



THE MAINE CHILDREN'S HOME *for Little Wanderers*

Serving families and children since 1899

On the Dorothy 'Bibby' Alfond Campus

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Greetings!

This is a very dynamic time in the life of our organization. Within this newsletter, you will find information on the depth, breadth and impact of our work in 2018. We are very excited to celebrate another year of progress, growth and shared commitment as we move into our 120th year of providing vital social work and community services for children, youth and families. As one of Maine's longest operating nonprofits, we continue to affirm our timeless mission, "to build and strengthen families and their children, instilling hope for the future and a better quality of life."

This newsletter is dedicated to all those who work every day to make life better for children and families. Children and families are facing more barriers and threats each day, which requires professional guidance to encourage, teach, mentor and show children and young people how much this organization, this community and the world does care. We are very proud of our staff members for their commitment, skills and respectful care of all who seek our support and guidance. They make so much of the impossible seem possible. We are all working to explore how to continue to do the most good works with existing resources and to continue to be responsive to urgent current community needs. We are pleased to be working as one of many partners in our community to support children, youth and families to achieve success. As we evolve as an organization, we are deeply thankful for these partnerships.

This quote speaks volumes about the vital role we each can play as mentors and caring partners for kids. "Show me a successful individual and I'll show you someone who had real positive influences in his or her life. I don't care what you do for a living—if you do it well I'm sure there was someone cheering you on or showing the way. A mentor." -Denzel Washington.

Thank you for being a mentor and a supporter. Because of you and hundreds of other mentors we have accomplished extraordinary things for over 3,000 children and families this past year in our six core programs. We appreciate all you do to help make life better for children and families each day.

Best wishes,

Richard Dorian, Executive Director

The Children's Place Seeks Funding:
by Amy Calder (featured in the Morning Sentinel)



WATERVILLE — An early childhood education and care center at the Maine Children’s Home for Little Wanderers will have to scale back its services by summer if it does not receive funding help, according to the Children’s Home’s executive director.

Richard Dorian said this week that The Children’s Place Early Care and Education Center, which serves 53 children ages 6 weeks to 5 years, has not been able to find a grant partner or funding from the state or federal government to help sustain it and help parents who might not be able to afford the weekly rates, which are slated to rise in February.

“Our board made the difficult decision that if we can’t identify significant funding by summer, we will have to shrink the early care program and go from serving up to 53 to 24,” Dorian said.

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Red Stocking Annual Appeal



On Thursday, January 24th, we held our Annual Appeal & Celebration to highlight our accomplishments of 2018, share our goals for 2019 and kick off our Red Stocking Annual Appeal! We would like to thank all of our supporters and donors who have helped us build and strengthen over 3,000 families across the state of Maine in 2018. We would not be able to do this amazing work without the help of our valuable staff members, our amazing volunteers, and our faithful donors. To help contribute to our goals for 2019, please consider making a donation on our website or by mail at 93 Silver Street in Waterville.

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Summer Camp Scholarship Program



Although it may seem too early for summer, we are already thinking about sending Maine children to summer camp! Each summer since 1967, the **Summer Camp Scholarship Program** has made the dream of attending a summer camp a reality for children from low-income families throughout Maine. In partnership with several summer camps, including **Camp Susan Curtis**, **Camp Tracy**, **Fair Haven Camps**, **Mechuwana**, **Friends Camp** and the **Julia Clukey Camps for Girls**, children are making new friends, learning new skills, and building self-esteem and independence. We have some great partners who are also excited to send kids to camp through our Summer Camp Scholarship Program.

Damon's Beverage will be hosting another paper tent fundraiser, so stop by any of the Damon's stores in Augusta, Bangor, Skowhegan, and Waterville to buy a paper tent to hang up in the store and show your support. JMG students across Maine are collecting spare change to send kids to camp and make it a summer to remember for many Maine children. You can help contribute to their fundraising by donating on our [website](#) and click on "Coins for Camp." Finally, our Summer Camp mailer will be sent out soon, so keep an eye out for that! Let's make this a great summer for many Maine children!

