with more than 100 partner programs across Southern Maine.

We never take it for granted that you choose to invest in our community through Wayside. We are honored and humbled by the responsibility you entrust to us. Your support will do more than prevent hunger. You are part of bringing families, friends, and neighbors together. You are helping preserve and share food traditions.

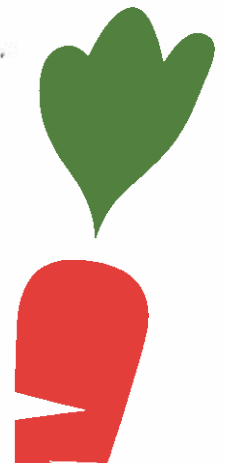
On behalf of all of us at Wayside, thank you for the vital role you play in our work and our partner organizations, ensuring all our community members have enough good food.

Take care and be well,

Thank you!



Mary Zwolinski, Executive Director



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In accordance with IRS regulations, we verify that no goods or services were provided to you in return for your contribution.

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Mid Coast Maine

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April 24, 2024

Bath Savings Institution
Mara Pennell
105 Front St, PO Box 548
Bath, ME 04530

Dear Mara,

Thank you for Bath Saving Institution's generous gift of \$33,333, made on April 11, 2024, to Tedford Housing in support of our capital campaign for a new emergency housing building. This is a payment towards your pledge to the capital campaign.

After years of planning, we are excited to finally be moving forward with our new facility and look forward to breaking ground soon. Your gift will help make this long-time dream a reality.

Every day, we see how our programs and services are improving the quality of life of our neighbors in the community. But we also see that there are many more people who need our help. By supporting Tedford Housing and our new emergency housing building, you will be assisting Tedford's Board and staff as we help our neighbors in need through the creation more beds and more efficient and consolidated services.

Thank you again, and if you would like to become more involved with Tedford Housing and our work in the community, please feel free to contact me at andrew@tedfordhousing.org.

Sincerely,

Andrew

So grateful for your partnership Mara!

Andrew Lardie
Executive Director

Tedford Housing is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization. Your contribution is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. No goods or services were provided in exchange for your donation. Please retain this letter for your tax records.



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BATH, ME 04530
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LANDING YMCA
24 VENTURE AVE.
BRUNSWICK, ME 04011
207-844-2801

May 20, 2024

Glenn Hutchinson
President & CEO
Bath Savings Institution
105 Front St.
Bath, ME 04530

Dear Glenn,

A thank you is never enough to express the gratitude we have for Bath Savings continued support and belief in our mission at the Bath Area Family YMCA.

Your generous gift of \$15,000 will help to broaden our reach and deepen our impact by enhancing existing programs, developing new initiatives, and creating new opportunities for the people we serve.

Our partnership with Bath Savings has been a strong one for many years. We are grateful.

Thank you again for your partnership and continuing generosity.

Sincerely,

Rob Gray
Chief Executive Officer

*Glenn,
We're so grateful for
your long history of
support for the Bath Y.
RB*

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Deputy Director

July 26, 2024

Bath Savings Bank
Stephanie Wegg
105 Front Street
Bath, ME 04530

Dear Stephanie,

I am writing to thank you for your contribution of **\$500** to the Alex Labbe Scholarship Fund. Your support will benefit financially deserving children who may not otherwise be able to afford participating in the Parks and Recreation Department Summer Vacation Camp program.

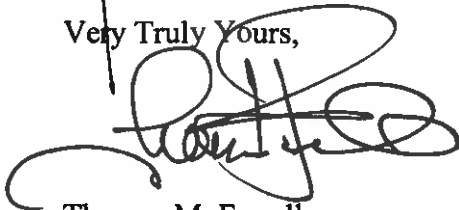
Alex Labbe was an active participant in the department's Summer Playground program for many years. He was a very positive, happy and determined boy who exhibited a sincere compassion and concern for his peers. He was greatly admired and will be remembered for his charming expressive smile.

Your contribution to the Alex Labbe Fund is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. No goods or services were provided in exchange for your generous financial donation.

Please know that your contribution to the fund positively impacts the life of a Brunswick child and his or her family. Certain local families do not have sufficient discretionary income that would allow them to pay the fees necessary to enroll their child or children in the Summer Vacation Camp program. Your generous gift affords such financially deserving children an opportunity to enjoy the days of summer surrounded by their peers with support from caring program staff in an environment that encourages personal growth, self-esteem building and fun.

