



Bangor Savings Bank Foundation Awards \$100,000 in Grants Statewide based on Record-Breaking Votes Cast by Mainers

With nearly 90,000 votes cast by Maine people, Bangor Savings Bank Foundation will allocate \$100,000 to 68 nonprofits

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BANGOR, ME –Bangor Savings Bank’s Foundation started the year with its fifth annual charitable giving campaign, *Community Matters More*. And with nearly 90,000 thousand people casting votes for their favorite organizations, 68 nonprofits have been deemed the winners of this year’s effort, and will be granted a total of \$100,000.

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

Emmaus Homeless Shelter
Kennebec Valley Humane Society
Preble Street
Aid for Kids (Degenhardt Foundation)
Camden-Rockport Animal Rescue League
Seniors Plus “Meals on Wheels”
Open Hands Open Hearts (Saco Food Pantry)
Bangor Humane Society

An additional sixty nonprofit organizations which also received community members’ votes will receive grants of \$1000 each. This year’s program reached its goal of the

highest voter turn-out to date. The final tally, The Foundation reports, was nearly 90,000 votes cast for over 3,000 different community-based, Maine nonprofit organizations.

Jim Conlon, Bangor Savings Bank's CEO and President commented on the success of *Community Matters More*. "Each year The Foundation considers how it can best support Maine's Communities. Since 2007 we have focused on giving back to community services, educational organizations, and a very wide group of charitable organizations who serve the people of our state. Early on, we determined that community members should help us determine which nonprofit organizations they hoped would get the support. And while it is extremely gratifying to be able to give \$100,000 in grants, it is equally important that so many Maine people are motivated by this program and understand the significance of charitable giving."

The statewide Community Matters More program was 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, 48 nonprofits who were nominated before the voting began and were listed on the ballot received substantial exposure about their missions.

The sixty \$1000 grant winners are made up of the 40 nonprofit organizations listed on the ballot, and 20 organizations which earned the most write-in votes in each of the eight regions of the state, where the public participated.

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

Beth C. Wright Cancer Resource Center
Families United
Greenland Point Center, Inc.
Sunrise County Economic Council
Yesterday's Children, Inc.
Dexter Public Health
Hospice Volunteers of Waterville Area
Kennebec Behavioral Health Services
Maine Development Disabilities Council
Pittsfield Historical Depot

Boys & Girls Clubs of Southern Maine
Coastal Studies for Girls
Family Ice Center
LearningWorks
Northeast Hearing & Speech
Dover-Foxcroft Historical Society
Greenville Housing Corporation
House in the Woods, Inc. – Military & Family Retreat
Katahdin Area Support Group
P.E.T.S. – Prevent Euthanasia Through Sterilization
Broadreach Family & Community Services
Carver Memorial Library
Five Town Communities That Care
Georges River Land Trust
Waldo Community Action Partners – The Cinderella Project
Greater Franklin County Homeless Coalition
Lake George Regional Park
River Valley Animal Advocates
Rumford Group Homes – Homeless Shelters
Somerset Humane Society
Caring Unlimited
Day One
Harvest Hills Animal Shelter
Ice Fishing 4A Cause
North Atlantic Arts Alliance (Ossipee Valley Music Festival)
Amicus
Community Care
Eastern Area on Aging
Good Samaritan Agency
Maine Discovery Museum

The twenty write-in winners are:

Women's Health Resource Library, Milbridge
Jacob Brewer Home, Ellsworth
National Exchange Club of Waterville, Waterville
Newport Cultural Center, Newport
The Public Theatre, Lewiston
Maine State Music Theatre, Brunswick
Maine State Society for the Protection of Animals, South Windham
Charlotte White Center, Dover-Foxcroft
Piscataquis Regional YMCA, Dover-Foxcroft
Improved Order of Redmen of Maine 13 Tarratine Tribe, Belfast
Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, Boothbay
Franklin County Animal Shelter, Farmington
Chisholm Ski Club, Rumford

Maine Handicapped Skiing, Newry
York County Shelter Programs, Alfred
In-A-Pinch Non Food Pantry, Biddeford
Hampden VFW Post 4633, Hampden
Neighbors Supporting Neighbors Food Pantry, Hermon
Heart of Maine Chorus of Sweet Adelines, Bangor
Forgotten Felines, Stockton Springs

Conlon continued, "Everyone at Bangor Savings Bank knows the importance of our Community Matters More program. It is something we all value, especially during such challenging economic times. On behalf of the nearly 700 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."

Community Matters More is part of Bangor Savings Bank and the Bangor Savings Bank Foundation's total commitment of more than a million dollars 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 \$2.5 billion in assets, offers retail banking and investment management services to Maine consumers as well as comprehensive commercial, corporate, payroll administration, insurance, and small business banking services to Maine businesses. The Bank, founded in 1852, is in its 159th year of service to the people of Maine, with 55 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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