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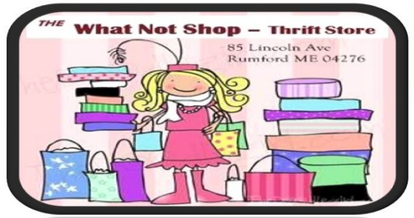
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**STORE HOURS**

**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY: CLOSED**
**MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 9AM-4PM**

**DONATION HOURS**
**CLOSED FOR REMODEL**
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**MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 8AM-3PM**

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## THE What Not Shop – Thrift Store

**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. Please remember, you must call Vickie Morton at 507-2041 to ensure we can take any furniture or large appliances. Also, for any large donations you must call and schedule an appointment. 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.**



**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) 364-4561or by email**

Brain Injury Association of America

**recp@hopeassociation.org**

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THE What Not Shop – Thrift Store

**207-364-4561**

***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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***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***

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## Hope Association People in our Neighborhood!




## Thank You to Our Local Businesses

The Hope Association would like to extend a heartfelt **thank you** to all of the wonderful local businesses in our community who generously donated to our recent **Annual Oktoberfest**. Because of your kindness, support, and community spirit, this year's event was a tremendous success!
Your contributions helped create a fun, welcoming, and memorable experience for everyone who attended. Events like Oktoberfest would not be possible without the support of businesses that believe in giving back and making a difference in the lives of others.
We are truly grateful for your partnership and commitment to helping our community thrive. Your generosity allowed people supported, families, staff, and friends to come together for a day filled with laughter, friendship, and celebration.
On behalf of everyone at Hope Association, **thank you for your support, your donations, and your continued dedication to our community.** We are fortunate to have such caring businesses as our neighbors and community partners.
**Thank you for helping make our Annual Oktoberfest a big success!**
*Together, we build a stronger community.*
**With Gratitude,**
**Hope Association**
Rumford, Maine

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Poland Spring-Stephen Frey
Naples Packing
Ricky B's
Mountain Valley Variety
Family Dollar
Rumford Hannaford
Eric Morton
Cindrie Cormier








**Our Monthly Recognitions:**

**DONATIONS FROM OKTOBERFEST**

**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.*

## Board of Directors

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## Enjoying Our Time at Lone Crow Farm
## By Alica Hagen

There is never a dull moment when we visit **Lone Crow Farm** with **Farmer Chris** and **Farmer John Christoforo**. Every trip is filled with learning, hard work, creativity, friendship, and fun. We are grateful for the many opportunities the farm provides for us to grow, develop new skills, and enjoy the outdoors.

One of the most valuable experiences at the farm is learning strong work ethics. We take pride in helping with daily farm chores such as sweeping the barn, dumping hay, cleaning the goat pen, feeding the goats and ducks, and even assisting with hoof trimming. These hands-on activities teach us responsibility, teamwork, and the importance of caring for animals and maintaining a healthy farm environment.

The farm also encourages creativity and self-expression. We enjoy painting, drawing water-gun targets, and trying out temporary tattoos. These activities allow everyone to explore their artistic talents while having fun with friends.

Nature provides some of the best lessons at Lone Crow Farm. Throughout the seasons, we have the opportunity to observe wildlife and learn about life cycles firsthand. From watching caterpillars transform into butterflies to observing the different stages of frogs in the pond, there is always something new to discover. Many of us have enjoyed catching tadpoles, frogs, and salamanders while learning about the natural world around them.

Of course, one of the highlights of every visit is the fun and laughter shared with the extended farm family. Music jams in the barn bring everyone together, while friendly whiffle ball games create lasting memories. And no visit would be complete without the famous water-gun battles, especially when **Farmer John** becomes the target of surprise water attacks!

The experiences at Lone Crow Farm have made a positive impact on everyone involved. **Zach** shared that he learned from farmer John how to be patient and now his friends like him more. **Bryan** says he likes to go do physical things, it makes him feel better in his head. **Cylas** especially enjoys interacting with the animals and participating in games with friends.

Whether caring for animals, creating art, discovering nature, or spending time with friends, we leave each visit to the Lone Crow Farm with new skills, wonderful memories, and a deeper appreciation for the world around us. We thank **Farmer Chris**, **Farmer John**, and their families for welcoming us and making every visit such a rewarding and enjoyable experience.





## UPCOMING EVENTS OCTOBER 2026

- 10/14 Hope Association is celebrating 70 years with Riley's Lemonade free drink to all who stop by!
- 10/15 National Day of Action, Go Purple Day: wear purple day!
- 10/16 National Mammography day, wear pink day.
- 10/17 Kimball Ave Annual Hoe Down 1pm – 4pm
- 10/30 Hope Association Halloween Dance 9am – 1:30pm.
- 10/30 Trunk A Treat at Community Soup Kitchen

## CONGRATULATIONS!

The following employees have added another year.

### OCTOBER 2026

- **Samantha Merrill(10)**
- **Sheray Stuart (8)**
- **Tania Gage (5)**
- **Heather Merchant (5)**
- **Julie Kiley (5)**
- **Shanon Brousseau (4)**
- **Sandra Gordon (4)**
- **Jessica Adler (2)**
- **Kevin Saisi (2)**
- **Paulette Sasville (1)**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND HARD WORK!!**