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for Little Wanderers

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Greetings!



This is my first official e-newsletter since coming on board as executive director on the first of January, so please allow me to start by saying a warm hello. I hope the start of your new year has been a happy one.

I've spent the past month here on campus working with [The Maine Children's Home's](#) dedicated staff, connecting with the valued members of the community that make what we do possible, and meeting individuals who have been affected by the agency's programs at different stages in their lives.

I am passionate about The Maine Children's Home's mission -- *building and strengthening families and their children, instilling hope for the future and a better quality of life* -- and am eager to continue this important work and to share powerful stories about the [six programs](#) we offer.

If I haven't had the opportunity to connect with you yet, I hope to do so in the near future. Thank you for your welcoming support as I've come on board.

This e-newsletter takes a look at The Maine Children's Home's recent feature in *Mainebiz*, a recap of our annual celebration, and more.

Looking forward to seeing you again next month,

Richard Dorian, Executive Director



**The Maine Children's Home in
*Mainebiz***

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The January 11 issue of [Mainebiz](#) featured an article titled, "Leadership change at The Maine Children's Home after 23 years," beginning on the cover and continuing on to the center spread.

The article described the hard work the previous executive director, Sharon Abrams, did over the years, and how she successfully led the organization through some challenging economic times. It also discussed that The Maine Children's Home, in the midst of leadership transition, continues to have a bright future with the new executive director, Richard Dorian, coming on board.

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Read the electronic version of the article [here](#).

2016's Annual Celebration

On January 14, more than 120 board members, staff, donors, Friends of The Maine Children's Home, and local business leaders assembled at the Waterville Elks Lodge to participate in the annual celebration and lively silent auction, enjoy dinner, and kick off the annual campaign. Maine's attorney general, Janet Mills, was the guest speaker and spoke about empowering the state's youth with "roots and wings."

During the celebration, The Maine Children's Home's leadership team presented the annual awards, recognizing an employee and volunteer of the year, and community partners that support the nonprofit in a variety of ways.



Employee of the Year, Lindsay Bragdon, and Executive Director Richard Dorian



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Employee of the Year: Lindsay Bragdon, LSW, adoption counselor and case worker

Volunteer of the Year: [Friends of The Maine Children's Home](#)

Valued service awards: Inland Hospital, Marden's, and Nancy Marshall Communications

Congratulations to the award winners!

[Read more.](#)

Welcome Rebecca Fowlie

[The Harland A. Turner Counseling Center](#) is happy to welcome **Rebecca ("Becca") Fowlie** to the team. Becca is a licensed clinical social worker with an impressive background and passion for working with young children and their families. She is now accepting referrals and has immediate openings.



Meet the rest of the counseling team:

Colleen Madigan - Licensed clinical social worker with a strong background and particular interest in working with older children, teens, and adults who have anxiety or depression. Colleen is also accepting referrals and has openings.

Jackie Dupont - Licensed clinical social worker and counselor with a passion for working with children and teens. Jackie uses expressive arts and creative approaches to help children work through challenges.

The counseling center also has two case managers, **Rebecca Judd**, LSW-cc, and **Lacey Audet**, MSW, who provide targeted case management to children with behavioral health impairment, birth to twenty years old. Both Rebecca and Lacey are accepting referrals and have immediate availability.

Learn more by clicking [here](#).

Adoption Success Story

Take a look at this great [adoption success story](#). Did you know that The Maine Children's Home for Little Wanderers has been supporting children and [adoption services](#) since 1899? For more information, call 873-6350.

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On a recent evening, Margaret and Ruth ate a dinner of chicken-and-rice. The community has been very warm in its reception to the girls, Joyce said. PHOTO BY CHARLES EICHACKER

Brooklin family adopts twin sisters from Uganda

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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!