Thank you again for your gracious and thoughtful gift in memory of Alex. It has made a positive difference in the life of a Brunswick child.

Very Truly Yours,



Thomas M. Farrell,
Director



*ALEX
LABBE
FOUNDATION*

33 Patriot Drive, Brunswick Maine 04011

EIN: 833610047

Date: July 03, 2024

Donor's Name: Bath Savings

Attn: Stephanie Wegg

Donor's Address: 105 Front Street, Bath ME 04530

Thank you for your donation with the value of: (\$500.00) made to the above-mentioned, 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization supporting children in need, develop happy and healthy lives—physically, emotionally and socially. It's all in the memory of Alex, a courageous young boy, who touched so many in his short 13 years of life.

I, the undersigned representative, verify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that there were no goods or services provided as part of this donation. Furthermore, as of the date of this receipt the above-mentioned organization is a current and valid 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in accordance with the standards and regulations of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

Sincerely, Judy Labbe

Thank you for your generosity. We appreciate your support!





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August 8, 2024

Dear Sarah:

Thank you for your generosity and your continued support of Rebuilding Together Lincoln County. Your donation is especially important to us, and it allows for the continuity of our important work in keeping our low-income neighbors in their homes and keeping them safe, warm, and dry.

Below is a quote from one of our recent clients, and this is why we do the work and why your support is so important.

"I am deeply grateful for everything you did to fix my roof. I am now able to provide a safe and healthy home for my 8-year-old granddaughter Arianna and myself. Thank you so very much!"

Your donation (\$1,000.00) qualifies as a charitable contribution under IRS regulations and this letter may serve as receipt. You may reference Rebuilding Together Lincoln County's #EIN: 020634626, on your income tax return.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support. On behalf of the Rebuilding Together-Lincoln County Board of Directors

Most Sincerely Yours,

Chris Higgins, Treasurer



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**BATH AREA FAMILY YMCA
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September 4, 2024

Glenn Hutchinson
Bath Savings Institution
PO Box 548
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Dear Glenn,

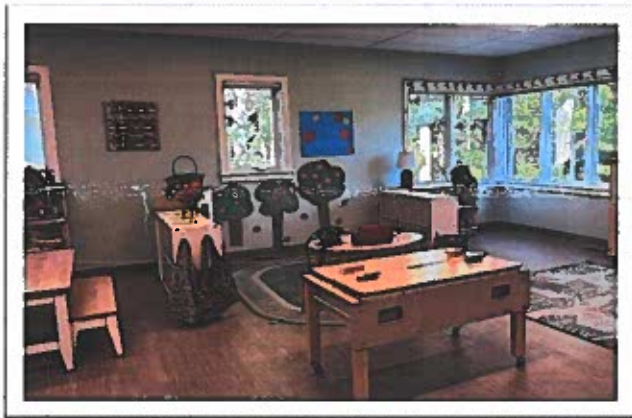
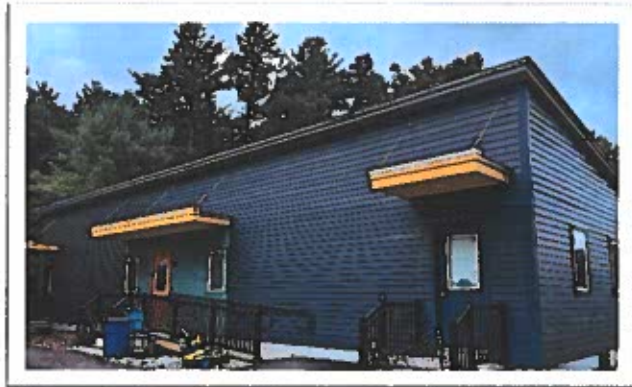
Considerable time has passed since Bath Savings Institution made its generous commitment to the Bath Y's quality childcare expansion program. Since then, much progress has been achieved as our planning has evolved to meet continuing capacity shortfalls in our midcoast area that seriously impacts children, families and employers. The purpose of this letter is to bring you up to date on our current status and plans to complete this much anticipated project over the next 15 to 18 months.

