



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



Open Arms

April 2016

Greetings!



April has been a very dynamic and full month. We took time to recognize that April is Child Abuse Prevention month across the country. This is a time when we consider the impacts of child abuse in our communities and work hard to prevent child abuse before it begins.

Our agency works in partnership with many caring agencies on a daily basis to support children and families. At the same time, children are some of the most vulnerable members of our society. They rely on the nurturing care of their families and communities to meet their needs. Last year in Maine, more than 3,200 children were victims of child abuse and neglect, and of

those, approximately 500 victims were babies less than 1 year old.

Children require safe, nurturing environments, free from abuse and neglect, where they can learn, grow and build strong attachments with caregivers and communities. Strong, healthy communities and families help to maximize children's potential by promoting healthy social, mental, emotional and physical development.

[The Maine Children's Home for Little Wanderers](#) offers a significant array of caring supports and services for more than 200 children, youth and families every month. Our supports help to develop tools and resources to assist Maine children to have the good things in life we wish for in all of our families, through [early care and education](#), [counseling and targeted case management](#), [teen parent school education](#), [adoptions](#), [Summer Camp Scholarships](#) and the [Christmas Program](#).

We're kicking the [Summer Camp Scholarship Program](#) into high gear. This year, we are increasing our goal to send at least 130 children to camp. If you'd like to help, please give me a call at 873-4253. We've even started a [Go Fund Me Page](#). Stay tuned for news on fundraising for this important program.

Keep reading to learn more about two upcoming events, and the recent coverage [The Maine Children's Home](#) has received for [The Children's Place Early Care & Education Center's](#) national accreditation and a clothing and toy drive organized by the students of University of Maine at Augusta in Bangor.

We are so grateful for the many supporters who do so much to assist us and the children and families we serve. It has been very gratifying to see the response for special requests, most especially the great efforts this month by UMA students in Bangor to give our [Christmas Program](#) an

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*From the bottom of our hearts,
thank you for making our
programs possible.*



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early boost.

In sincere appreciation,



Richard Dorian, Executive Director

Sold Out Wine Tasting Fundraiser

On Thursday, April 14, The Maine Children's Home hosted the annual wine tasting fundraiser at T&B's Celebration Center in Waterville. It was a sold out event!

More than 215 attendees joined Bob Roy from Pine State Trading to sample red and white wines, participate in a lively silent auction, and mingle with other proud supporters of The Maine Children's Home. All attendees took home two beautiful Riedel wine glasses.

Thank you to those who packed the house, our sponsors, and Bob Roy for the great wine tour.



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Upcoming Events

Hannaford Shopping Bag Fundraiser

Starting May 1

Hannaford, 140 Elm Plaza, Waterville



Exciting News!
for the
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Starting May 1,
visit Hannaford at 140 Elm Plaza Waterville,
buy this bag, and The Maine Children's Home for
Little Wanderers will get \$1!



What an easy and great way to support
The Maine Children's Home for Little Wanderers!

For more information about the program,
visit www.hannaford.bags4mycause.com

Dining for Dollars at Mainly Brews

Wednesday, May 4
Mainly Brews, Waterville

The Friends of



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Presents:

Dining for Dollars at

Mainely Brews

1 Post Office Square, Waterville



10 % of all sales will benefit programs at The Maine Children's Home for Little Wanderers. Bring your family for a night out and support a great cause. You'll enjoy great food, fun, and live music by Sounds Unlimited featuring John Plummer

Wednesday
May 4
5-9 pm

Friends' Annual Yard Sale

Saturday, June 4

The Maine Children's Home campus, Waterville

The [Friends organization](#) at The Maine Children's Home is now accepting gently used furniture for the annual yard sale to benefit the [Summer Camp Scholarship Program](#).

Please call 872-0261 to make arrangements to deliver your donations.

Please Note: We do not accept used adult clothing, stuffed animals or any items requiring a disposal fee such as mattresses, large electronics, etc.

As always, thank you for your contributions!

Concert with Big E (Eric Lunt) and Friends

Saturday, June 4 - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

The Maine Children's Home campus, Winkin Auditorium in Lunder Hall

All proceeds of the concert will benefit The Maine Children's Home's programs and services. Tickets are \$10 per person, and there will be a 50/50 drawing and refreshments from [The Friends](#) group. Please call 872-0261 for more information.



In the News

Read about [The Children's Place Early Care and Education Center](#) earning accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children in Central Maine Newspapers [here](#).

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KENNEBEC JOURNAL | *Morning Sentinel*

Students at The University of Maine at Augusta in Bangor are helping to support The Maine Children's Home's [Christmas Program](#) with a new clothing and toy drive. Each year, the program provides clothing and toys for more than 1,700 children, making the program a year-long effort. The students have also started a [GoFundMe page](#) dedicated to the program!

If you'd like to contribute to the drive, the drop-off locations include the school's campus, the Bangor mall and YMCA in Old Town. To see a list of donation needs, click [here](#).

We really appreciate these students and their efforts. Thank you!





[Read more](#) about the clothing and toy drive from Fox 22/ABC 7.



Shopping on Amazon?!

At smile.amazon.com you can shop just like you always do on Amazon, but for every purchase you make, they will give to a charity of your choice. Please select The Maine Children's Home as your charity of choice!

