



# THE MAINE CHILDREN'S HOME *for Little Wanderers*

*Serving families and children since 1899*

FEBRUARY 2018

## Greetings!



We wish to begin by thanking many friends and supporters for once again coming through with gifts toward our Annual Fund. This helps to support all of our programs and demonstrates strong community commitment to our development efforts. The key ingredient is our broad level of participation. Every gift is meaningful to us and our efforts.

Although the ground is still pretty white and cold, we have warm thoughts of summer camp in mind. We are greatly appreciative of the investment and support we receive to help send needy children and youth to camp each year. It is one of the best ways we can help youth to explore the outdoors and nature, build independence and establish wonderful friendships. Through great community support and the Keller Campership Fund, we were able to send 110 children and youth to camp last summer. Applications and materials have already been sent out to area youth.

We hope you will enjoy reading about the programs and services that you are supporting and investing in. Thank you for being a partner with us in "building and strengthening families and their children."

In sincere gratitude,

Richard Dorian, Executive Director

## Agency Report Card

February, 2018

## Maine Children's Home

Working with children and their families ....  
Everyday

### How did we do?

	Program	Accomplishments
1	Adoption	3 Informational sessions held, 2 Domestic Placements, 1 International Placement and 15 new inquiries!
2	Harland Turner Counseling Center	248 clients and 12 Referrals. Another session of Play Therapy training completed for our Counselors.
3	Teen Parent School Program	9 Students enrolled, 1 Tour and 2 potential students. 3 Program inquiries.
4	Fundraising	Nearly \$30,000 in donations. Thank you!
5	The Children's Place	Our Infant/Mobile Infant/Toddler Classrooms full! Have openings in Preschool! 14 new inquiries
6	Events	Save the Date! Beer and Wine Tasting April 26, 2018. Fabulous auction items as well!
7	Summer Camp	Application packets mailed! Annual Friends Group Yard sale in June to benefit the Summer Camp program.
8	Growing	Expansion plans are in the works for the Harland Turner Counseling Center!
9	Grants	Received grants to help clients struggling with copays, and to provide support for our teen parent program!

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## Adoption Program: New Office Space in Portland



The Maine Children's Home for Little Wanderers has just added a new Adoption office location in Portland. Our new address is 527 Ocean Avenue!!

This exciting change means that we will have regular office hours each week and have much more flexibility to offer trainings, to meet for referrals and for consultations. We are very pleased to have another location for the free Adoption Information Meetings in Portland.

We want to thank HopeGateWay United Methodist Church for their hospitality and letting us use their space on Thursday's since April of 2017. We were very fortunate to have such thoughtful partners to host us.

Look for more information soon for the Open House in April at this new location.



LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ADOPTION PROGRAM

## Beer & Wine Tasting and Live Auction



On Thursday, April 26th, The Maine Children's Home for Little Wanderers will be hosting a beer and wine tasting at T&B's Celebration Center in Waterville. Enjoy wine and craft beer from local Maine vendors, hors d'oeuvres, and a silent and live auction from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. Check out our [Facebook](#) for up-to-date auction items and more details!

Tickets are \$35 per person and are available online, at the door or by calling Kelly Couture at (207) 872-0261. Must be 21+ to attend.

RSVP

For more information, check out our [website](#).

## Are You Interested in Adoption?





The Maine Children's Home for Little Wanderers [Adoption Program](#) hosts **FREE** adoption information meetings every month and is open to anyone interested in learning about adoption.

The meetings are held the last Wednesday of each month at our Waterville office (93 Silver Street) and the third Monday at our Portland office (527 Ocean Avenue) at 6 p.m. In March, the Waterville meeting will be held at Messalonskee High School as part of [Mid-Maine Regional Adult Community Education](#) and is limited to 15 students. If you are interested in attending any of the adoption information meetings, please complete this [form](#).

If you have any questions, please call (207) 873-6350.

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## Annual Easter Egg Hunt



The Maine Children's Home for Little Wanderers will be hosting its Annual **FREE** Easter Egg Hunt on its campus on Saturday, March 31st at 9 am! This Easter Egg Hunt is for children up to grade 3 and please bring your own basket for collecting eggs. We will also have special prizes and giveaways!

Admission is free and parking is available in our lower parking lot. For more information, check out our [Facebook](#).

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# The Children's Place News: Valentine's Day & Dental Care

The social, emotional, physical and financial repercussion of tooth decay which goes untreated is enormous. While it is preventable, it remains one of the most common diseases for children and adolescents. Finding available, affordable, preventative dental care programs that focus on the needs of children can be a very difficult task for families.

To support the challenge of families getting their children to the dentist for check-ups, **The Children's Place** collaborates with **Community Dental Center** to provide semi-annual, on-site dental clinics that include: a dental exam, cleaning, and fluoride treatment. On February 14<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Linda Eberhardt, DMD and Hygienist Hope Ricker, from Community Dental Center, spent the morning on campus examining several children's teeth. Each child left with a new toothbrush, a sticker and an exam report for their family.



*Preschooler Temperance gets her teeth cleaned by Hygienist Hope.*



*Dr. Linda shows 2 year old Sawyer the tool she will use to examine her teeth.*

And finally, enjoy this photo of the Firefly Preschoolers sporting beautiful smiles and their Valentine heart hats!



Stay tuned next month for news about Maine SNAP-Ed's 6-week *Eat Well Play Hard* presentation series with the Firefly and Dragonfly classrooms!



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