Sharon Abrams Teen Parent School Program: *by Patty Wight (featured on Maine Public Radio)*



[Sharon Abrams Teen Parent School Program](#) - Teen birth rates in the United States

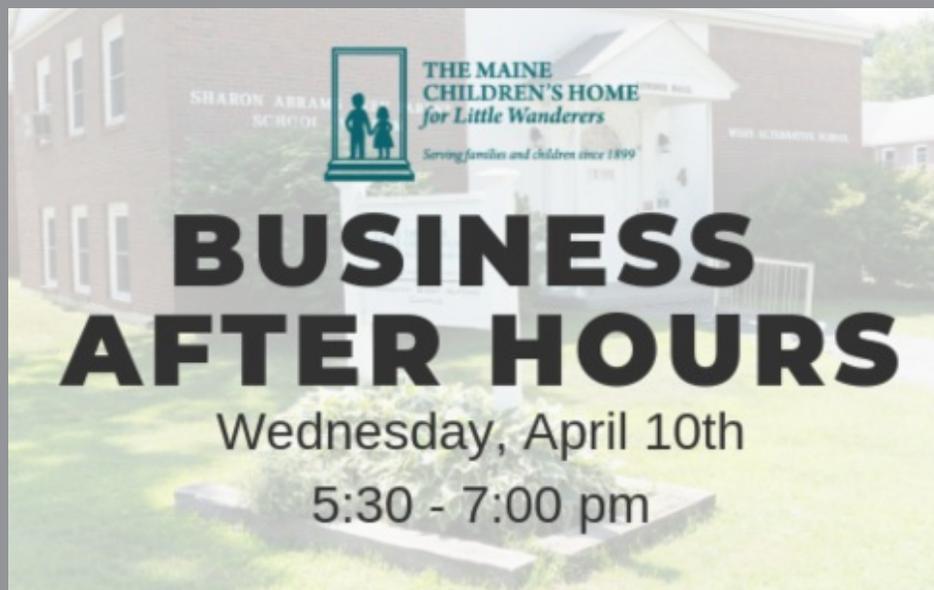
have been on a steady decline, but there are still more than 200,000 babies born to teen mothers every year, including about 600 born in Maine.

Young mothers are at high risk of dropping out of school because of the pressures they face. According to some national estimates, only 40 percent earn a high school diploma. But there are a few schools in Maine that are designed specifically to help teen parents stay on track, and guide them toward different life trajectory.

For many teen moms, the shock and fear they experience when they learn they are pregnant can be compounded by the kinds of reactions they get at school.

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Our 120th Birthday: Save the Date!



Join us and the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce on April 10th from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm for Business After Hours! We will also be celebrating our 120th birthday at the Maine Children's Home! A variety of refreshments and appetizers will be available as well as a tour of our campus.

No registration required; admission is free. Check out our [website](#) or [Facebook](#) for more information.

Marden's Red Stocking Campaign



Thank you Marden's for participating in our [Red Stocking campaign](#) in 2018! We received over \$67,000 from Marden's shoppers and the Marden's family! The Red Stocking campaign benefits all six of our programs at the Maine Children's Home.

Upcoming Events



FRIENDS MEETING

The Friends of the Maine Children's Home are goodwill ambassadors that have helped promote fundraising activities, as well as provide resources to help grow our six core programs, for more than 60 years. Meetings are held on the **first Tuesday of every month at 6 pm** in the Eskelund Community Center, located on our campus at 93 Silver Street, Waterville. [Learn more on our website.](#)

2019 WINE & BEER TASTING

On **Thursday, May 2nd at 5:00 pm** at Winslow VFW, we are hosting our 2nd Annual Wine & Beer Tasting! We will feature local breweries and wineries, local food vendors and host a silent auction and a live auction emceed by Maine Humorist, Gary Crocker. All proceeds from the event will go directly towards our six programs at MCH. [Learn more on our website.](#)



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 email Cindy at

csmith@mainechildrenshome.org.

Maine Children's Home

Working with children and their families
Everyday

How did we do?

	Program	Accomplishments
1	Adoption	24 new applications, 6 placements, 13 home studies and 3 searches. 169 open cases. New office in Portland!
2	Harland Turner Counseling Center	206 children and 112 adults seen in our Center by our dedicated counselors. 355 open cases currently.
3	Teen Parent School Program	15 teens enrolled in 2018. We celebrated the arrival of 7 new babies, 10 Tours and 4 graduations!
4	The Children's Place	64 infants, toddlers and preschool children and their families served resulting in 8,720 "Kid Days!"
5	Christmas	1,775 children had a merrier Christmas in 2018. Thank you for your thoughtfulness, kindness and generosity.
6	Summer Camp	60 Summer camp scholarships awarded in 2018 supported by individual and business sponsors.
7	Fundraising	\$234k in donations and over \$250k in grants. Support from our community and across the country has been amazing!
8	Volunteers	Over 300 volunteers and countless volunteer hours have helped support our programs all year. Thank you!
9	Outreach	150 individuals attended TBRI® Training and we had 300 new referrals for our services.



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