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

BANGOR, Maine – A wildlife sanctuary, firefighters’ association, food pantry, and community bicycle center are among the 2017 grant recipients for the Bangor Savings Bank Foundation’s *Community Matters More* program.

The 10th annual grant program awarded more than \$100,000 to 40 Maine nonprofit organizations chosen by a public ballot voting process. More than 70,000 Mainers voted during the month of February for more than 3,500 nonprofits located in every Maine county.

The top two vote-getters, including write-ins, in eight regions of the state each received a \$5,000 grant. Sixteen other organizations listed on the ballot, and the write-ins with the most votes in each region each received a \$1,000 grant.

The 2017 *Community Matters More* \$5,000 grant recipients are:

Aroostook/Northern Penobscot/Piscataquis Counties

House in the Woods of Lee and Dexter Fire Fighters Association, Inc.

Southern Penobscot County

Maine Breast Cancer Coalition of Bangor and Neighbors Supporting Neighbors Food Pantry of Hermon (write-in winner).

Kennebec/Somerset Counties

Nolan’s Hero Foundation of Pittsfield and Spectrum Generations Meals on Wheels in Augusta.

Androscoggin/Franklin/Oxford Counties

Fit Girls of Wilton Maine and LEAP (Life Enrichment Advancing People) of Farmington.

Knox/Lincoln/Sagadahoc/Waldo Counties

Rockland Community Center and Thompson Community Center of Union (write-in winner).

Hancock/Washington Counties

Birdsacre-Stanwood Wildlife Sanctuary of Ellsworth and Downeast Coastal Conservancy of Machias.

Cumberland County

Maine State Society for the Protection of Animals in Windham and the Maine Veterans' Home of Scarborough.

York County

Community Bicycle Center in Biddeford and Habitat for Humanity of York County.

“Once again, Mainers rallied for their favorite local nonprofits to help them win a grant and support the role these organizations play in the community,” said Bangor Savings Bank President and CEO Bob Montgomery-Rice. “We look forward to seeing the impact that these Community Matters More grants have on dozens of communities throughout Maine.”

Nonprofits receiving 2017 *Community Matters More* \$1,000 grants are:

Androscoggin/Franklin/Oxford Counties

Envision Rumford and Lewiston Education Fund. Write-in winner: The Public Theatre of Lewiston.

Aroostook/Northern Penobscot/Piscataquis Counties

Millinocket Historical Society and Moosehead Lake Region Economic Development Corporation of Greenville. Write-in winner: Halfway Home Pet Rescue, Caribou.

Cumberland County

Hospice of Southern Maine in Scarborough and Maternal Health Alliance of Maine in Portland. Write-in winner: Maine State Music Theatre of Brunswick.

Southern Penobscot County

Launchpad of Bangor, Maine Youth Fish and Game Association in Milford and Wellspring, Inc. of Bangor.

Hancock/Washington Counties

Peavey Memorial Library in Eastport and St. Croix No. 1 Firehouse Association. Write-in winner: Forgotten Felines of Maine in Gouldsboro.

Kennebec/Somerset Counties

Anson-Madison-Starks Ambulance in Anson and The Betsy Ann Ross House of Hope in Augusta. Write-in winner: Somerset Humane Society in Skowhegan.

Knox/Lincoln/Sagadahoc/Waldo Counties

The Game Loft in Belfast, Belfast Maskers and Timelines Community, Inc. of Thorndike.

York County

Waban Projects, Inc. of Sanford and York Senior Housing Services. Write-in winner:
York County Shelter Programs of Alfred.

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 32 nonprofits included on the ballot received substantial exposure about their missions.

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