



**Bangor Savings Bank Foundation Announces
Recipients of 2015 *Community Matters More* Grants**
\$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 nonprofits across Maine as part of their annual *Community Matters More* program. Thousands of Mainers voted and 68 Maine nonprofit organizations will benefit by receiving grants.

Eight nonprofits that received the most community votes will each receive a \$5,000 grant. These winners span the entire state and include:

Androscoggin/Franklin/Oxford County

Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice

Kennebec/Somerset County

Pittsfield Community Theatre

Aroostook/Northern Penobscot/Piscataquis County

Friends of The Millinocket Memorial Library

Knox/Lincoln/Sagadahoc/Waldo County

Midcoast Habitat for Humanity

Cumberland County

Mid-Coast Hunger Prevention Program

York County

Sanford-Springvale Youth Athletic Association*

Hancock/Washington County

The Next Step Domestic Violence Project

Southern Penobscot County

Spruce Run – Womancare Alliance

*write-in that was the overall top vote-getter in York County

An additional 60 nonprofit organizations that also received community members' votes will receive grants of \$1,000 each. This year, Mainers voted for 3,323 unique nonprofits, with every county in the state represented.

Bangor Saving's Bank's President and CEO Bob Montgomery-Rice commented on the significance of *Community Matters More*. "This program highlights the commitment and compassion Mainers have for their communities and the essential services provided by our non-profit sector. Each year, when we implement this program we urge Maine people to cast a vote for a cause they care about. And, it is no surprise that each year we see an overwhelming amount of support with thousands of people expressing themselves. They don't just cast their own vote for the cause they love, they ask others to get involved. This community grassroots effort results in more and more people getting involved and fully understanding how our Maine non-profits rely on community involvement. *Community Matters More* is a true success and everyone at Bangor Savings Bank is so proud to be part of this statewide effort," said Montgomery-Rice.

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.

This year, the 60 \$1,000 grant winners include 41 nonprofit organizations listed on the ballot and 19 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:

Androscoggin/Franklin/Oxford

Hope Association

Safe Voices

The Pierce House

Tree Street Youth

Western Maine Homeless Shelter

Kennebec/Somerset

Arnold Expedition Historical Society – Fort Halifax Park Project

Children's Center

Gabbie & Alice's Purple Panther Food Pantry

HealthReach Community Health Centers

Kennebec Performing Arts Company

Aroostook/Northern Penobscot/Piscataquis

Aroostook Aspirations Initiative

Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis Back Pack Program

Penobscot Valley Hospital Auxiliary

Piscataquis Regional YMCA

Vital Pathways/Riverfront Project

Knox/Lincoln/Sagadahoc/Waldo

Five Town Communities That Care

Hospitality House, a program of Knox County Homeless Shelter

Sandy Point Community Club

Teen and Young Parent Program

Waldo County Search and Rescue

Cumberland

Casa, Inc.

Girls on the Run - Maine

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Portland

Project G.R.A.C.E.

Simple Gifts

York

Biddeford City Theater

Biddeford Pool Land Trust

Bikers Against Breast Cancer

Cornish Veterans Monument Organization
Saco River Festival Association
Table of Plenty

Hancock/Washington

Bucksport Community Concerns
Camp Beech Cliff
Down East Sunrise Trail
Washington County One Community
Wreaths Across America

Southern Penobscot

Bangor Ballet
Bangor Area Recovery Network
Brewer Area Food Pantry
Community Care
Dexter Public Health Association

The write-in winners are:

Aroostook Autism Support Group
Bangor Humane Society
Belfast Free Library
Forgotten Felines of Maine
Franklin County Animal Shelter
Greater Androscoggin Humane Society
Last Stop Horse Rescue
L.C. Bates Museum
Maine State Society for the Protection of Animals
Musica Promotore
Neighbors Supporting Neighbors Food Cupboard
Old Town Recreation Center

Pope Memorial Humane Society of Knox County
Responsible Pet Care of Oxford Hill
Somerset Humane Society
SPCA of Hancock County
The Summit Project
Thompson Community Center
York County Shelter & Pantry Programs

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 \$3 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 163rd 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 \$1 million per year into the community in the form of nonprofit sponsorships, grants and partnership initiatives.*

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