Our initial plan was to expand the Bath Y's capacity from 48 to 108 full time childcare slots for infants through pre-kindergarten, plus needed parking, in a 7.2 million dollar project. We quickly raised \$4.2 million toward the financial goal from a congressionally directed spending award and a relatively small group of supporters like you.

To accelerate the expansion, a decision was made to construct the recently opened two-classroom facility with room for 32 children as a stand alone structure, and move forward with design and engineering of the Early Learning Center, the second structure with six classrooms.

At the same time, the Y was advised of Bath Iron Works' strong interest in increasing access to childcare for its employees and the federal government's willingness to help support the creation of such needed capacity. With an excellent childcare program already in place and a major expansion project underway, Y Leadership evaluated the possibility of expanding its overall plan to help meet community childcare needs with those of the shipyard as well.

An existing 13,000 square-foot facility near Cooks Corner came on the market with potential space for ten classrooms for 132 children, parking and ample room for playgrounds. After extensive discussions, a partnership agreement is now in place for the Y to own, convert and operate that property as a full-time childcare facility primarily for BIW families. When all of the projects are complete, the Y will have the capacity to provide care for up to 240 children, including infants, toddlers and preschool-aged, in one of the most impactful childcare operations in all of Maine.



Our Treehouse classrooms, opened in January

Total costs of the childcare expansion in Bath and at Cooks Corner are estimated to be \$14 million. It is comforting to know the Y has secured \$13.2 million in commitments.

Although the Cooks Corner project is fully funded, we need to raise approximately \$1 million in new commitments to complete fundraising for the Early Learning Center in Bath.

As we reactivate our capital campaign to reach the goal, we plan to take the opportunity and plan for growth and change after 25 years at the 'new' Bath Y. When the six-classroom Early Learning Center opens, the classrooms in the main Y building will be converted back to other uses, and transformed to meet emerging needs such as our thriving year-round food program, multi-generational spaces to accommodate our teens and older adults, fitness areas to meet the demands of membership growth and a general facility tune up.

In summary, this essential wrap-up campaign will have a goal of \$4.5 million. We hope to complete this campaign by early spring 2025 and much more information will be forthcoming.

I want to thank you for your very early support. Its impact has been critical and made all that followed possible.

Sincerely,

Bill Haggett

Bill Haggett
Campaign Chair



Children watch the geotechnical survey take place on the site of the future Early Learning Center in Bath



Artist's rendering of the future Early Learning Center

Thank you for your leadership and the
Banks wonderful support of this project.
The Y will end up with 240 childcare slots
and our area with one of the largest and
highest quality childcare programs in
Maine. It is terrific to live in an area
with B.S.I. - and you as its CEO!

Bill



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Brunswick, ME 04011
207-725-2716
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September 12, 2024

Bath Savings Institution
c/o Julie Wagoner
105 Front Street
Bath, ME 04530

Hi Friends,

Thank you so much for your recent support of Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Program. Because of gifts like yours, MCHPP is able to deliver essential resources to those in need and make a tangible difference in the lives of our neighbors.

Every day, we see the profound impact of food insecurity. Families face impossible choices between paying for food or other essential needs. Seniors must decide between groceries and necessary prescriptions. Children suffer from inadequate nutrition, affecting their growth and success in school.

We are seeing more people in these difficult situations each day. In fiscal year 2024, we saw a **30% increase in Food Pantry visits** compared to fiscal year 2023 and served over 1.1 million meals to those in need. This growth indicates that more Mainers than ever are experiencing financial hardship or persistent poverty.

Despite these obstacles, the resilience of our clients inspires us to continue our mission. For over 40 years, support from donors like YOU has allowed us to address immediate hunger needs and advocate for long-term solutions that promote economic equity and food security. On behalf of the staff, board, and clients of MCHPP, thank you for your generous gift in support of MCHPP's holiday season programming through our 2024 Harvest Craft & Food Fair event and your continued partnership.

With Appreciation,

Hannah Chatalbash
Hannah Chatalbash
Executive Director

We could not be more grateful for the incredible support of the entire team at Bath Savings. Thank you for your amazing investments in our community!
Rena

Thank you for your gift of \$2,500.00 via Check 107805 on 9/9/2024.

