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THE What Not Shop - Thrift Store

DONATION HOURS

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

STORE HOURS

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

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.

March 2024

What Not Shop Sales

March 4 to March 8 - Hard cover books 2/\$1, Soft Cover Books 4/\$1, DVD's 2/\$1, CD's 2/\$1 Women's pants \$1 excludes Designer.

March 11 to March 15 - Winter Clearance: 50% off hats, mittens, knit scarves, boots, coats, turtlenecks and bulky sweaters. While supply last.

March 18 to 22 - Fill a basket \$12 clothing only (excludes Designer) 50% off all winter sports equipment.

March 25 to March 29 - Women's pants \$1 (excludes Designer) Hard cover books 2/\$1, Soft Cover Books 4/\$1, DVD's 2/\$1, CD's 2/\$1 Women's pants \$1 excludes Designer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ♦ March 15th @ 11:30 am
Hot Lunch Chicken Stir Fry
- ♦ Assistive Technology classes with NDEC
March 5, 12, 19, 26
- ♦ March 22nd 5pm-9pm
Fawn & Noel Fundraiser Dinner and Dance at Rumford Eagles Function Hall. Dinner and beverages will be available for purchase

Congratulations!

The following employees have added another year

February 2024

Kimberley Casey 23 yrs

Jessica Hines 23 yrs

Kim White 6 yrs

Lynn Lee 3 yrs

Shannon White 2 yrs

Jessica Chiasson 1 yr

Thank you for your dedication and hard work!!

Western Maine Brain Injury

Support Group

Co-hosted by : Debra Hanmer and

Cynthia Dawson

The meetings are held at 5pm, on the first Tuesday of each month, at

Hope Association

85 Lincoln Avenue, Rumford, Maine

Please use the front door.

March 5th, 2024 at 5 pm

April 2nd, 2024 at 5 pm

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 Jessica Hines @ 207-507-2029 or by email

corporatecompliance@hopeassociation.org



HOPE CONNECTION

FEBRUARY 2024



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Miki Skehan
Executive Director
364-4561

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

Shared Living
364-4561

Brain Injury and Other
Related Conditions
364-4561

Home Supports
369-0019

Residential Programs:

Fourth Street
Horizons
New Hope
Kimball Ave
Keep House

Call 364-4561
to connect with
any of the homes

www.hopeassociation.org

What Not Shop



Established in 1971, by the Hope Auxiliary. The What Not Shop began with volunteers making and selling crafts, food, and donated items, with the intentions of raising funds to build a new group home. The location of the What Not Shop began as a once a month rummage sale in the building formerly owned by Henry Schmersal at his Barber Shop in Mexico, Maine.

In 1976, the What Not Shop moved to Waldo Street in Rumford where it established itself as a staple of our community and remained until 2005 when it moved into its present location, with its own entrance and parking area, here at our main office, 85 Lincoln Avenue Rumford.

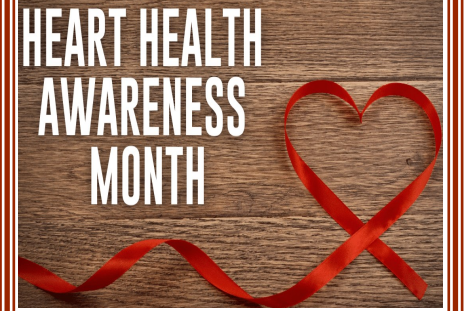
The What Not Shop's success relies on its great team and the generosity of our community's donation of clean, intact, and gently used items. All income generated by the What Not Shop is applied towards the services, needs, and goals of the individuals for whom the Hope Association provides services. In return, Hope Association has supported its community by making winter and other needed items available to schools who have reached out and to the Larry Labonte Center and other local established organizations supporting people in need. It has supported people, with a documented need, to find professional clothing to aide in job searches, and has donated overflow items to other organizations such as the Salvation Army, Goodwill, Free stores, and pantries.

The team at the What Not Shop, consists of staff experience ranging from 18 years (Miss Cathy Gaccetta) to just a few months, and are always good, front and center, for a smile, a welcome, and impeccable customer service for new comers and for returning customers, many of whom they know by name and interests. Not only will they help you locate items in the store that match what a customer may be looking for, they will also take note of specific items they think you may be interested in and notify you if something comes to their attention that you've asked them to keep an eye out for.

"We've even helped theater groups find costumes for their productions", shares MaryCarol, one of the What Not Shop's invaluable team members.

Behind the scenes, the What Not Shop team is just as wonderful with sorting through, categorizing, folding, hanging, pricing, placing, and storing the many bobbles, and gadgets, and boxes and bags of donations that the What Not Shop is blessed with,

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Our Monthly Recognition:

Darlene Canty

Mexico Trailblazers

Rumford Polar Bears

Peru Snowmobile Club

Jeanne Gaccetta

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

PresidentRichard Philbrick
Vice President ...Dick Lovejoy
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Secretary.....Amber Durant

