



*The Maine Children's Alliance*

# *15th* ANNIVERSARY REPORT



*2009*

*A strong and powerful voice  
to improve the lives of all Maine's  
children, youth, and families.*

"...You must work, we must all work, to make the world worthy of its children."

– Pablo Casals (1876-1973)

# THE FIRST FIFTEEN YEARS

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*Fifteen years ago*, we both joined a group of visionary people who were committed to strengthening child advocacy in Maine. Our vision became a reality when we incorporated the Maine Children's Alliance and Ellie Goldberg, our first President and CEO, joined us in a windowless one-room office in Portland.

We have come a long way since then. Now we have a staff of seven, a building of our own, and a long list of accomplishments that makes us proud. With support from a broad base of individuals, organizations, agencies and corporations, we have been able to make a significant difference in the lives of Maine children and their families. Working together, we have:

- Improved the early care and education systems
- Expanded access to quality, affordable health care, including behavioral health services
- Helped restructure the child welfare program to provide better outcomes for children
- Offered effective support for cooperation among local schools

We have much to celebrate – and much work still to do. We will continue to focus our attention on improving systems that affect the wellbeing of our young people. At the Maine Children's Alliance, we believe this is the most effective and efficient way to have an impact on the policy makers, agencies and others whose efforts will determine our children's success today and into the future.

We also believe that it takes a community, working together, to succeed. Our community extends across Maine and, for the past fifteen years, our community leader has been Ellie Goldberg. We are grateful for her hard work, vision and leadership. This year, Ellie has stepped down as President and CEO. Fortunately for the Maine Children's Alliance, she will stay on as Executive Vice President and continue to be a strong voice for children.

Banker and community leader, John W. Whitehead once said, "Children are the living messages we send to a time we will not see." Our hearts are warmed to think that, far into the future, Maine's children will be healthier, happier and more productive because of the work of the Maine Children's Alliance. Please join us, as we set our sights on the future, and the work to be done in next fifteen years.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Rosser".

JACK ROSSER

*Chair of The Maine Children's Alliance Board of Directors*



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dean Crocker".

DEAN CROCKER

*President/CEO of The Maine Children's Alliance*

# CHANGING POLICY: *Changing the Lives of Children*

*From its inception*, MCA has focused on system change buttressed by accurate, reliable data collection and analysis. MCA changes the lives of children by working with individuals, organizations, programs and agencies to improve the quality of services for children and the way these services are delivered. MCA frequently convenes a diverse group of stakeholders from the public and private sectors, seeking shared concerns, common ground and practical solutions.

## IN RECENT YEARS, THIS WORK HAS INCLUDED:

- Providing support for the integration and improvement of complex systems (e.g., the creation of the Office of Child and Family Services (OCFS) at the Maine Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and child welfare system reforms)
- Successfully advocating for the creation of a Division of Early Childhood within OCFS
- The development of new strategies and programs to meet previously unmet needs, including School-Based Health Care Centers and the work of the Dental Access Coalition
- Analysis of complex issues with recommendations for constructive change (e.g., work with our congressional delegation; school reform)
- Strategic community outreach to increase the number of children and families with health care coverage

All these efforts at the state and federal level have created substantive and positive changes for individual children and families.

*“The Maine Children’s Alliance [staff] have been pioneers in promoting research and evidence-based policies that improve the lives of all Maine children, youth, and families by encouraging a strong and unified approach to children’s services. This organization’s work with the Department of Health and Human Services, as Ombudsman for our child welfare system, has been exemplary in reforming our systems.”*

GOVERNOR JOHN E. BALDACCI

March 2008



# RECENT HIGHLIGHTS *at the Maine Children's Alliance*

*"Your input is invaluable to me as the Congress works intensively to enact comprehensive health care reform."*

U. S. SENATOR OLYMPIA SNOWE  
April 2009



## *Data Collection and Analysis*

Before we can work to solve a systems problem, we must have an in-depth understanding of the issue. MCA collects consistent, accurate and reliable data on a wide range of issues. This information provides a strong foundation for all the work we do.

