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Please help us reach our
goal of raising \$50,000
for our Spring Appeal
benefitting Farm for ME!

Farm for ME is designed to increase local access to nutritious vegetables, reduce food insecurity and improve food sustainability in Maine. By supporting *Farm for ME* you help provide not just food, but nourishment through healthy, fresh vegetables. These critical funds will help us make an even greater impact on the more than 200,000 people in Maine, including 64,000 children, who go hungry each day. And by increasing access to healthier food options we can also work toward reducing health issues such as obesity, diabetes and heart disease.

Give online at www.ccmaine.org/endlunger; checks can be mailed to Catholic Charities Maine, Development Office, P.O. Box 10660, Portland, ME 04104-6060 or call the Development Office at (207) 523-1188.

Catholic Charities Maine making every penny count

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THANKS TO YOU!

Catholic Charities Maine Donors Provide Help & Hope in the New Year

We are so grateful and inspired by the outpouring of support for our Christmas Appeal. Having raised just over \$131,000 it was our most successful fundraising effort to date. With more than 475 donors participating we are able to make a tremendous impact on our Emergency Services program which answers the call daily, all year long, from individuals and families in crisis from across Maine.

From help with rent, security deposits, bills and heating oil to new glasses, clothing and medications you enable us to answer their calls of despair with hope and generosity. Thank you!



Parish Social Ministry staff members (left to right): Susan Snow, Justin Dean, Michael Smith, Deacon Al Burleigh, Bill Wood and Bonnie Bagley.

"I didn't have anywhere else to turn,
I'm sure I'd be homeless if it wasn't for
your kindness."

– Emergency Services Client

AGENCY NEWS

Director of Hunger & Relief Services Honored with Lifetime Achievement Award

Dixie Shaw, Director of Hunger & Relief Services, was the recent recipient of the Lifetime Achievement award from the Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce, the Presque Isle Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs.



According to Chamber Executive Director Theresa Fowler, "Dixie embodies everything we look for in a candidate for this award – no one can deny the tremendous amount of work and energy she puts into improving the lives of people in Maine and particularly in Aroostook County."

During her 28-year tenure at CCM, Shaw has grown a small home supplies depot and food pantry into a comprehensive model to sustain the needs of those who are hungry and vulnerable in the County. Her "can do" attitude has resulted in the robust Hunger & Relief Services program. Built from the ground up, it now provides food to more than 35% of the population (> 24,000 individuals) of Aroostook County.

"Having known Dixie since 1989 and recognizing that her passion for serving those in need and enthusiasm for solving any problem regardless of barriers are by far her greatest assets, I believe she is truly deserving of this Award," notes Stephen Letourneau, CEO of Catholic Charities Maine. "She has dedicated her life to helping others through her work and leadership with Catholic Charities Maine and we couldn't be more thankful for and proud of her accomplishments."

MARK YOUR CALENDARS | PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES!

SAVOR SUMMER'S ARRIVAL AT BARRELS & BREWS



The third annual Barrels & Brews — Catholic Charities Maine's (CCM) signature fundraiser supporting our 20+ programs — will be held on Saturday, June 4th at Southern Maine Community College from 6 – 9pm with special guest Bishop Robert P. Deeley.

The official kick-off to summer fun, Barrels & Brews features sampling of Maine's best craft beers and wines; delectable hors d'oeuvres and s'mores under the stars! Plus you'll delight in live music while partaking in a fabulous silent auction and chances to win luxury raffle baskets.

CCM is proud to be a voice and a resource for Maine's most vulnerable. While our varied programs address the diverse needs of our state, our mission is singular: to empower and

strengthen individuals of all faiths by providing innovative community-based social services around mental health, senior outreach, child development, food insecurity and refugee and immigration, among others.

We hope we can count on your support to fulfill our mission, by joining us for this special night! Whether as an event sponsor, a guest, or through an auction item donation you help make the difference in the lives of Mainers in need!

Tickets are available online at www.ccmaine.org/barrelsandbrews or for more information, to donate an auction item, and to purchase tickets, please call the Development Office at (207) 523-1188.

Featured Beers & Wines: Shipyard Brewing • Andrew's Brewing Company • Angry Orchard • Winslow Bier Works • Gritty McDuff's Brewing Company • Allagash Brewery • Plus a special CCM 50th Anniversary Ale! Catherine Hill Winery • Prospect Hill Winery • DiMillo Imports • and more!

