



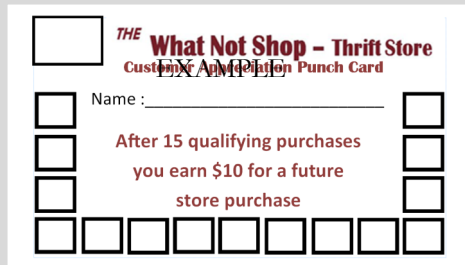
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WHAT NOT SHOP CUSTOMER VIEW!

- what I like most about the WNS is Cathy and how organized she is, Lisa Fish.
Thank you Lisa for your kind words and support.
- what I like most about the WNS is everything and everyone!
Lou Lufkin.
Thank you Lou for your support and kind words.

When you shop at the what-Not-Shop don't forget to get or use your Customer Appreciation Punch card!



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 MARCH 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



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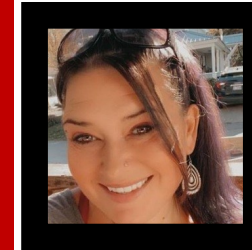
Fourth Street Horizons
New Hope
Kimball Ave
Keep House



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

www.hopeassociation.org

Hope Association Employee Spotlight!



Katie Parker

Accounts Receivable clerk

This month, we are thrilled to highlight **Katie Parker**, our dedicated **Accounts Receivable Clerk**. Katie has been part of Hope Association for nearly three years. Katie first joined the agency as Relief Staff at Horizons from 2006–2007, back when the organization was known as Oxford County ARC. After stepping away to raise her daughters as a stay-at-home mom, Katie later returned—bringing with her a wealth of experience, a strong work ethic, and her trademark positivity.

What She Loves About Her Work:

Katie shared that the best part of her job is *"the people I work with and the flexibility I have in my position, which is important to me as an active mom in my two daughters' lives."*

She is always eager to learn, grow, and try new techniques, and she finds motivation in knowing that the work Hope Association does truly benefits and brings joy to the individuals we support.

Professional Journey & Accomplishments:

Before joining Hope Association in her current role, Katie built an impressive background in the medical field. She worked her way up from CNA to CRMA, and in 2017, she earned her Associate of Applied Science in Medical Assisting. Through this program, she became dual-certified as a Registered Medical Assistant and a Certified Medical Assistant.

Katie is also an active contributor to our organization as a member of the Event Committee, and she is involved in RAAPA, showcasing her commitment to community and creativity.

With a lifelong passion for math, Katie is even considering continuing her education in Finance—a field where she would no doubt excel.

Hobbies, Talents & Family Life

Katie describes herself as a musician at heart. She enjoys singing and playing the flute, and her children share her love of music. When she's not making music, she channels her creativity into crafting with her Cricut and 3D printer.

During the summer months, you'll likely find Katie camping, swimming, or taking trips to Florida to visit her mom—a tradition she treasures.

Katie, your dedication, talent, and enthusiasm shine through in everything you do. Hope Association is grateful to have you as part of our team. Thank you for the warmth, skill, and heart you bring to your work every day!



Our Monthly Recognition:
Thank you to:

Gloria Barnett

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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Hope Association Strengthens Community Connection Through Weekly Visits to Responsible Pet Care

Hope Association's weekly visits to Responsible Pet Care have quickly become a cherished activity for everyone. The time spent relaxing with cats has brought an abundance of joy, comfort, and companionship to everyone involved.

During these visits, we enjoy the simple pleasure of sitting with the animals, offering treats, giving gentle pets, and sharing quiet moments with pets who are waiting for their forever homes. The calming environment and unconditional affection from the animals make each visit a meaningful and uplifting experience.

In addition to the weekly trips, Hope Association has launched a new volunteer initiative: making handmade cat blankets for Responsible Pet Care. These cozy blankets help provide comfort to cats in the shelter and create a more welcoming, soothing space for them while they await adoption.

To support this effort, Hope Association has also begun collecting fabric and other materials from the community. Donations have already started coming in, showing strong local support for both the shelter and the individuals contributing their time and talents to help.

This growing partnership between Hope Association and Responsible Pet Care continues to strengthen community ties while offering participants rewarding, hands-on opportunities to make a positive impact.



Casidy



Akieva



Cedar



Jamie



**Devon is picking up mints for a Hope Association event.
Beautiful smile Devon!**



Meet our kitchen crew from the Noel & Fawn Fundraiser dance for Hope Association.

They cooked up a delicious million dollar spaghetti dinner that was enjoyed by all.

**From left to right is:
Gene, Jen, Kim, Richie, Becky, and Amber**

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 2026

- 4/6 to 4/10 WNS Fill-A-Basket
- 4/7 Western Maine Brain Injury Meeting at 4pm
- 4/22 Earth day

Congratulations!

The following employees have added another year.

March 2026

Vickie Morton (37)

Keri Grant (10)

Shannon Laubauskas (4)

Joseph Lapointe (4)

Duane Bryant (1)

Thank you for your dedication and hard work!!