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Bangor Savings Bank Foundation Announces Grant Winners for \$100K *Community Matters More* Program

BANGOR, Maine – A rabbit rescue, a surfing program for children with special needs, a living history farm and museum, and a county firewood bank are among the 2016 grant recipients for the Bangor Savings Bank Foundation’s *Community Matters More* program.

The 9th annual grant program awards a total of \$100,000 to 68 Maine nonprofit organizations chosen by a public ballot voting process. Thousands of Mainers voted during the month of February for 2,897 nonprofits located in every Maine county.

The top vote-getters, including write-ins, in eight regions of the state each receive a \$5,000 grant. Forty other organizations listed on the ballot receive a \$1,000 grant, and the twenty write-in candidates earning the most votes also win \$1,000.

The 2016 *Community Matters More* \$5,000 grant recipients are:

Aroostook/Northern Penobscot/Piscataquis Counties

Dover-Foxcroft Area Food Cupboard

Southern Penobscot County

Camp CaPella, Dedham

Kennebec/Somerset Counties

Augusta Food Bank

Androscoggin/Franklin/Oxford Counties

Franklin County Children’s Task Force, Farmington

Knox/Lincoln/Sagadahoc/Waldo Counties

Thompson Community Center, Union

Hancock/Washington Counties

Downeast Scenic Railroad, Ellsworth

Cumberland County

Southern Maine Agency on Aging, Scarborough

York County

York County Shelter Programs, Inc., Alfred

“Each year it is wonderful to see the variety of nonprofit organizations that receive support during the *Community Matters More* program,” said Bangor Savings Bank President and CEO Bob Montgomery-Rice. “From small home-based entities to large organizations providing services to thousands, Maine has no shortage of nonprofits that play an essential role in their communities.”

Nonprofits receiving 2016 *Community Matters More* \$1,000 grants are:

Aroostook/Northern Penobscot/Piscataquis Counties

Friends of Community Fitness, Guilford; Hope & Justice Project, Presque Isle; Katahdin Friends, Inc., Millinocket; Greenville Junction Depot Friends; and Lincoln Historical Society. Write-in winners: Halfway Home Pet Rescue, Caribou; and Nordic Heritage Center, Presque Isle.

Southern Penobscot County

Bangor Area Rotary Breakfast Charities, Curran Homestead: Living History Farm & Museum, Orrington; Eastern Area Agency on Aging, Bangor; Habitat for Humanity of Greater Bangor; and Old Town Recreation Center. Write-in winners: Neighbors Supporting Neighbors Community Pantry, Hermon; Newport Cultural Center; and Hermon Volunteer Rescue.

Kennebec/Somerset Counties

Aliza Jean Family Cancer Foundation, Harmony; Augusta Boys and Girls Club; Friends of L.C. Bates Museum, Hinckley; Somerset Woods Trustees, Skowhegan; and Waterville Creates. Write-in winners: Somerset Humane Society, Skowhegan; Children’s Discovery Museum, Augusta; and Kennebec Valley Humane Society, Augusta.

Androscoggin/Franklin/Oxford Counties

Greater Rumford Community Center, Healthy Androscoggin, Lewiston; L/A Arts, Lewiston; Oxford County Mental Health, and Wilton Free Public Library. Write-in winners: Franklin County Animal Shelter, Farmington; and Greater Androscoggin Humane Society, Lewiston.

Knox/Lincoln/Sagadahoc/Waldo Counties

Belfast Creative Coalition, Literacy Volunteers of Mid-Coast Maine, Rockland; Mosman Memorial Park Association, Searsport; Passy Rail Trail: Coastal Mountains Land Trust,

Camden; Waldo County Woodshed, Belfast; and The Summit Project. Write-in winner: Mid-Coast Conservancy, Wiscasset.

Hancock/Washington Counties

Bucksport Bay Healthy Communities Coalition, Bucksport; Calais Downtown Revitalization Coalition; Castine Fire Rescue Volunteer Association; Healthy Acadia, Ellsworth; and Machias Bay Chamber Concerts, Machias. Write-in winners Forgotten Felines of Maine, Gouldsboro; and Cottontail Cottage Rabbit Rescue, Lamoine.

Cumberland County

Camp Ketcha, Scarborough; The Iris Network, Portland; LearningWorks Family Literacy Program, Portland; Junior League of Portland; and Portland Stage Company. Write-in winners: Maine State Society for the Protection of Animals, Windham; Curtis Memorial Library, Brunswick; One Longfellow Square, Portland; and Maine Lost Dog Recovery, Brunswick.

York County

Aquaholics Special Surfers, Kennebunk; Caring Unlimited Corporation, Sanford; End 68 Hours of Hunger – Sacopee Valley, Cornish; Wells-Ogunquit Senior Center; and York County Community Action Corp., Sanford. Write-in winners: In a Pinch Non Food Pantry, Biddeford; and Nasson Community Center, Springvale.

The statewide *Community Matters More* program is a partnership of the Bangor Savings Bank Foundation, WLBZ-2, WCSH-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.

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