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Serving communities in Cumberland, Sagadahoc, Androscoggin, Lincoln, Waldo, and Knox counties.



**Glenn Hutchinson, President
Bath Savings Institution
Bath, Maine, 14801**

September 23, 2024

Dear Glen,

I wish to thank the Bath Savings Institution, and you personally, for the generous donation of \$1,000 as a Hole sponsor and a sponsor of a team foursome at the Gathering Place's Annual Golf Tournament.

It is the only fundraising event that TGP has. Your contribution helped us surpass this year's goal of \$40,000. Your contribution is greatly appreciated by TGP as well as all the guests we serve on a daily and weekly basis. The amount raised goes directly into supporting the homeless and most vulnerable population in the Brunswick area. Without TGP, our guests would have no safe place to spend their days. This past winter we were also open overnight to meet the demand for an emergency warming shelter.

We hope you will consider supporting TGP again next year.

Thank you again for your contribution.

**Les Hodgdon
Board Member**

October 2024



More than you'll ever know

Bath Savings
Glenn Hutchinson
PO Box 548
Bath, ME 04530-0548

*Fostering Connections,
Inspiring Growth, Enriching
Lives. More than Books.*

Dear Glenn,

As a cornerstone of our community, Patten Free Library is **more than just a place for books**. We are a vibrant hub where people of all ages gather to learn, connect, and grow. Your business thrives in a community that values education, creativity, and innovation—qualities that we nurture every day.

Supporting Patten Free Library is an investment in our community's future, which directly benefits your business. Here is how:

- **Enhancing Workforce Development:** Our programs equip community members with valuable skills in technology, literacy, and professional growth. By supporting these initiatives, you are helping build a stronger, more capable local workforce.
- **Fostering a Vibrant Community:** A thriving library fosters community connections, attracting more residents and visitors. This vibrancy benefits local businesses by bringing in more customers.
- **Demonstrating Corporate Social Responsibility:** Supporting Patten Free Library aligns your business with a cherished community institution, showing your commitment to our shared well-being.
- **Building Brand Loyalty:** When you invest in the community, the community invests in you. Our patrons, many of whom are your customers, strengthening your brand and loyalty, will recognize your support.

We invite you to join us in our mission to be more than just a library—to be a place where our community thrives. **Your contribution, whether it be an annual gift of support or an event sponsorship, will have a lasting impact.** Glenn Hutchinson
Bath Savings's last gift to Patten Free Library was \$2000, and we cannot thank you enough for that gift. Your investment in our future made a direct impact on our patrons and in the community.

I hope you will consider supporting Patten Free Library again this year. Together, we can continue to make our community a better place to live, work, and do business.

Warm regards,

Samantha Ricker, Development Director

Thank you for all you do to support our work!

P.S. Your support, no matter the amount, directly affects our community. Consider making your gift today to help ensure that Patten Free Library remains a vibrant and welcoming space for everyone.



October 24, 2024

Bath Savings Institution
105 Front St
Bath, ME 04530-2608

Dear Bath *Savings*,

I hope you are enjoying this beautiful fall weather we have been having. It is so hard to believe that October is nearly over, and we are getting ready to transition to the holiday season! School is well underway, and students of all ages are busy in our afterschool programming learning how to cook, how to bake, how to play an instrument, and staying active through skateboarding, scootering, biking and more.

As you know this past August MYC held it's 7th Annual Set for Success event at Morse High School. This event welcomed students from across the RSU1 district and even extended beyond to include Georgetown Elementary School and surrounding towns.

Each year, this event brings incredible joy and excitement to our learning community as they get ready for a fresh start and a new school year. The event has become something that many look forward to each year, to reconnect after a busy summer – kids, parents, teachers, and community members alike.

This event would not be possible without support from people like you! We wanted to take a moment to reflect on your generosity and your continued support to ensure every child has the necessary tools they need for a successful year of learning.

The attached flyer is a thank you so that you can see all of the smiles and happy hearts that were possible because of you.

Thanks again for all that you do to be part of the MYC village and to empower local youth to thrive!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jamie Dorr". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jamie Dorr
Executive Director

650 students received Free Backpacks & School Supplies

63 students received Free Hair Cuts

SET FOR SUCCESS
thank YOU

2024



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**Special thank you to RSU1 Facilities, Sisters Gourmet Deli, Renys, Island Treasure Toys & First Student
Special Thank you to Bath Tech Cosmetology, Hair Creations & Hair Stylist Volunteers & Event Volunteers**

It takes a village. Thanks for being part of ours!