- In early 2009, MCA published the 15th annual edition of the Maine KIDS COUNT Data Book. Over the years, more and more policy makers, advocates and others who work with children have come to rely on KIDS COUNT for accurate and up-to-date information. Funded by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, KIDS COUNT provides a wealth of information in three broad areas: physical and mental health, education and learning, and the social and economic contexts of children's lives. The annual publication provides an in-depth picture of the current status of Maine's children as well as trends in Maine over the past 15 years, indicating areas of both improvement and concern.
- In 2006, MCA released the "Maine Children's Mental Health Report." The report compiled indicators drawn from state survey data and state-level data from the public systems that ensure that mental health services are available for Maine children. These public systems consist of the state Department of Health and Human Services (the Division of Behavioral Health Services; the Division of Child Welfare Services; The Division of Early Childhood; and the Office of Substance Abuse), the Department of Education, the Department of Labor and the Department of Corrections. Based on the data compiled, extensive recommendations were offered on ways to integrate and coordinate data collection among the public systems through which children receive mental health services.  
  
Based on the groundwork laid out in this report, MCA will be issuing a Children's Behavioral Health Report regularly, beginning in the fall of 2009. Using the common set of indicators identified in the 2006 and substantial new data, these reports will highlight the successes and shortcomings in the mental health delivery systems. The first state in the nation to develop a children's behavioral health systems data report, Maine will serve as a model for work in other states.
- The Children's Growth Council has requested that MCA provide a baseline report on early childhood systems. The report will include indicators for school readiness and how well young children are doing, with recommendations for developing a cross systems effort for tracking child outcomes. The report will inform the recommendations that the Council will make to the legislature in January 2010.

## *Child Welfare and the Ombudsman Program*

- MCA has administered the Child Welfare Ombudsman Program since its inception in 2003. Each year, the number of people who contact the program has increased. In 2008, the Ombudsman office received 384 calls. As a result of these calls, 175 cases that were opened and, for each one, we assessed both the individual concerns and any broader issues raised about child welfare practice and state policy. Even when the Office of the Ombudsman supports DHHS's decisions, practice or policy, concerns may be raised.
- The recommendations highlighted in the Ombudsman's annual report have frequently served as a catalyst for systemic change in the state child welfare system. DHHS has implemented significant policy change regarding the placement of children in state custody, the focus of a number of the Ombudsman's recommendations. As a result, fewer children are now placed in foster care and, when it is safe to do so, children are returned to their family, and priority is given to placing children in kinship care or adoptive homes. The number of children in foster care has been reduced by a third over the past six years, and the outcomes for children placed in permanent care are much better. The Ombudsman's work to promote permanency planning has included active participation in a DHHS study entitled "Developing Shared Outcomes to Support Permanency Planning."
- Shaken Baby Syndrome (SBS) describes the serious injuries that can occur when an infant or toddler is violently shaken. Working with a broad coalition of child advocates, health care providers and community groups, MCA is spreading the word that it is never all right to shake a baby. This message is being communicated through a number of avenues. "The Period of PURPLE Crying" is being given to parents of newborns in hospitals throughout Maine; home visitors, public health nurses and pediatricians are providing follow-up information; MCA and other organizations are providing community awareness presentations; and public service announcements are running on television and radio stations around the state.

## *The Early Childhood Initiative*

- As a result of the Maine DHHS restructuring process, the Office of Child and Family Services was formed. Due, in large part, to the efforts of MCA, a Division of Early Childhood was established to ensure a system that will support the most effective, efficient and accountable system of services for early childhood learning and care. MCA provided

*"I have always found the Maine Children's Alliance KIDS COUNT Data Book to be a wonderful source of information about Maine kids and their status."*

