



THE MAINE CHILDREN'S HOME for Little Wanderers

Serving families and children since 1899

On the Dorothy 'Bibby' Alford Campus

AUGUST 2018

Greetings!



This is my third summer season here on the beautiful Dorothy 'Bibby' Alford Campus and I have been trying to put my finger on what's so unique about the summer season. ***We are in between.*** In between school seasons, graduations, new children at **The Children's Place**, children stepping up to kindergarten, clients in therapy in various spaces, teen parents coming for tours and many staff preparing for, on, or returning from vacation. It is a lovely languid pace.

The summer has given way to the fall transformation work. So much growth, renewal and movement towards shiny new goals and directions. Each of our programs assists those we support to create new visions, new dreams and hopes for the future. The restful season gives us strength for the journeys ahead. This poem is a reminder of future possibilities and the work ahead:

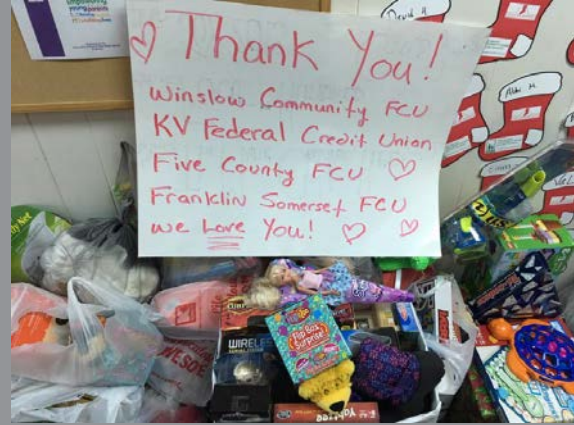
*"How does one become butterfly?" Pooh asked pensively.
'You must want to fly so much that you are willing to
give up being a caterpillar,' Piglet replied.
'You mean to die?' asked Pooh.
'Yes and no,' he answered. 'What looks like you will die,
but what's really you will live on.'
— A.A. Milne*

Thank you for your support and partnership.

In sincere gratitude,

Richard Dorian, Executive Director

Christmas Program: Christmas in July



During the month of July, four credit unions across the state of Maine participated in collecting donations for our **Christmas Program**! The credit unions who participated were KV Federal Credit Union, Winslow Community Credit Union, Five County Credit Union, and Franklin-Somerset Federal Credit Union. In August, the credit unions delivered their donations to our office and they had collected a great selection of gifts based on our current needs list!

Urgent Christmas Needs List

- Outfits of clothing in size 0-16
- Hand knit mittens in solid colors
- Warm pajamas (size 10, 12, 14, 16)
- Toys and play-sets depicting popular characters from movie/TV
- Family board games up to age 12
- Infant and toddler toys encouraging mobility, development, or education
- Gifts for older children (craft kits, model car kits, larger Lego sets, makeup kits, science kits, pre-teen themed bedding or room decor, sporting goods, etc.)
- Books for newborns/toddlers & pre-teens
- Coloring books and crayons

[COMPLETE CHRISTMAS NEEDS LIST](#)

Summer Camp Program: Thank You

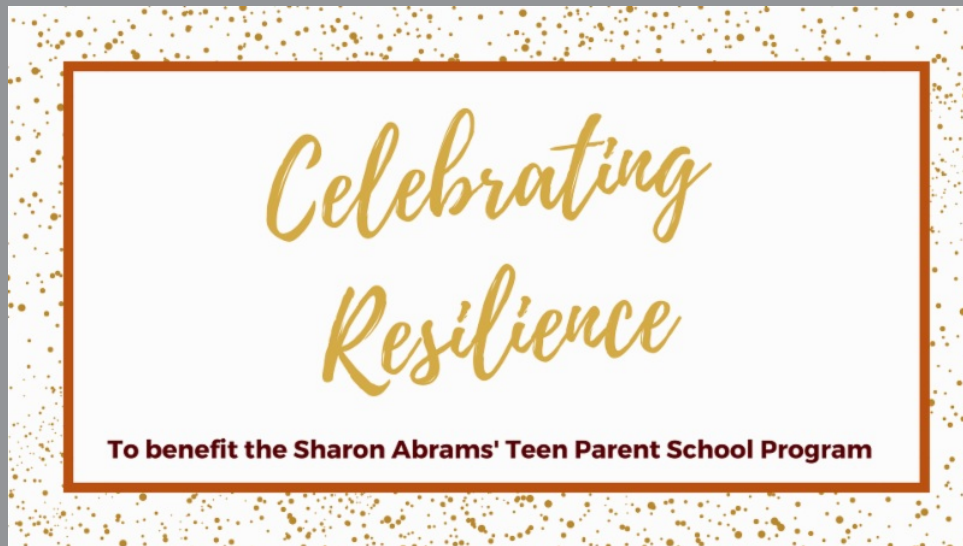


This summer, almost 50 Maine children are enjoying a summer camp experience thanks to our **Summer Camp Scholarship Program**. Through this program, we cover the cost for qualifying Maine children to attend one of the summer camps we partner with (Camp Susan Curtis, Camp Tracy, Fairhaven Camps, Mechuwana, Friends). This program is only possible through the generosity of people who respond to our direct mail campaigns, attend/sponsor our events, shop at our Yard Sale, and click on the donate button on our website. It is

so special to receive a note from a child thanking us for the opportunity to make new friends, breathe fresh air, and enjoy new experiences. With your kindness and generosity, we will continue to provide these experiences for many years to come.

