

Stronger Families & Brighter Futures

How You're Changing Lives in Maine



Amanda Simmons, Christmas/Winter Essentials Program Director, selects care package items for a young boy whose family applied for support in 2025.

Children are Warm Right Now Because of You

Because of your donations, in-kind gifts of warm clothing, and generous volunteer hours, children and teens across Maine are staying warm this winter!

As the coldest days of the year settle in, the jackets, waterproof gloves, and boots you helped provide through Christmas / Winter Essentials Program are keeping boys and girls safe, warm, and comfortable when they need it most.

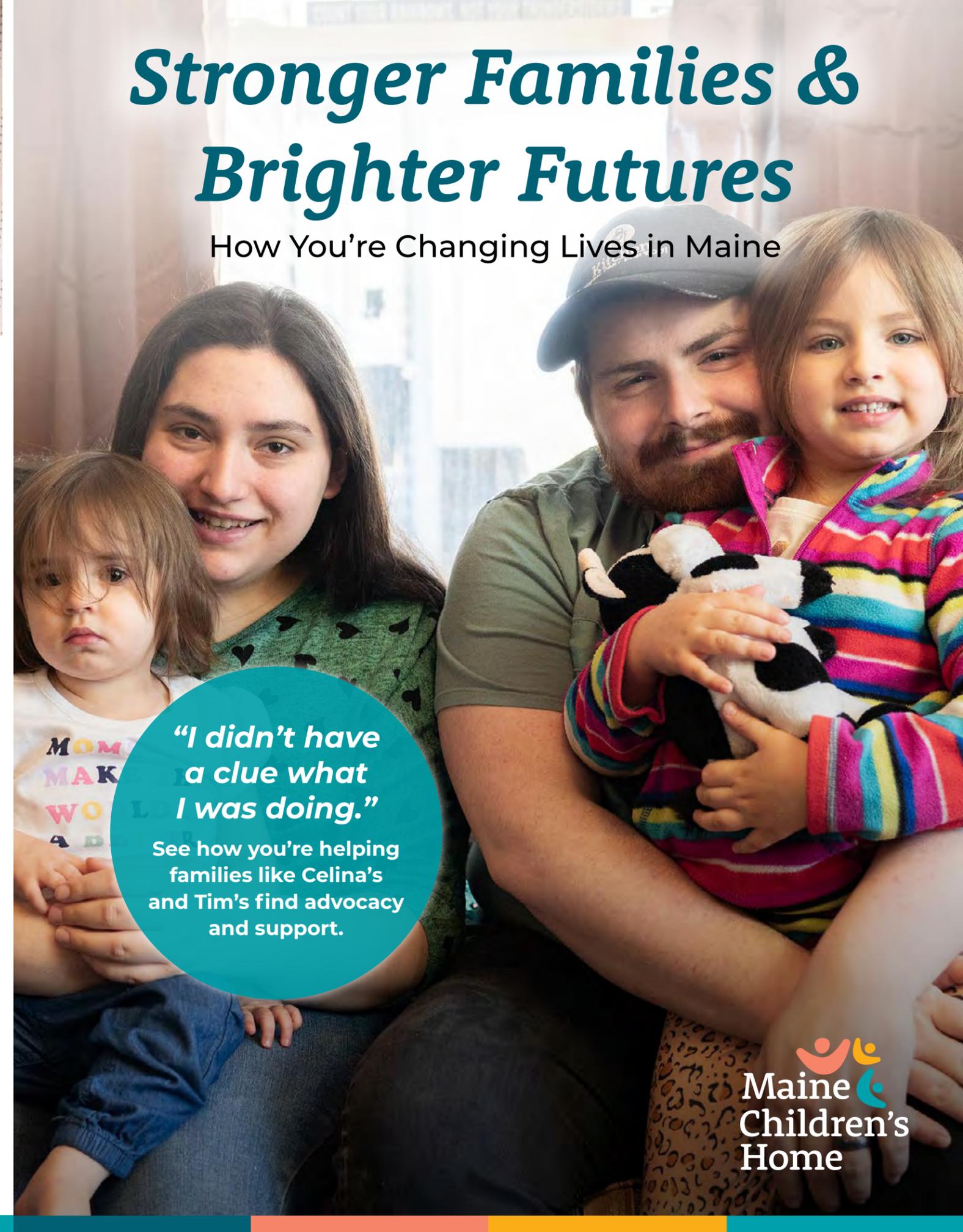
This year, we're preparing to deliver winter care packages to even more families — with a goal of reaching beyond the 1,529 children and teens who applied for assistance in 2025. **Your continued generosity makes this expanded reach possible.**

To learn more about Christmas / Winter Essentials Program, visit: www.MaineChildrensHome.org/WinterSupport

"We are so relieved to find a pair of boots in our box that fit our daughter. She was sharing boots with mom, so this meant so much.