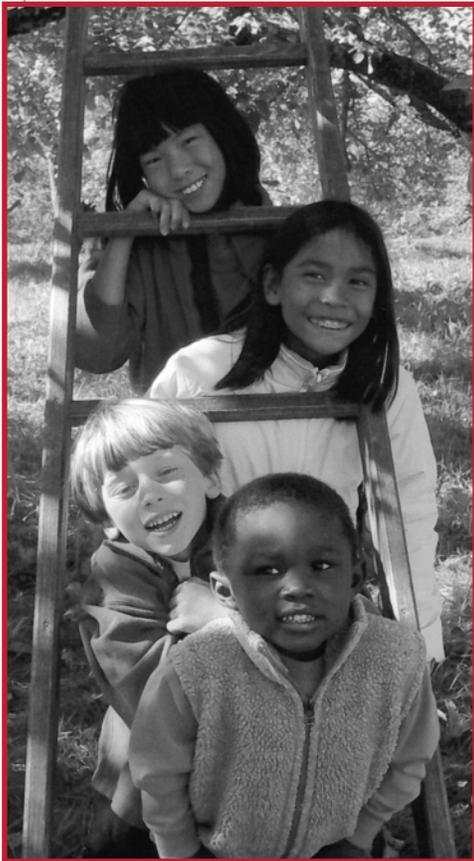
GOVERNOR JOHN E. BALDACCI  
March 2008



# RECENT HIGHLIGHTS, *continued...*

*"The Maine Children's Alliance ..... makes a significant contribution to the wellbeing of children and families of Maine. We are profoundly grateful!"*

U. S. SENATOR OLYMPIA SNOWE  
March 2005



insights and concrete recommendations, throughout the process, on how the system could be made more efficient and more responsive to the needs of children and their families. MCA continues to play an integral role in the work being done to improve preventative services, provide a seamless point of entry into the system for families, and implement other systemic changes. As a result of this work, young children will have a better start and improved long-term outcomes.

- With the hire of Judy Reidt-Parker as MCA's Early Childhood Specialist in September 2008, the organization is able to focus on strategies to assure that early childhood systems are structured efficiently, with policies that best serve Maine's infants and toddlers. MCA is a member of the Children's Growth Council, the Educare Leadership Team, and numerous other statewide efforts to improve the delivery of services to young children.
- In partnership with Raising Readers, a program of MaineHealth, MCA wrote and published an issue brief entitled "Infant and Toddler Language Development and Literacy." The brief focuses on why early literacy is essential and how infant and toddler literacy and language development can best be supported.
- An article entitled "Assessing the Return on Public Investment in Maine's Early Childhood System" is slated for publication in the fall issue of Policy Review, the journal of the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center. The paper offers concrete recommendations on ways the system can be improved.

## *Health Care*

- Reauthorization of SCHIP (the State Children's Health Insurance Program) in February 2009 was supported by all of Maine's congressional delegation. As a prominent member of the Finance Committee, Senator Olympia Snowe played a pivotal role in its passage. MCA worked closely with the delegation, providing background information to congressional staff, and kept Maine constituents updated on the legislation through the media and direct communication with MCA members.
- Approximately 11,000 children and teenagers are eligible for MaineCare but not enrolled. In 2008, the Maine Children's Alliance and KeyBank jointly launched a statewide outreach campaign to encourage parents to enroll their families. KeyBank displayed MaineCare

applications in each of their 62 locations around the state, and Key employees joined MCA staff in making presentations to local service groups about the outreach project.

## *Equality and Diversity*

- The Marriage Equality Bill, making civil marriage legal for gay and lesbian couples in Maine, was passed in 2009 by the state legislature. Through community outreach, opinion pieces in the press, and testimony before the legislature’s Judiciary Committee, MCA publicly supported the legislation. Speaking at the hearing in favor of the bill, Ellie Goldberg testified that “children of same-gender families can be hurt or become the objects of ridicule and harassment by other children and adults who do not understand or approve of gay and lesbian parenting. One way we can relieve children of that burden or stigma is by allowing their parents to engage in civil marriage and, in doing so, acknowledge and support their family structure.”

## *Education*

- MCA’s Education Project has published several reports focusing on reform of public education. They emphasize the value and advantages of cooperative techniques for a state with a small and declining school-aged population. “A Case for Cooperation: Making Connections to Improve Education for all Maine Students,” was the first such effort, published in 2006. The report’s message, that greater use of voluntary and cooperative regional services would result in financial efficiencies and improved education, found a wide audience and was cited by Gov. John Baldacci when he released a plan to consolidate school districts.

