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Congratulations!

The following employees have added
another year.

April 2025

Meredith Prescott (1)
Tandra Taylor (1)
Kelly Prescott-MacFarland (1)
Katherine Garland (1)
Ashley Walker (2)
Ann Lefebvre Vachon (3)
Daniel Field (4)
Danielle Karkos (8)
Jennifer Beauton (17)
Catherine Gaccetta (19)
Amber Bassett (21)

*Thank you for your dedication and hard
work!!*

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.



THE What Not Shop - Thrift Store

207-364-2139



Jessica Hines
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

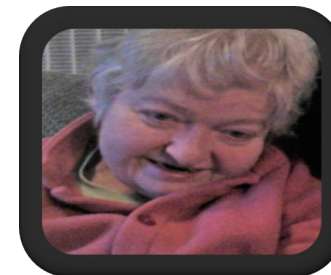
Call 364-4561
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any of the homes

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HOPE CONNECTION

APRIL 2025

We dedicate this issue to our
friend Debra Blaisdell



Debra Blaisdell

December 11, 1958 - March 27, 2025

Debra was a member of the Hope Association for many,
many years. Debra attended the Community Support
Program before retiring from it. She first lived at New
Hope in Mexico and then spent her remaining years at
Horizons Unlimited. She will be fondly remembered and
sadly missed.

Debra was strong-willed and extremely witty. She always
was up to something and when you found her out; she
would put on the cutest smile and say "What"? Debra
loved baby dolls and real babies, she also had a love of
animals. She could be seen carrying a purse containing an
old cell phone, money, and sunglasses. She enjoyed, in
her earlier years, knitting, arts, crafts, music, and then she
discovered beading. Debra would bead for hours.
Debra enjoyed being in the kitchen with the staff.
However, whenever she would choose something
special, she wanted to eat, she always chose pizza or
McDonalds with chocolate milk. Her absolute favorite
thing to do was to spend money at Dollar Tree and then
loop around to McDonalds.

In closing, I have to mention how much Debra loved the
holidays. At Christmas time, she would check out all the
gifts. She would hold up each one and say, "For me,"
with a great big smile on her face. Debra also loved
Halloween and Easter because she had a sweet tooth.
There are so many funny stories and delightful
heartwarming memories that we all have shared with her.
It is not goodbye, it is till we meet again.



Our Monthly Recognition:

Thank you to
for your donation.
TOWN OF RUMFORD
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*

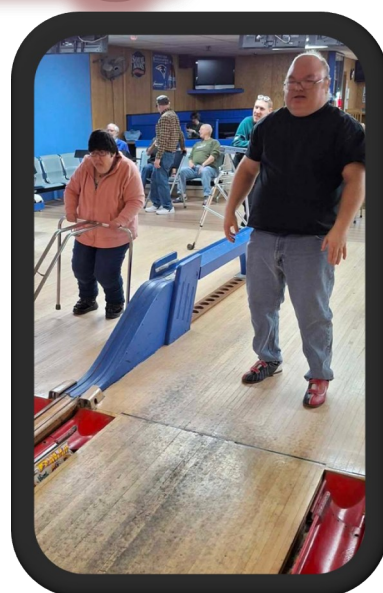
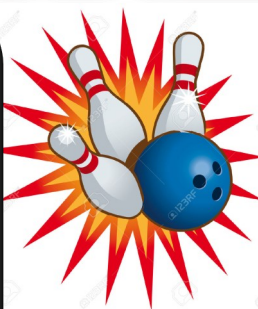
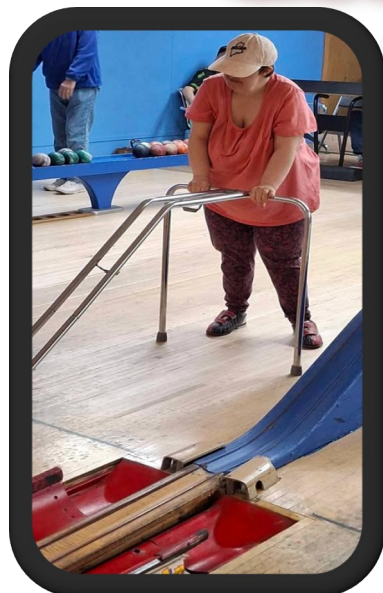
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One of our monthly events here at Community Support Services is making and serving Hot Lunch to staff and people supported. Seen here is the April hot lunch crew— Eric, Amber, Cassidy, and Ann.



Good times bowling!



Hope Association Staff & Volunteer Appreciation dinner.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

- 3rd - Child Advocacy Day 10-3 @ Eagles
- 15th-Annual Association Dinner & Board meeting
- 20th-Special Olympics Fryberg Academy Qualifying Event 9-1
- 26th-Memorial Day, Central office, Community Supports, and WNS closed.
- 26th-Memorial Day Parade

WHAT NOT SHOP CUSTOMER VIEW!

The ladies that work are always so friendly, so happy to see you, call you by your name and are willing to help you if you need it. The prices are great, and you always have a wide variety of things. I love having the What Not Shop herein Rumford. I have been going to the What-Not-Shop for many, many years. They are a staple in this community and a godsend. Thank you Hope Association for having the What Not Shop. This store helps all of your clients and helps this community for so long, please never leave us.
Thank you,
Lisa Arsenault