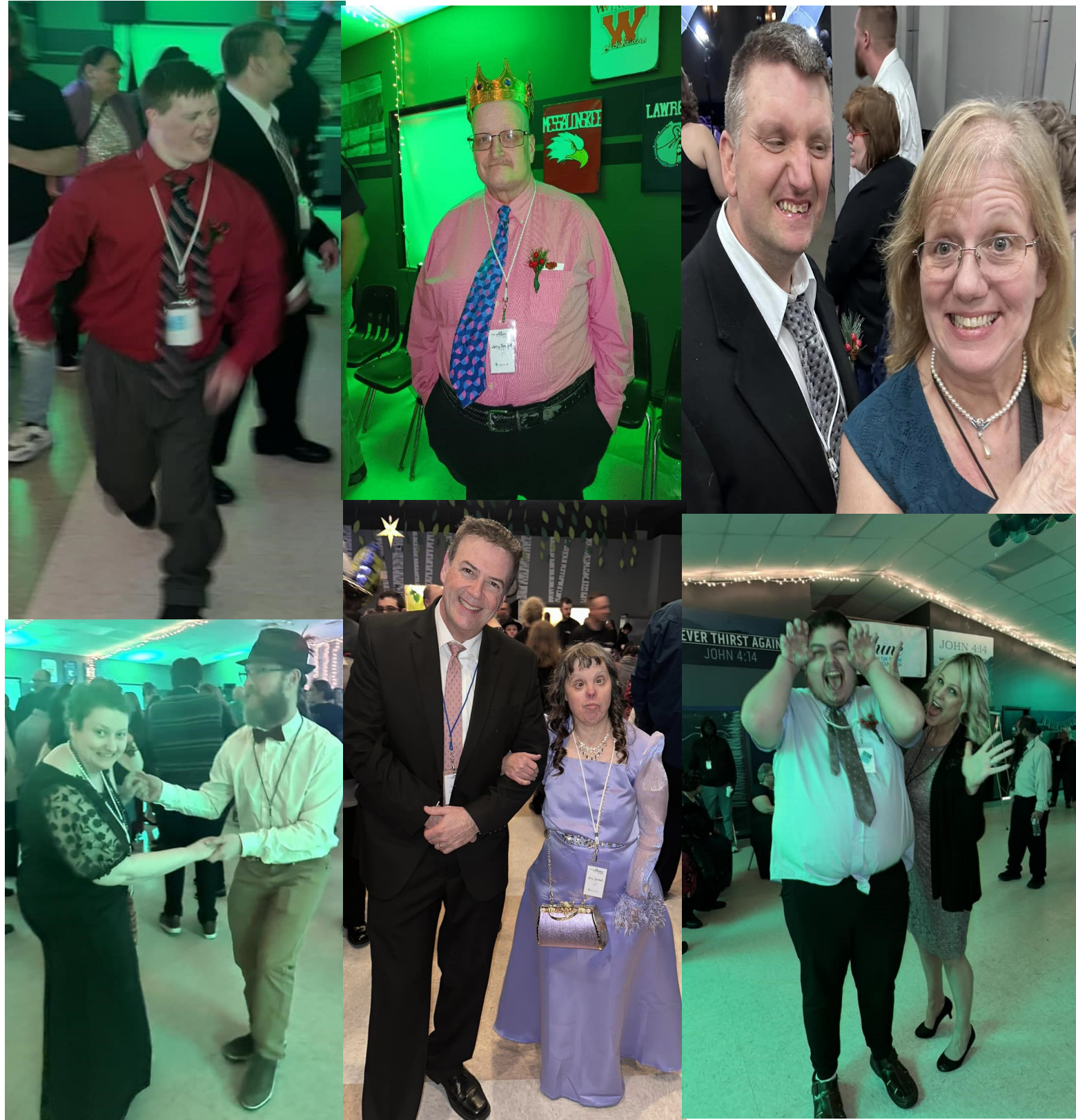
Members

Jeanne Gaccetta
Terry Richards
Jeff Sterling
Cindrie Cormier
Richard Jennison
Catherine Ross
Vacant

NIGHT *to Shine*

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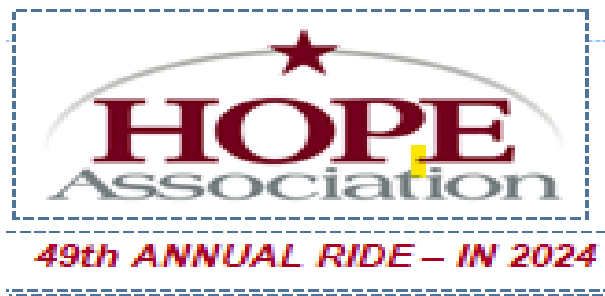
However, the volume of those donations would be near impossible to manage without the added support of the organizations volunteers, currently consisting of our friends Kenora, Margaret, and Julianne, and Vickie Khul we are always welcoming of more.

It is the Hope Associations hope to expand its donation drop-off area in the future, however; until then, due to a limited amount of space and staffing, and due to many donated items being ruined by the elements, Hope associations donation hours are limited to Monday through Friday 7:30am-3pm unless otherwise shared on our Facebook page and posted on site. We ask our community to adhere to these times to prevent waste and unplanned closure of the What Not Shop in order to handle the volume of donations. -

As always, due to safety and liability the What Not Shop cannot accept, and will have to discard of donations that are broken or dirty as, well as weapons, knives, and baby car seats according to state law. Please call ahead if wanting to donate larger items that may require more storage space.

The What Not Shop hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 9am-4pm. Stop in at 85 Lincoln Avenue, Rumford and join the hunt for treasure. Check out our Designer Rack for brand named clothing and our Fab and Fabulous rack for fun and unique wardrobe must-haves. Watch our Hope Association Facebook page for sale events and sign up for our appreciation program where each purchase of 5\$ or more earns credits towards 15 punches when it gets you 7\$ off purchase.

For more information on becoming a volunteer or for questions regarding larger donations, call 207-364-4561, and ask for Vickie. For general store information, including hours of donation and operation, please call 364-2139. Thank you for so many successful and fulfilling years of business. We look forward to many more.



This annual event was held February 18th, 2024