The resulting legislation, however, shifted the emphasis from improving the quality of education to cost savings through administrative mergers – a change that resulted in local resistance, particularly in rural areas of the state. A second report, “A Case for Cooperation II,” took account of a rapidly changing reform landscape, and continued to emphasize the advantages of voluntary, locally designed solutions. As before, the report promoted classroom benefits through cooperation, not just budget considerations.

- As 26 new consolidated districts that were formed under the law began operations this year, MCA followed up with a timely report on the first new regional district, designated RSU 1,

*“You have helped to improve the quality of life for all Mainers.”*

U. S. SENATOR SUSAN COLLINS  
*June 2009*



# RECENT HIGHLIGHTS, *continued...*

*“Because of MCA, the annual KIDS COUNT book is the first place stakeholders and policy-makers turn when making better policy for children.”*

NANCY J MEAGHER  
Vice President, Community Relations  
Bank of America  
February 2008

which followed its own path through a private and special law that enabled it to organize a year earlier. “Education First: How the Bath Area Made Reorganization Work,” published electronically in July 2009, chronicles how five communities planned and developed a successful new district with a variety of innovative compromises and educational improvements. The report shows how the Lower Kennebec Regional School District can serve as a model for other school districts as they continue their work on consolidation, with the aid of a new state law backed by MCA. This law promotes the formation of voluntary cooperatives alongside more formal consolidation agreements.

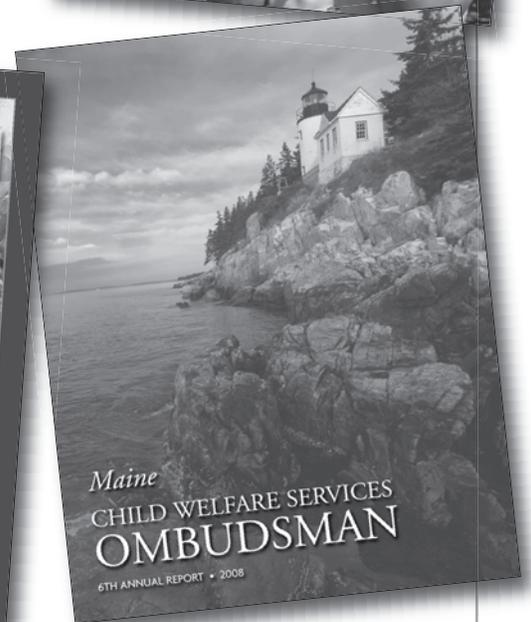
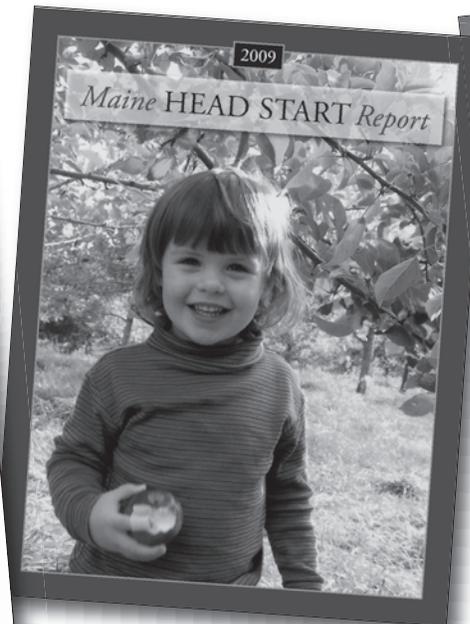
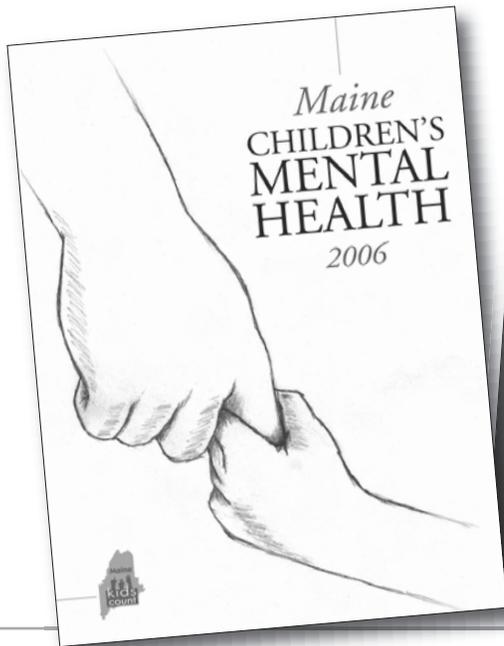
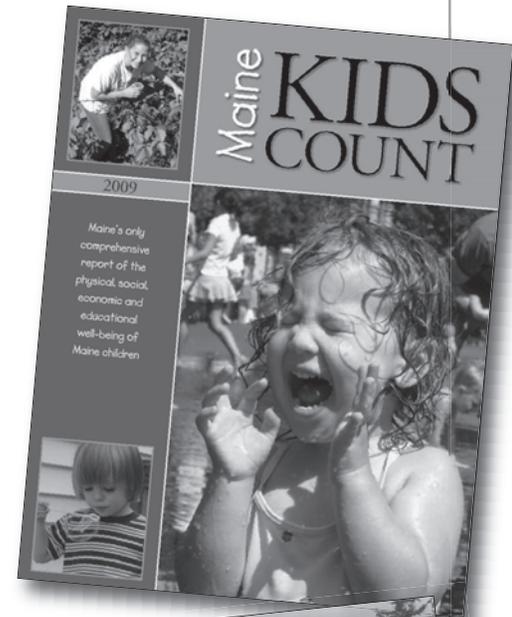
## *Economic Stability*

