



There's No Place Like Home for the Holidays

As the holiday season approaches, many of us are reminded of the warmth and comfort of home, the joy of gathering with loved ones, and the spirit of giving. For seniors and adults with physical disabilities, especially those on a limited income, this time of year can bring unique challenges. However, thanks to our **Independent Support Services (ISS)** program, these individuals can continue to enjoy the holidays at home with help from dedicated Independent Support Workers.

All year long, and even during the cold winter months, our staff help with a variety of tasks such as routine housekeeping, grocery shopping, laundry, and bringing the holiday spirit into each home. Whether it's assisting with holiday meal preparations or helping clean up to create a welcoming space, ISS brings the spirit of giving to those who need it most.

We understand the importance of traditions and the comfort they bring. Our Independent Support Services' program helps seniors continue their cherished holiday practices, ensuring that these moments are filled with love and continuity. Clients often express how their Independent Support Worker has profoundly improved their quality of life, sharing:

"Without ISS we would not be able to stay in our home. This is so helpful and important."

"This service is a life saver."

Thanks to the generosity of donors like you, our clients can celebrate at home, surrounded by holiday cheer and feel the love of community. The dignity and value our clients feel by being able to stay in their own homes are at the heart of what we do.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES MAINE 2024 FALL APPEAL



Right now, more
Mainers from all walks
of life need a helping
hand — together, we
can offer one.

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Program Highlights

You Could Win BIG Helping to Feed the County



Support our Hunger & Relief Services program in Aroostook County by purchasing our "December Days" raffle calendar. All proceeds help Feed the County and are available for \$15 each (or 2 for \$25) at ccmaine.org/decemberdays or in our Threads of Hope Thrift Store northern locations.

We'll draw a winner each day in December. Plus, your name will go back into the drawing, so you'll have a CHANCE TO WIN not just once, but EVERY DAY! The giving begins December 1st, so order today and help provide true nourishment this holiday season.

Jessie Albert Dental & Orthodontic Center Receives Grant from Delta Dental

We are thrilled to share that our **Jessie Albert Dental & Orthodontic Center** in Bath has been awarded a \$15,000 grant from the Northeast Delta Dental Foundation. This funding will allow us to acquire a new dental chair, dental equipment, and supplies, further enhancing the quality of our services.

The Jessie Albert Dental & Orthodontic Center is committed to providing exceptional dental and orthodontic care to patients of all ages in a friendly and welcoming environment. They continuously strive to utilize progressive treatment methods to ensure the highest standards of care for everyone in our community.

This grant is a testament to the Northeast Delta Dental Foundation's long-standing commitment to improving oral health education and access to dental care across Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont. Their support has made a tangible impact in our communities, helping us serve the uninsured and underserved populations effectively. *(Right: Dr. Meredith Davis with a young patient)*

Providing a Lifeline of Nutritional Support to Older Adults in Aroostook County

Last month, Catholic Charities **Hunger & Relief Services** joined forces with the USDA to boost the health and well-being of low-income seniors, aged 60 and above, by supplementing their diets with nutritious USDA foods.

Each month, we provide 800 seniors with 30-pound food packs brimming with essential commodities like dry pasta, canned meats and vegetables, and cheese. These nutritious packs are designed to support healthier, enhanced lives for senior community members in need.



Special Events

Putting Children First for 22 Years and Counting!

We're thrilled to share that our 22nd annual Put Children First Golf Classic was a resounding success! It was a beautiful day on the course, with 28 teams of golfers enjoying the perfect weather and camaraderie. Thanks to the generous support of all who attended, along with our Community Partners and Event Sponsors, the tournament raised \$81,089. These funds will support 324 weeks of childcare for low-income working families at our **St. Elizabeth's & St. Louis Child Development Centers**. This event truly highlights our community's spirit and commitment to making a difference in Maine, creating a truly unforgettable day.

Reflecting on the event, Catholic Charities Maine CEO Stephen Letourneau states, "The annual golf tournament plays a significant role in furthering our commitment to provide quality child care to families in need, ensuring that every child in Maine has the chance to thrive and succeed."



Central Maine Power's Team (top); CCM CEO Steve Letourneau with Most Reverend Bishop James Ruggieri (left); One lucky player shows off his "Wall of Wine" winnings (right).

Community Partners Spotlight

As we wrap up another remarkable year, we want to extend our deepest gratitude for our Corporate Community Partners' unwavering support and commitment. Their partnership has been instrumental in helping us achieve our mission and make a meaningful impact across Maine. Together, we have navigated challenges and celebrated numerous successes, always driven by a shared vision of providing help and creating hope.

The generosity, collaboration, and dedication of local businesses have not only empowered our initiatives but have also inspired countless individuals and families. As we look ahead to 2025, we invite those businesses who would like to invest in our communities to join us. For more information, contact Kathy Mockler, Director of Development and Communications, at (207) 781-8550 or knockler@ccmaine.org.

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