Teen Parent School Program:

Celebrating Resilience



Thursday, September 20th
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

On Thursday, September 20th, we will be 'Celebrating Resilience' at O'Brien's Event Center at the Best Western Plus in Waterville. This year's celebration recognizes the hard work and dedication of some past and present pregnant or parenting teens to complete their high school education and become successful parents.

Past and present teen parents will share their stories of the Sharon Abrams' Teen Parent School Program and we will also have a number of silent auction items to bid on and support our fundraising! The event will start at approximately 6:00 PM with a social and silent auction bidding available at 5:30.

Tickets are \$40 and are available online or by calling (207) 872-0261.

RSVP

Turner Family Counseling Center: Now Accepting New Clients



The Turner Family Counseling Center is expanding to a larger office on the Maine Children's Home campus and we are now accepting new clients! Our counseling center offers support for individuals, family, children, and adults in central Maine. Please call us (207-873-4253) or email us if we can help!

COUNSELING CENTER SERVICES

The Children's Place News: Full STEAM Ahead

Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math are five subject areas that require gathering and using evidence to create knowledge or to problem solve. In the early childhood classroom, these five areas are interrelated and present throughout young children's exploration and hands-on learning.

In 2017, The Children's Place received a grant from the Davis Family Foundation enabling our teaching staff to expand our curriculum with an infusion of materials, equipment, supplies and teaching resources to support STEAM education for young children. The following pictorial summary is just a small sample of the impact these grant funds have had in our classrooms as we go "full STEAM ahead!"

Science: inquiry, observation, prediction, experiments, communication



exploring with magnifying glass



volcano experiment



gardening

Technology: human-made objects - from simple machines to computers



balancing scale



binoculars



research using computer

Engineering: using materials to design and build



constructing



makerspace creations



block building

Art: creativity through painting, pretend play, music, drawing



light table



mixing colors



bubble art

Math: numbers & operations, measuring, patterns, geometry, spatial sense



partnering with parquetry pieces



measuring in cooking



geometry & spatial sense

The skills developed through authentic, interdisciplinary STEAM learning experiences in the early years, provide children with opportunities to develop critical thinking, executive functioning and problem solving skills that support school readiness and successful life-long growth and development. [Click here for more information on STEAM.](#)

Upcoming Events

SURVIVING AN INCIDENT OF VIOLENCE TRAINING

We are bringing the team from Blue-U Defense to Maine on Friday, September 14th at 8:30 am to present a 4-hour training program on surviving a sudden act of violence in Dean Auditorium at Maine General Medical Center. Registration begins at 7:45 am with breakfast, snacks, water being served. You can also register by calling (207) 873-4253 [Click here](#) or call (207) 873-4253 to attend this training!



RIDE & FUNDRAISER

On Saturday, **September 15th**, Low XII Central Maine chapter Widows Sons Masonic Riders Association is putting together a ride and fundraiser to benefit our **Christmas Program!** Motorcyclists will be meeting at JFK Plaza in Waterville (by Tractor Supply) at 10 am and then at 11 am, they will be escorted by Waterville police to the Maine Children's Home. There will be a bike judging contest with a trophy, raffles, and lunch will be provided for \$10/person. Anyone is welcome to join the ride, just be sure to bring along a toy!

ADOPTION INFORMATION MEETING

Are you interested in learning about whether adoption is an option for your family? The Maine Children's Home for Little Wanderers Adoption

Program hosts FREE adoption information meetings the last Wednesday of each month at our Waterville (93 Silver St.) and Portland (527 Ocean Ave.) offices at 6 pm. If you are interested in attending, please complete this [form](#).



CRAFT FAIR

Join us for a Craft Fair October 6th from 9 am to 3 pm at Champion's Fitness Club in Waterville to benefit the Maine Children's Home for Little Wanderers [Christmas Program](#). Admission is free but you are encouraged to bring a new toy for our Christmas boxes!

To apply to become a vendor, please contact

Amy at 659-6595.

Agency Report Card



Maine Children's Home

Working with children and their families
Everyday

What have we been up to?

	Program	Accomplishments
1	Community	Trust-Based Relational Intervention® (TBRI) Training provided to local educators by practitioners Lindsay Bragdon & Deb Levenseller!
2	Harland Turner Counseling Center	Successful licensing visit from DHHS in August. Stay tuned for more information about our new renovated space to open this fall!
3	Teen Parent School Program	We are wrapping up our Summer Group support program for teens and their children before school starts in the fall!
4	The Children's Place	Several of our preschoolers will be graduating and heading off to Kindergarten this fall!
5	Grants	We received a grant from the Harry and Sadie Davis Foundation to support prenatal training and support for teen parents! Thank you!
6	Volunteers	A group of volunteers from Camp Mechuwana worked hard this summer to improve our storage area for Christmas donations!
7	September 14, 2018	Training opportunity! Surviving an Incident of Violence – Making good decisions in Fractions of Seconds. Register Today on our Website
8	September 15, 2018	Diaper Drive! Low Riders Motorcycle Ride-in and Barbecue.
9	September 20, 2018	Celebrating Resilience – 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. O'Brien's Event Center. A tribute to our Teen Parent program.



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