- In the spring of 2009, MCA worked closely with Maine’s congressional delegation and staff to ensure that the final version of the federal American Recovery and Re-investment Act (ARRA) included significant supports for children and their families. The expansion of four tax credits for families – the Earned Income Tax Credit, the Child Tax Credit, the Making Work Pay Tax Credit, and the American Opportunity Tax Credit – was a keystone of this effort. These credits are fully refundable, so they will include help for families with modest earnings that pay little or no income tax but pay a significant portion of their income in payroll tax. Maine Senator Olympia Snowe championed the inclusion of these expansions, and Maine’s entire delegation supported the package.
- For the past fifteen years, MCA has maintained a close and positive relationship with Maine’s congressional delegation. As a result, the delegation has consistently maintained a focus on issues that affect children and families, including tax reform, child care subsidies and health care programs. Additionally, MCA has taken a leadership role in the region, working with other advocates for children to make sure the New England congressional delegation works collaboratively on legislation that affects our children.
- MCA also has a respected presence at the State House, working with the legislature on tax reform and economic security issues.



# RECENT PUBLICATIONS

- The Maine KIDS COUNT Data Book* . . . . . published annually
- Annual Ombudsman Report* . . . . . published annually
- Early Childhood Development: Issue Brief* . . . . . March 2005
- Case for Cooperation I:  
Making Connections to Improve Education for all Maine Students* . . . . . July 2006
- Maine Children's Mental Health Report* . . . . . September 2006
- Case for Cooperation II:  
How School Reform Can Work for Maine Students* . . . . . August 2008
- Infant and Toddler Language Development: Issue Brief* . . . . . December 2008
- 2009 Head Start Report* . . . . . March 2009
- Education First: How the Bath Area Made Reorganization Work* . . . . . June 2009
- Assessing the Return on Public Investment in Maine's Early Childhood System* . . . . . Fall 2009



# THE GIRAFFE AWARDS SALUTING ALL OUR CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN

...Celebrating those who "stick their necks out" for Maine's children, youth, and families..."

