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WHAT NOT SHOP CUSTOMER VIEW!

- I want to express my gratitude for the assistance from the Hope Association and the What-Not-Shop for all the assistance they provide in helping to meet the needs of the less fortunate in our community. In my work with individuals struggling with housing, poverty, mental health and substance use, I have been able to count on the generosity of the WNS to assist people with clothing, shoes and other necessities for people trying to get back on their feet or to simply stay afloat. I don't know how some folks would make it through the winter without the coats, hats, mittens and boots the WNS has been able to provide. I especially want to thank Cathy, Tania, and Vickie for all their help.

Sincerely, Glenn G.

Thank you so much for your kind words and all your support Glenn.

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.

BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

For more information, please contact our Receptionist at (207) 364-4561or 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.

NADSP | Department of Health and Human Services, Maine People Living Safe, Healthy and Productive Lives, Paul R. LePage, Governor, Mary C. Mayhew, Commissioner | ROTARY INTERNATIONAL | The Chamber, Rivers Valley Chamber of Commerce

HOPE CONNECTION APRIL 2026

HOPE Association

THE What Not Shop - Thrift Store

207-364-2139

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Jessica Hines
Executive Director

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Community Support Services

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Community Case Management Services

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Nursing Home Outreach Services

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Shared Living

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Brain Injury and Other Related Conditions

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Home Supports

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Residential Programs:

Fourth Street
Horizons
New Hope
Kimball Ave
Keep House

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

www.hopeassociation.org

Hope Association
People In Our Neighborhood



Hope Association would like to introduce you to one of our newest residential members, Jonathan Hall.

Jonathan was raised in Farmington Maine since he was a baby. He comes from a very large family with four brothers and two sisters. When he saw his siblings spreading their wings and having independence, he wanted to do the same.
That is how he came to be a part of the Hope family; and we are happy he did.
Jonathan attended Farmington area schools his whole life; and graduated from Mount Blue high school in the year 2013. Jonathon now attends a day program in Wilton Maine where he teaches his friend's sign language.
Jonathan loves to sing and do karaoke; he has also been known to cut a rug. He loves all animals, which is no surprise due to his kind gentle manner.
Jonathan also enjoys playing Wii with his housemates, watching movies, and going to any community get together he can find.
So, if any of you happen to bump into "Jon" make sure you give him a big smile and say hello. He is an incredibly friendly person, who loves to crack jokes and make new friends.

MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH
#breakthestigma

Our Monthly Recognition:
Thank you to:

The Knights of Columbus

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's Leaping Lizards Shine at Unified Basketball Tournament at Oxford Hills charter school.

Hope Association's **Leaping Lizards Special Olympics Unified Basketball team** proudly represented the organization at a Unified Basketball event held on **April 10**, demonstrating teamwork, determination, and true sportsmanship. Competing alongside talented teams from across the region, the Leaping Lizards earned a **7th place finish**, a strong and commendable accomplishment.

The team roster included **Bryan, Zach, Isaiah, Jerry, Patrick, and Damian**, whose hard work and dedication were evident throughout the competition. Guided by **Coach Aaron**, the athletes supported one another on and off the court, showcasing the spirit of inclusion and unity that defines Unified Sports.

Participation in events like this highlight Hope Association's commitment to empowering individuals through athletics, encouraging confidence, collaboration, and community connection. The Leaping Lizards should be proud of their performance and the positive impression they left at the event.













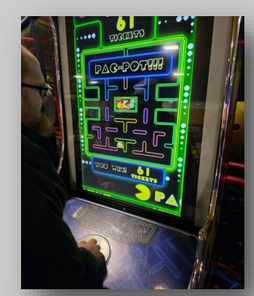


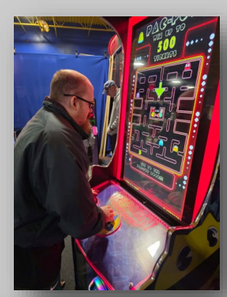
Building Community Through Games and Connection

For individuals with and without intellectual disabilities, meaningful social connections are an essential part of a healthy and fulfilling life. Games—whether board games, card games, or group activities—offer more than entertainment. They create opportunities for communication, cooperation, and shared joy in a welcoming, low-pressure environment.

Through games, we've all practiced important life and social skills such as taking turns, problem-solving, following directions, and expressing emotions. Just as importantly, games bring people together. Sitting around a table, laughing at a shared moment, or celebrating a small victory. That connection helps build confidence and a sense of belonging.

Community-based game activities encourage inclusion by bringing people of all abilities together. These shared experiences foster understanding, strengthen relationships, and remind us that connection is universal. When individuals are supported and included, everyone benefits—and the community grows stronger as a result.







UPCOMING EVENTS May 2026

- 5/4 Child Advocacy day
- 5/5 Western Maine Brain Injury Meeting at 4pm
- 5/21 Annual Association Dinner & Board Meeting 4:30pm.
- 5/25 Memorial Day - Central Offices - CSS - & WNS will be closed.

Congratulations!

The following employees have added another year.

April 2026

Amber Bassett (22)
Catherine Gaccetta (20)
Jennifer Beauton (18)
Danielle Karkos (9)
Daniel Field (5)
Ann Lefebvre Vachon (4)
Ashley Walker (3)
Meredith Prescott (2)
Tandra Taylor (2)
Katherine Garland (2)
Betsey Williams (1)
Ian Brennick (1)
Lindsay Deraspe (1)

Thank you for your dedication and hard work!!