



UPCOMING EVENTS

April 3rd-8th Garage Sale/Vendor Sale
April 7th Easter Dessert Bake Sale
April 14th Mr. Drew and His Animals Too
*Please see our Facebook page for more details

Congratulations!

The following employees will be adding another year of service in April 2023

Amber Bassett 19 yrs
Catherine Gaccetta 17 yrs
Jennifer Beauton 15 yrs
Rosalie Marr 15 yrs
Daniel Field 2 yrs
Ann Lefebvre Vachon 1 yr

Thank you for your dedication and hard work!!

Western Maine Brain Injury Support Group

Please use front door

April 4, 2023
May 2, 2023

The meetings are held at 5pm
Hope Association
85 Lincoln Avenue, Rumford

These meetings are free and open to individuals with brain injury, caregivers, and anyone interested in learning more about brain injury.

For more information, please contact Jessica Hines @ 207-507-2029 or by email corporatecompliance@hopeassociation.org



For inspiring stories, go to:
Biausa.org

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THE What Not Shop - Thrift Store

WE ARE NOW OPEN AGAIN ON MONDAYS!

DONATION HOURS CHANGED

Sunday: Closed
Monday: 7:30am-3:30pm
Tuesday: 7:30am-3:30pm
Wednesday: 7:30am-3:30pm
Thursday: 7:30am-3:30pm
Friday: 7:30am-3:30pm
Saturday: 7:30am-12:00pm

STORE HOURS CHANGED

Sunday: Closed
Monday: 9am-4pm
Tuesday: 9am-4pm
Wednesday: 9am-4pm
Thursday: 9am-4pm
Friday: 9am-4pm
Saturday: 9am- 1pm

Now accepting clean, gently used items.

REMINDER:

We **CANNOT** accept large appliances, knives, weapons, large furniture, televisions, mattresses, child/infant car seats.

FOR LARGE DROP-OFFS PLEASE CALL AHEAD
Ask about our **CUSTOMER APPRECIATION PROGRAM!**

Don't forget to bring your shopping bags



Have you ever wondered how you could donate to Hope Association and support our programs?

For the month of April Only! Brighten someone's day with flowers and benefit a great program at the same time!



Bloomin' 4 Good Program

Shop our local Hannaford on Waldo St in Rumford
Purchase the Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet with the **red circle sticker**.
Hope Association will receive a \$1 donation for every bouquet sold in April!



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Miki Skehan
Executive Director
364-4561

Community Support Services
Community Case Management Services
Nursing Home Outreach Services
Employment Support
364-4561

Shared Living
364-2439

Brain Injury and Other Related Conditions
364-4561

Home Supports
369-0019

Residential Services:

Fourth Street
369-0678

Horizons
364-8842

New Hope
369-0019

Kimball Ave
364-2439

Keep House
364-7281

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HOPE CONNECTION

APRIL 2023

People in Your Neighborhood
Michael Jenkins
Written by Jessica Hines



If it goes dangerously fast; if it smashes and crashes; if it's got that vroom vroom or that braaap braaap, our friend Michael is here for it.

Michael loves racing, and car shows, and demo derbies, and snowmobile and four wheeler ride-ins. If it has a motor, Michael's got an interest.

This writer is an old friend of Michael's, I met him 22 years ago. He was my introduction to Hope Association. I was 20 (something-or-other) years old and brand new to the field. Michael was one of my first teachers and he made learning fun. We laughed a lot. We teased a lot. We still do. He was always patient and kind and laughed at me, affectionately (I think), and let me try again, whenever I made a mess of my first attempt. Even now, as I pull these notes together in my upstairs office, I can hear him, downstairs, getting a kick out of something or more likely, someone, and I can't help but smile. He's a lot of fun and just a great guy.

Michael loves animals and has a pet cat, Fiona. He also spends time with visiting pets including a couple of dogs at his home, Thor and Maizie, and several dogs and the occasional bunny or chicken in a tutu (I mentioned that we have fun, right?) during his Community Supports program.

Michael is well known throughout his community and enjoys going out for coffee with friends, bowling in West Paris where he is good friends with the owner, visiting tattoo shops, local clubs, and shopping.

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Our Monthly Recognition:
Walmart DC
Lewiston Maine
Thank you for supporting Hope Association!

VISION STATEMENT:
Hope Association envisions a world where all people are treated with respect.

MISSION STATEMENT:
As partners in our community, we will provide leadership, residential, case management, vocational and community support services to individuals and their families through programs that enhance independence, dignity, choice and individual well being.

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Marijo and Dani work on yarn hats during craft time



Mary T got some new clothes

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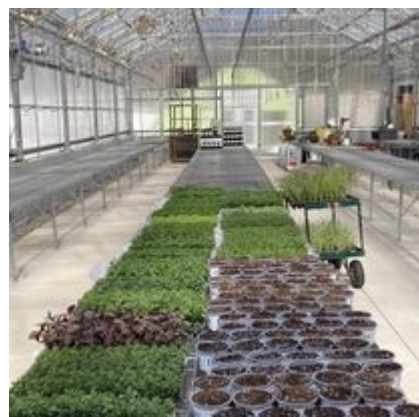
Michael volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels throughout the River Valley area and has a few favorite people that he looks forward to seeing along his route. He is also one of the hosts of the after school program, spending time doing arts and craft activities with area youth, at Hope Association's Community Support building, where he also teaches ASL to other attendees of the Community Support program who are interested in learning.

Michael is a talented artist, and he loves Christmas more than just about anyone. His home is decorated with his paintings and he keeps a tree in his room, year round, that he decorates for each season.

Michael spends every holiday with his mom has a very close relationship with her, and with his dad who passed away in recent years.

When you ask Michael who is important to him, he will indicate the staff at Hope Association, his friends, his housemates, his family, and his girlfriend, Beth, who he celebrated his relationship with by having a commitment ceremony in 2019.

If you don't yet know Michael and you see him out and about in town, at the races, at the demolition derbies, having coffee, bowling, at the car shows, petting a chicken in a tutu or not, feel free to introduce yourself. You'll be glad you met him. I am.



Stay tuned to Facebook the Briar Patch will be opening soon



Bobby H checks out a staff's motorcycle



Ray L has a drive by birthday and then celebrates with a Lemon Meringue Pie and a cake.



Oxford Federal Credit Union visits to discuss banking and financial literacy