## 1996

Bodine"Bo" Ames  
Camp Kieve/Leader Decisions Institute  
Geiger Brothers  
Christine Hastedt  
Kids Can Make A Difference

## 1997

Diversity Leadership Institute  
Bill Hager  
Robin McCarthy  
Rhyme & Reason, Margo Clarke  
Simmons  
Jane Weil  
Steve Wessler

## 1998

Belfast Area Child Care Services, Inc.  
Carol Bryan  
Nancy Call  
Renee Chaplin  
Nathan Fenderson  
Megan Ford  
Eva Grover  
Bernard McAllister

## 1999

Office of Child Care and Head Start  
Americorps Act Crew  
Lee Glynn  
Genevieve Hatcher  
Edward Hinckley  
Kits for Kids  
Maine Children's Home for  
Little Wanderers

Dr. Lawrence Ricci  
Joyce Roy  
Kristina Joyce Smith  
Start ME Right Legislators:  
*Rep. Steve Rowe*  
*Senator Susan Longley*  
*Rep. Christina Baker*

## 2000

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield  
Child Protective & Children's Services Staff  
of the Department of Human Services  
Lucky Hollander  
Kathy Leen  
The Root Cellar

## 2001

Lisa Belanger  
MBNA  
Amy Mitchell  
Camp Chrysalis  
*Donna Short and Merrie Bruskin*  
The Edge

## 2002

Early Childhood Education Programs,  
Maine Technical College System  
Harvest Place  
Cary Olson  
Therapeutic Alternative Program at  
Mount Ararat High School

## 2003

Alan Cartwright  
Pierce Atwood Attorneys  
*William J. Kayatta and*  
*Margaret Minister O'Keefe*



Compass Project  
Libra Foundation

## 2004

Richard Warren  
Trish Riley  
Jim Minott

## 2005

Drew Landry  
Bangor Family Connections  
Kids Legal Aid of Maine

## 2006

James Rier  
Regis Trembley  
Miles for Smiles

## 2007

Alan Cobo-Lewis  
Center for Grieving Children  
Freda Plumley

## 2008

TD Banknorth

## 2009

Jobs for Maine's Graduate  
Heidi Bowden  
Emanuel Pariser  
James Morse  
Barbara Ford

# 15 YEARS OF DONATIONS

## \$100,000 – \$1,000,000

Americas Promise - First Focus  
Annie E. Casey Foundation  
Anonymous  
Betterment Fund  
Bingham Program  
DHS Bureau of Health - Oral Health Program  
Maine Community Foundation  
Maine Health Access Foundation  
Office of the Governor  
W.K. Kellogg Foundation  
Rick and Beth Warren

## \$25,000 – \$100,000

Anonymous  
Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield  
Bangor Daily News  
Bank of America Foundation  
Branta Foundation  
Cox Charitable Trust  
Dead River Company  
Department of Education  
DHS Bureau of Health - Teen and Young Adult Health Program  
Fleet – Maine  
Hannaford Bros. Co.  
Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation  
Libra Foundation  
Maine Department of Education  
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation  
Neil Rolde  
Sam L. Cohen Foundation  
Stephen & Tabitha King Foundation  
Verizon  
Voices for America's Children  
Rick and Beth Warren  
Zero to Three

## \$5,000 – \$25,000

Aetna Foundation  
American Academy of Pediatrics - Maine Chapter  
Anonymous  
Bangor Savings Bank  
Central Maine Power  
Community Health & Counseling Services  
Maddy Cosson  
Davis Family Foundation  
Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services

Frances Hollis Brain Foundation  
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Cyrus and Patty Hagge  
Jennifer Harrell  
Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Inc.  
Kennebec Pediatrics  
KeyBank  
Maine Center for Economic Policy  
Maine Developmental Disabilities Council  
Margo Clarke Simmons  
MEP MSI  
Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services  
Northeast Delta Dental  
O'Connor Realty  
Packard Foundation  
Partners in Ending Hunger  
Patricia Chernoff Charitable Trust  
Saco River Telegraph & Telephone Co.  
TD Banknorth  
Time Warner Cable of Maine  
Joanne J. Van Namee  
Verizon