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November 20, 2024

Julie Wagoner
Bath Savings Institution
105 Front St,
Bath, ME 4530

*Thank you for your generous support
and all that you make possible!*

Dear Julie,

As farm activity at Growing to Give slows, we're reflecting on a season made possible by your support. Your partnership has been the foundation of another successful year, allowing us to cultivate organic vegetables for Mainers facing food insecurity.

With heartfelt gratitude, we're proud to share that Growing to Give has reached an important milestone: over 100,000 lbs of organic vegetables grown and donated since 2017. This achievement represents more than just pounds of produce—it embodies the impact of our mission and the vital support from sponsors like you, who make our work possible year after year. With help from gleaning partners, our vegetables reach seven counties and over twenty cities, towns, and tribal communities, extending our impact far beyond our farm fields. Every harvest we share is a testament to your role in fostering healthier, more resilient communities throughout Maine.

Your partnership has also allowed Growing to Give to become a place of connection and learning. Since the first seeds were sown with the vision of our founders, the farm has become a welcoming space where people of all ages and backgrounds come together to learn, work, and play in the garden. Through your generosity, we've been able to create opportunities to grow nourishing food while nurturing both the environment and our community.

"Everything was just so beautiful- the food that was being produced was just top quality and so abundant. It was just a pleasure to be a part of collecting this food for people in need" shared one of our dedicated volunteers.

As we map out our plots, we are also preparing for an important transition within our team. Theda Lyden, Farm Director and Co-Founder, will be retiring this year. We are profoundly grateful for her expertise, dedication, and the community she has fostered. We are committed to expanding our team and sustaining the thriving organization and culture she has cultivated.

Thanks to you, we look toward a bright future, confident in our ability to grow more nourishing food, expand our educational programming, and cultivate positive change for our environment and community.

With sincere appreciation for all you make possible, we look forward to continuing our partnership in the seasons to come. Thank you for helping us grow in and out of the garden.

With gratitude,

Sophie Halpin
Development Chair, Board of Trustees

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Theda Lyden

We harness the power of our community to grow vegetables and give them to those in need while practicing, teaching, and promoting climate-friendly farming.



December 2024

Dear *Glenn,*

Buying a home is the dream of many Maine families, but it can be confusing especially for first-time buyers. That is the main reason hoMEworks homebuyer education was created – to take potential homeowners through the process of buying a home.

This education is needed more than ever in the current sales environment. From 10/1/2023 to 9/30/2024, 1,835 clients were served through 105 Homebuyer Education Classes and pre-purchase counseling.

HoMEworks is a private, non-profit 501C3 organization overseeing the delivery of homebuyer education in Maine since 1999. Our mission is to promote a standardized, comprehensive homebuyer education program delivered by a statewide network of certified educators in a neutral environment. The eight-hour classes are offered year-round to provide guidance on all aspects of the home-buying process – from budgeting and credit through to life as a homeowner.

This education also has a direct benefit to your organization. Evidence shows that homebuyer education reduces the delinquency rate of first-time homebuyers and facilitates a smooth and efficient closing. Our goal is to continue to assist our educator partners to provide more in-person classes, while raising awareness about the importance of homebuyer education. Although we do understand that you may support/sponsor individual classes in your area, your contribution to the organization is needed to help us achieve our overall goals.

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Please visit our website www.mainehomeworks.org to get more information. Checks should be made payable to hoMEworks and sent to PO Box 2351, Augusta, ME 04338. Organizations contributing to hoMEworks at the above levels will be recognized on the hoMEworks website, which currently is averaging 2334 “hits” per month. One student shared “We found this class to be informative, appreciated how we were engaged with real-world examples and knowledge checks, and the guest speakers were so generous with their expertise and resources.” We are most grateful for any support you can give. Please help to spread the word and promote homebuyer education in Maine. Thank you in advance, and please contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.

With warm regards,
Sharon Brobst, Chair *Sharon*
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We are grateful for your support and partnership. Once again, thank you!

Kindest regards,



Nicole Evans

Executive Director

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