



Bangor Savings Bank Foundation Announces Recipients of 2013 *Community Matters More* Grants

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\$100,000 will be allocated to 68 nonprofits statewide*

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BANGOR, ME – Once again, Bangor Savings Bank Foundation will donate \$100,000 to non-profits across Maine as part of their annual *Community Matters More* program. More than 80,000 Mainers voted and 68 Maine nonprofit organizations will benefit by receiving grants.

Eight nonprofits received the most community votes and will each receive a \$5000 Grant. These winners span the entire state and include:

Northern Maine

Visiting Nurses of Aroostook/Hospice of Aroostook

Greater Bangor/Ellsworth Region

Shaw House

Downeast

Washington County Food & Fuel Alliance

Mid-Coast

Hancock County Habitat for Humanity

Central Maine

Children's Discovery Museum

Western Maine

Family Violence Project of Somerset County

Greater Portland/Lewiston/Auburn

Maine Cancer Foundation

York County

Saco River Jazz Ensemble

An additional 60 nonprofit organizations that also received community members' votes will receive grants of \$1,000 each. This year, Mainers voted for 3,146 unique nonprofits, with every county in the state represented.

Jim Conlon, Bangor Savings Bank's CEO and President commented on the success of *Community Matters More*. "The people of Maine are compassionate and interested in helping their communities thrive. Once again, thousands of Mainers stepped up and supported their favorite nonprofits by casting votes in *Community Matters More*. The success of this annual initiative is a direct result of their commitment and realization that nonprofit organizations play an integral role in our state. On behalf of the 750 Bangor Savings Bank employees, we want to thank our fellow Maine citizens who participated in this year's program, and to say how honored we are to be able to assist these deserving organizations."

The statewide *Community Matters More* program is a partnership of the Bangor Savings Bank Foundation, WLBZ-TV 2, WCSH-TV 6, WGAN 560 Newsradio, and Blueberry Broadcasting. In addition to the grant money, the 48 nonprofits included on the ballot received substantial exposure about their missions.

The 60 \$1,000 grant winners include the 40 nonprofit organizations listed on the ballot, and the 20 organizations that earned the most write-in votes in each of the eight regions.

The nonprofits listed on the ballot receiving \$1,000 grants are:

Northern Maine

Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum

Golden Key Senior Center

Millinocket Regional Hospital Auxiliary

Jeffrey S. Parola Foundation

Shaw Public Library Association

Greater Bangor/Ellsworth

Children's Dyslexia Center - Bangor

Old Town/Orono YMCA

United Cerebral Palsy of Maine

My Friends Place

Downeast Horizons

Downeast

Down East Hospice Volunteers

Regional Medical Center at Lubec

Friends of Moosehorn Refuge

Cobscook Community Learning Center

Recovery Support Network

Midcoast

Trekkers, Inc.

Bay Chamber Concerts

Home Coop

Waldo County TRIAD

Searsport Historical Society

Central Maine

KVCAP South End Teen Center

Augusta Trails

L.N. Clark Inspiration Networking Caring Connections

Arnold Expedition Historical Society – Fort Halifax Project

Penquis Journey House

Western Maine

Rumford Group Homes – Homeless Shelter

Hospice Volunteers of Somerset County

Hope Association

Safe Voices

LEAP, Inc.

Greater Portland/Lewiston/Auburn

Girls on the Run - Maine

College for ME - Androscoggin

Rippleeffect

Simple Gifts

Choices Are for Everyone, Inc.

York County

LaDawn Therapeutic Riding Center

York Land Trust

Saco Bay Trails

Community Partners, Inc.

Across the River Collaborative/After School Adventures

The 20 write-in winners are:

Bangor Humane Society

Dexter Community Playground/Dexter Regional Dev.

First Light Farm Equine Shelter, Perry

Forgotten Felines of Maine, Gouldsboro

Franklin County Animal Shelter, Farmington

Greater Androscoggin Humane Society, Lewiston

Hammond Street Senior Center, Bangor

Houlton Humane Society, Houlton

High Hopes Clubhouse, Waterville

Hope Elephants, Rockport

In-A-Pinch Non Food Pantry, Biddeford

Last Stop Horse Rescue, Prentiss

Maine State Society for the Protection of Animals, Windham

Neighbors Supporting Neighbors Food Cupboard, Hermon

Public Theatre in Lewiston

River Valley Recreation Center, Mexico

Somerset Humane Society, Skowhegan
Tarratine Club of Belfast
Unlimited Solutions Clubhouse, Bangor
York County Shelter, Alfred

Community Matters More is part of Bangor Savings Bank and the Bangor Savings Bank Foundation's total commitment of giving over \$1 million per year to the community in the form of nonprofit sponsorships, grants and partnership initiatives.

About Bangor Savings Bank *Bangor Savings Bank, with more than \$2.8 billion in assets, offers retail banking and investment management services to Maine consumers as well as comprehensive commercial, corporate, payroll administration, merchant services, insurance, and small business banking services to Maine businesses. The Bank, founded in 1852, is in its 161st year of service to the people of Maine, with 57 branches and on the Web at www.bangor.com. The Bangor Savings Bank Foundation was created in 1997. Together the Bank and its Foundation invest more than a million dollars per year into the community in the form of nonprofit sponsorships, grants and partnership initiatives.*

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