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WHAT NOT SHOP CUSTOMER VIEW!

- Very friendly service, Nicole.
- From Hope Association: Thank you for your support Nicole.
- Hello folks, I am Kathryn Jones and have been a regular customer of the What-Not-Shop for 10 years when we moved to Rumford from Mass. Of course I love the bargains, having always been an avid "Thrifter". One time I found a really cute tank top- black with silver hearts. It fit well so I figured I'd keep it. I continued shop around a bit but when I was ready to leave I couldn't find that tank top anywhere. When I got home, I was embarrassed to find that very tank top under my sweater. I went back the next day to pay Cathy for it. That brings me to my favorite reason for loving the WNS-it's Cathy! She's so welcoming to everyone and knows almost everyone's name. She's always hustling around the shop getting work done. She's always compliant with new "rules" and helps everyone understand. -Kathryn
- From Hope Association: Thank you Kathryn for all your support we truly appreciate it.

Western Maine Stroke and Brain Injury Support Group Co-hosted by: Debra Hanmer and Cynthia Dawson

The meetings are held at 4pm, on the first Tuesday of each month, at Hope Association
85 Lincoln Avenue, Rumford, Maine
Please use the front door.

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



For more information, please contact our Receptionist at (207) 364-4561 or by email recp@hopeassociation.org

THE What Not Shop - Thrift Store

STORE HOURS

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY: **CLOSED**
Monday thru Friday 9 am—4p

DONATION HOURS

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY: **CLOSED**
Monday thru Friday 8 am—3 pm

While we greatly appreciate donations, if you're donating something that you would **NOT** purchase for your son/daughter, mom/dad or loved one that is stained, soiled, chipped, dented, or damaged, then it isn't something we can sell in our store. Please keep this in mind as you decide what to donate, and what to throw away. Our manpower and time is limited, and a lot of effort goes into making sure the items we sell are of good quality. Also, as a reminder, **WE DO NOT ACCEPT** car seats, weapons, or knives. You must call Vickie Morton at 507-2041 to ensure we can take any furniture, large appliances, televisions or for any large donations and to schedule an appointment to drop off large donations. Thank you so much for your support.



MONTHLY SPECIAL



The first full week of the month we will have a "Fill A Basket" sale \$12 all clothes
(Excludes—Jackets, Winter Apparel and Holiday attire)
Watch our facebook page for pop up sales and specials.



HOPE CONNECTION FEBRUARY 2026



THE What Not Shop - Thrift Store

207-364-2139



Jessica Hines
Executive Director



Community Support Services



Community Case Management Services



Nursing Home Outreach Services



Shared Living



Brain Injury and Other Related Conditions



Home Supports



Residential Programs:

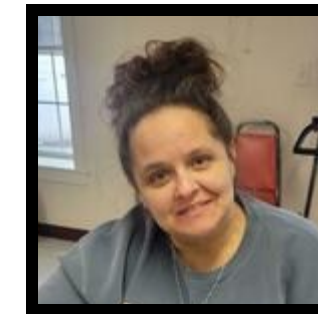
Fourth Street Horizons
New Hope
Kimball Ave Keep House



Please Call 364-4561 to connect with any of these services

www.hopeassociation.org

Hope Association Employee Spotlight!



Meet
Direct Support Professional
Wendy Houghton

Wendy has been a valued member of Hope Association for one year, serving as a DSP/CRMA at Kimball Ave. From the start, she has poured her heart into her work. She often shares that being part of the daily lives of three incredible women is not just a job—it's a privilege. She leaves each day knowing she has brightened someone's world, supported a meaningful moment, or helped create a sense of comfort and joy. That impact is felt deeply by the individuals she supports and by the team around her. Wendy's compassion shines through everything she does. Her empathy, dedication, and eagerness to learn help her form genuine, trusting connections. She approaches each day with the goal of helping others grow, succeed, and feel valued. Her motivation comes from being part of a strong, supportive team and from contributing to the ongoing growth and success of the individuals she cares for. She has completed all required trainings, including most recently Mental Health First Aid, demonstrating her commitment to continually strengthening her skills. Before joining Hope Association, Wendy worked at Nine Dragons. Wendy's warmth, heart, and steady presence make a real difference every day. She brings not only skill, but joy, kindness, and a sincere belief in the people she supports—qualities that make her an exceptional part of the Kimball Ave team.
Thank you Wendy for all you do!



Our Monthly Recognition:
Thank you to:
THE TOWN OF ANDOVER

We appreciate your support!

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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Local Crafters Spread Warmth: Jill Hodgson and Annette Ross Crochet Hats and Mittens for The Leaping Lizards

February 11, 2026 —

Two dedicated community members, **Jill Hodgson** and **Annette Ross**, have once again shown their generosity and creative spirit by crocheting handmade **hats and mittens** for the Hope Association's Special Olympics team, **The Leaping Lizards**.

With the team gearing up for their **Winter Games**, Jill and Annette wanted to make sure every athlete had warm, cozy gear to take with them. Their handcrafted sets—each one unique, colorful, and made with care—will help keep our athletes comfortable during the outdoor events and chilly competition days ahead.

Their thoughtful contribution reflects the strong community support behind The Leaping Lizards, whose athletes are preparing with excitement and determination. These handmade items are more than winter wear—they're a symbol of encouragement and pride from two talented women who believe in the team and its mission.

The Hope Association extends heartfelt gratitude to Jill and Annette for their kindness, time, and craftsmanship. Their support helps make the Winter Games extra special for our athletes.



Our Special Olympians Gear Up for the Winter Games

Our Special Olympians are hard at work training for the upcoming **Winter Special Olympics**, and their excitement is unmistakable. Seen here are **Frank, Carol, Akieva, Coach Chris, Maryjo, and Patrick**—all ready, focused, and looking forward to competing.

Each athlete has been putting in tremendous effort as they prepare for the events ahead. From building skills to strengthening teamwork, their dedication shines through every practice. Coach Chris continues to lead the group with encouragement, structure, and team pride, helping each athlete feel confident as the Winter Games approach.

The energy is high, spirits are strong, and our team is eager to represent with determination and joy. We can't wait to cheer them on and celebrate their accomplishments!



UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2026

- 3/2-3/6 WNS fill-a-basket week
- 3/3 Western Maine Brain Injury Meeting 4pm
- 3/6 Noel & Fawn Fundraiser Dance 5-9pm
- 3/6 Winter Carnival Special Olympics Camp Tall Pines
- 3/19 BOD meeting 4:30pm
- 3/30 SO Swimming Regionals

Congratulations!

The following employees have added another year.

February 2026

Jessica Hines (25)
Kimberley Casey (25)
Kim White (8)
Shannon White (4)
Linda Merrill (3)
Jessica Chiasson (3)
Rachael Cassidy (2)
Andrea Quirion (2)
Zachary Boothby (1)

Thank you for your dedication and hard work!!