



**THE MAINE
CHILDREN'S HOME**
for Little Wanderers
Serving families and children since 1899



Open Arms

February 2017

Greetings!



What a difference a week makes here in Waterville, Maine. Like much of Maine, we have been overwhelmed by the snow and had to adjust schedules on campus several times this month. We are very proud of the work our maintenance staff and the plow and clearing team have done to help us keep the six buildings on our campus open, clear and safe. Now we are preparing for some warm weather as we move to the end of the month. The great news is that we are counting less than 30 days until spring!

Please be on the lookout for the agency's annual report, which shares many successes of 2016. Again, thank you to our many partners, supporters and volunteers. If you don't receive a copy by mid-March, please call Cristen in Development at 207-872-0261 or email csawyer@mainechildrenshome.org and we will be happy to send a copy to you.

This summer, we plan to add three more classrooms to [The Children's Place Early Care & Education Center](#) in the Parks Building. There are many ways that we need help and support with these exciting renovations. Every week we receive calls for more services than we can presently provide at The Children's Place. We are also in the final stages of arranging a satellite office in Portland to support our growing [Adoption Program](#) and expect to have a space to hold regular meetings, visits and trainings for families starting in March.

We are excited to share news about the work taking place on our campus. Thanks for being a partner and supporter. As always, we love to give tours. You can always contact Steve Mayberry, development director, at 207-872-0261 to set up a time to see [our programs](#) in action.

In sincere gratitude,

Richard Dorian, Executive Director

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thank you for making our
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Maine Children's Home

Working with children and families...every day

How did we do?

	Program	Accomplishments
1	Adoption	21 inquiries about the adoption process & program; 3 search requests
2	Harland Turner Counseling Center	16 new clients during January; 15 referrals
3	Teen Parent School Program	5 program inquiries & 3 tours
4	Fundraising	More than \$15,560 in donations
5	The Children's Place	All of our classrooms are full!
6	Events	Mark your calendar: Wine Tasting – April 20 th 
7	Summer Camp	Gathering donations for annual Friends Group yard sale in June to benefit the Camp Program
8	Growth	Expansion plans are in the works to add 26 spaces to our Early Care & Education Program – The Children's Place!
9	Our Staff	1 new addition to The Children's Place staff and 1 new addition to our facilities staff

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We Need Your Help



[Sign up for our monthly e-newsletter](#)

Please help us take advantage of this great opportunity from The Bangor Savings Bank Foundation that plans to give \$100,000 to 40 local nonprofits!

Consider The **Maine Children's Home for Little Wanderers** as a write-in nominee for Kennebec County. Help us receive the most votes in our area by the end of February.

[Click here to place your vote](#)



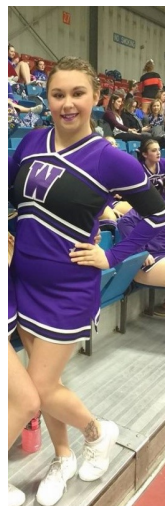
THANK YOU FOR THINKING OF US & THE THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN & FAMILIES WE HELP EACH YEAR!

Sharon Abrams Teen Parent School Successes & News

Current Student Success Story

Allison G. is a very hard working and committed student, teen parent and athlete, driving 45 minutes to and from school each day. In December, she received her adult education credit.

In January, Allison participated in the KVAC Cheering Championship with the Waterville High School cheering team, coming in sixth overall and advancing to the regionals. The cheering team was also honored with the Jamie Beth Shible Award for most improved team. Allison and her team then competed at the Regional Cheering Competition in Bangor on January 28 and placed seventh overall, missing advancing to states by only $\frac{1}{2}$ of a point.





Allison with her son, Kadin.

Adult/Child and Infant CPR and Choking Class



Later this month, Kelly Roderick, a certified American Heart Association (AHA) CPR instructor, will graciously volunteer her time to certify the [Teen Parent](#) students in HeartSaver Adult/Child and Infant CPR and Choking.

Kelly works as a trainer for Atlantic Partners EMS and has offered her services on two different days to teach our teen parents these critical safety skills. [The Friends of Maine Children's Home](#) will be purchasing the AHA instruction manuals needed for the class and certification cards. The Teen Parent School Program would like to thank Kelly and the Friends for this very generous and important

donation.

News from The Children's Place Early Care & Education Center

Literacy at The Children's Place

What was your favorite book as a child - *Goodnight Moon?* *Pat the Bunny?* *The Very Hungry Caterpillar?*

What about a song - *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star?* *The Itsy Bitsy Spider?* *Head and Shoulders, Knees & Toes?*

We know that literacy begins at birth. As an infant hears sounds, responds to gestures and tunes in to the oral language from his/her responsive adults, the baby's growing brain is stimulated. Reading

books is a perfect tool to help with this brain stimulation. Reading with infants and young children not only strengthens the foundation for developing literacy skills (supporting school readiness), but is also a good start toward a lifelong love of reading.

[The Children's Place Early Care & Education Center](#) recently held a family literacy night. Families joined their infants, toddlers and preschoolers in their classrooms to explore activities focused on favorite children's books. The evening was a resounding success!



For more information about literacy, check out these tips for reading with young children:

[Reading tips for babies](#)

[Reading tips for toddlers](#)

[Reading tips for preschoolers](#)

New Outpatient Support in Skowhegan

The Maine Children's Home's Counseling Center has an exciting opportunity to provide outpatient counseling to students at North Elementary School in Skowhegan! Lacey Audet, LMSW-C, will provide counseling services one day a week at North Elementary, with a potential for expanding her time there as needs increase in the future. Lacey is really pleased to be able to provide therapy to this group of kindergarten students and has her play therapy 'travel kit' all packed and ready to go!



Lacey Audet

This is a new collaborative relationship between Maine Children's Home and North Elementary School - RSU#54, and we are very glad that the Skowhegan School District is giving us the opportunity to provide counseling services to young children who may otherwise not have the ability to get to a counseling center or agency.

Upcoming Events

Annual Wine Tasting

Thursday, April 20, 6 - 8 p.m.

T&B's Celebration Center, Waterville

Join us for our popular wine tasting tour with Bob Roy from Pine State Trading. Kick back, unwind after work, and mingle with other proud supporters of The Maine Children's Home for Little Wanderers.




TICKETS ARE GOING FAST
CALL TODAY

The wine tasting will take place at 6 p.m. at the T&B Event Center, 6 Jefferson Street in Waterville.

Tickets are \$35 and are available at the administrative and development offices at The Maine Children's Home campus at 93 Silver Street, Waterville, or by calling 872-0261. We accept MasterCard and Visa over the phone.

Tickets include two elegant Riedel wine glasses and hors d'œuvres, a cash bar and silent auction.

Riedel Wine Glasses Sponsor - Bangor Savings Bank
Wine Sponsor - Golden Pond Wealth Management

Here are some other activities to put on your calendar:

- **Easter Egg Hunt** - April 15
- **Friends Yard Sale** - June 3

Marden's Customers & the Little Red Stocking Donations

The 14 Marden's stores across Maine have been selling "Little Red Stockings" from November 1 to Christmas Eve for the past 11 years.

In 2016, the stores and the Marden family set a new record by donating \$60,975 to The Maine Children's Home for Little Wanderers.

The Marden's Little Red Stocking Campaign is now our largest fundraising effort. We are very grateful to the generous Marden's customers and employees and the Marden family.