## \$1,000 – \$5,000

Rosemary Baldacci  
Bangor Savings Bank  
Bath Iron Works  
Belfast Area Child Care Services, Inc.  
Martha Bishop  
Blethen Maine Newspapers  
Marilyn T. Bronzi  
Camp Kieve  
Catholic Charities Maine  
Center for Community Inclusion  
Gail Chase  
Child Care Services of York County  
City of Augusta Childcare Bureau  
Community Concepts - Auburn  
Dead River Company  
Dean Crocker  
Judith Dann  
Joel Davis  
Day One for Children and Families  
Nancy DeSisto  
Downeast Health Services  
Eastern Maine Healthcare  
Beth Ellers  
The E.Y.E. Foundation  
Familyworks  
Flory Investment  
Geiger Brothers

Genest Concrete Works Inc.  
Jane Gilbert and Nancy Fritz  
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H.E. Sargent Inc.  
Mr. and Mrs. Will Hertz  
John Hornstein  
Infant Mental Health  
Jobs for Maine's Graduates  
William & Judith Jones  
Kennebec Girl Scout Council  
Kennebec Savings Bank  
Key Bank of Maine  
Kids Can Make A Difference  
KidsPeace New England  
Berry Kornreich  
Victoria Kuhn  
KVCAP Child and Family Services  
Jana Lapoint  
Dorothy Larrabee  
Le Garage Restaurant  
Jim and Jane Lester  
Libra Foundation  
Susan Longley  
Sylvia Lund  
Luke MacFadyen  
Maine AFL - CIO  
Maine Association for Infant Mental Health  
Maine Center for Economic Policy  
Maine Children's Trust  
Maine Development Foundation  
Maine Medical Center  
Maine School Management Association  
MaineHealth  
Mary Majorowicz  
MBNA Foundation  
Jane McCarty  
Nina McKee  
Maine Community Foundation  
Marge and Bill Medd  
Mediation & Facilitation Resources  
Merrill Merchants Bank  
Dr. Roy and Lisa Miller  
Harriet Miskell  
James F. Mitchell Co. LLC  
Nancy Morrell  
Dr. Frank A. Musciano  
Sive Neilan  
Oakhurst Dairy  
O'Connor GMC  
Paris Farmers Union  
Patrisa McLean Photography  
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Portland Press Herald/Maine Sunday Telegram  
Raising Readers / Maine Health  
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Sweetser Children's Services  
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United Way of Greater Portland  
United Way of Mid Coast Maine  
Unity College  
University of Maine Cooperative Extension  
UNUM Provident  
Verrill & Dana, LLP  
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WGME 13  
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Rabbi Harry and Mrs. Sky  
Susan St. John  
United Way of Mid Coast Maine

## up to \$500

A Family for ME  
Sharon Abair  
Abnaki Girl Scout Council  
Academy Hill School  
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Jean Adamson  
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Advocates for Children  
Susan Allein  
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American Cancer Society  
American Legion Auxillary  
American Lung Association of Maine  
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Governor John E. Baldacci

## \$500 – \$1,000

Belfast Area Child Care Services, Inc.  
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Familyworks  
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Bangor Area Coordination Council  
Bangor Gas Company  
Bangor Public Health Nursing  
Barber Foods  
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Maria Barth  
Paul Basham  
Bath Area YMCA  
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David Boldebook  
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The Boothby Institute  
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Child Care Connection  
Child Care Options  
Child Development Services Kennebec County  
Child Development Services Washington County  
Child Health Center  
Children's Clinic - MaineGeneral  
Children's Services  
Children's Theater of Maine  
China Health Center  
City of Gardiner  
City of Portland  
Maureen Clancy  
Sandra Clark  
CMCC- Early Childhood Education  
CMP Employees Federal Credit Union  
Coastal Community Action Program  
Coastal Economic Development Corp.  
Cindy Cochran  
Martha Coleman  
Paula Colwell  
Community Counseling of Maine, Inc.  
Community Health and Nursing Services  
Congregation Bet Ha'am  
Consulting for Creative Options  
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Copy Center  
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