Also, our little one squealed in delight when she opened her surprise-pet toy... The package made our Christmas and we are beyond grateful for all you do."

Parent of two children who received care packages from Maine Children's Home in 2025.



"I didn't have a clue what I was doing."

See how you're helping families like Celina's and Tim's find advocacy and support.

Maine Children's Home



You're Helping Young Parents Set Goals, Grow, and Thrive

Young parents in our Journey Program build skills, confidence, and a path forward. With you by their side, in 2026 we are implementing stronger tools to track parents' goals and progress in education and careers.

With your support through Journey Program, young parents earn high school credit, complete diplomas, and explore future career goals, while also strengthening their parenting skills.

And, since expanding the program to include parents from early teens through their early 20s, we've seen a dramatic increase in the number of moms and dads choosing to raise their children together — supported by your continued investment in their education, mentoring, and family-centered support.

To learn more about Journey Program, visit:
www.MaineChildrensHome.org/YoungParents

More Connected Care Because of You

In 2026, a new digital system will streamline mental health counseling for clients by holding client information, appointments, billing, and communications all together in one secure place.

A new grant from the Davis Family Foundation will help us launch this system over the next few months. With the system in place, your continued support will help clients access the care they need and stay connected with their clinicians — whether in person or via telehealth.

To learn more about Family Counseling Center, visit:
www.MaineChildrensHome.org/Counseling

Adoption with Integrity, Made Possible by You

People like you are helping protect children in the international adoption process.

With your support, Family Adoption Program is working to renew our international Hague Accreditation this winter — showing that Maine Children's Home upholds the highest standards in ethical, child-centered adoption.

Your generosity supports Maine families and children in adoption with integrity and transparency, ensuring every adoption has care and trust at its heart.

To learn more about Family Adoption Program, visit:
www.MaineChildrensHome.org/Adoption

I am a good mom. I don't just think it, I actually feel it.

At 17 and pregnant, Celina says she "didn't have a clue" what she was doing. Because of people like you, she found Journey Program at Maine Children's Home — and we were ready to work alongside her.

Through Journey Program, Celina stayed in school, learned about her body and childbirth, and graduated with her baby on her hip — a moment she'll always be proud of. But your support didn't stop at Celina's graduation.

With hands-on prenatal education, diapers and baby wipes, parenting coaching, and honest mentorship and advocacy, Celina and her partner Tim are building stability, strengthening their communication, and breaking cycles of unhealthy relationships. Through Journey



Tim, a parent enrolled in Journey Program, helps his daughter put her shoes on.

Program, they've worked on co-parenting, conflict resolution, and standing together as a united front in raising their children.

Today, 22-year-old Celina says with confidence, "I feel like a good mom." And Tim is preparing to pursue his dream of joining the military, a goal he once thought was out of reach.

Because of people like you, families like Celina's and Tim's don't just receive parenting guidance and support. They gain confidence, stability, and hope for the future.

Cover Photo: Celina (left) and Tim (right) with their daughters. They credit Journey Program with helping them strengthen their communication and build stability as a family.

Ways to Give

Give Securely Online
MaineChildrensHome.org/StrongerFamilies



Give by Mail
93 Silver Street
Waterville, ME 04901

Give from an IRA or DAF
Maine Children's Home
Tax ID 01-0267392
93 Silver Street
Waterville, ME 04901

Plan ahead: IRA distributions must clear by Dec. 31, 2026, if needed for 2026 taxes.

Give Stock or Other Assets
MaineChildrensHome.org/PlannedGiving

Give Specific Items for Children and Teens
MaineChildrensHome.org/Needs

See Our Generosity Circle
MaineChildrensHome.org/GenerosityCircle

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Volunteer Your Time
MaineChildrensHome.org/Volunteer

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