PUT CHILDREN FIRST, PLAY GOLF!

Our 14th Annual Golf Classic will be held on Monday, September 19th.

Raising critical funds for the *Put Children First* scholarship fund at our three child development centers in Auburn, Biddeford and Portland, it is sure to be the most rewarding round of golf you'll play this season!

Join us as a sponsor or register your team today at: www.ccmaine.org/golf or by calling the Development Office at (207) 523-1188.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!

More details to come, but mark your calendars for a special night to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Catholic Charities Maine on Wednesday, November 9th! We'll host an annual meeting and awards dinner at the Doubletree Hotel in South Portland.



MAKING EVERY PENNY COUNT:

Stories from the Field

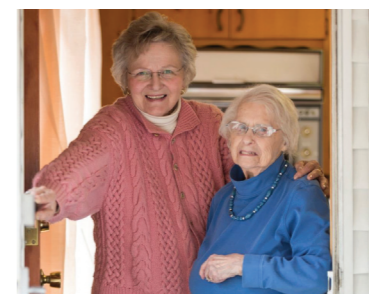


Physician Tom Luna forges friendship with New Mainer Hassan Mahmoud

We're so proud of one of our former **Refugee & Immigration Services (RIS)** clients who was accepted into the Internal Medicine residency program at Maine Medical Center! Originally from Somalia, Hassan Mahmoud was previously a doctor in Syria who has worked tremendously hard the last few years to be able to return to his calling as a physician here in the United States. Mahmoud was supported on his journey through RIS' professional mentoring program as well as through forging a friendship with RIS employment volunteer and local physician Tom Luna.

Did you know? In fiscal year 2015, RIS resettled 442 primary refugees and assisted more than 66 secondary migrants and 77 asylees in becoming self-sufficient new members of our community. Our Clients came from Iraq, Congo, Somalia, Burundi and Rwanda among other nations with high hopes of starting a new life in Maine. If you are interested in volunteering to help a New Mainer acclimate to life in a new city or mentor them along their professional pursuits, please contact Bethany Edmunds at bedmunds@ccmaine.org

Our **SEARCH** program has expanded services to Lincoln County! SEARCH, which now operates in Androscoggin, Sagadahoc, Lincoln and Kennebec Counties as well as the Bath/Brunswick area, is a volunteer program that helps seniors feel less isolated and more connected to a caring community, while also remaining independent in their own homes. SEARCH provides free support services via trained volunteers including friendly visits and companionship, socialization opportunities, transportation for grocery shopping and errands, telephone reassurance calls, and information and referrals to other community services and programs.



SEARCH volunteer Marnie Hackenberg enjoys bonding with her "match" Margaret

Did you know? SEARCH served nearly 300 seniors in 2015, up 21% from the year prior! If you'd like to volunteer your time to make a difference in the life of an isolated senior, contact SEARCH program director Wendy Russell at (207) 784-0157 or wrussell@ccmaine.org



Fresh rutabagas are flash-frozen and packaged for distribution beyond the growing season

Our **Hunger & Relief Services** has received a \$39,559 grant from Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA) as part of the national organization's efforts to fund activities that expand outreach to rural communities. The CCUSA grant is made possible thanks to funding from the Walmart Foundation. The funds will be used to purchase a multi-use truck in Aroostook County for food distribution and expansion efforts from our two CCM food banks.

Did you know? CCM's Hunger & Relief Services program provides food to 35% of Aroostook County's population which is more than 23,000 individuals yearly. **A donation to our Spring Appeal now underway can help Farm for ME grow** to flash-freeze vegetables for year-round distribution; expand distribution of our fresh produce statewide to feed even more Mainers; and add staff and enhance volunteer outreach to increase our harvest by 10,000 lbs.! Give online at www.ccmaine.org/endhunger.

Great Ways You Can Help!

Donate a car or boat and help change lives here in Maine!

Do you have an unwanted vehicle or boat sitting in your garage or yard? **Donate it to Catholic Charities Maine!** Simply call our toll free number 1-855-460- GIVE (4483) and we will do the rest. We arrange to have your car picked up and sold and you will receive a donation receipt for tax purposes. It is a wonderful way for you to make a donation to CCM and remove an unused or unwanted vehicle. The money raised helps us to continue providing quality, community-based, social services. For more information visit www.ccmaine.org.

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