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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 7 - Nite to Shine Dance
- February 12 - Narcan class at 10am & 3pm (please call to reserve a seat) Partnership with Larry Labonte Recover Center and Hope Association— open to the public
- February 14 - Valentines' day Dance 10-1pm  
(Hosted by /at the Snowshoe club)
- February 16 - 50th Annual Snowmobile Ride-In
- February 17 - Community Support Services &  
Central Office closed for Presidents Day  
What Not Shop will be open
- February 27 & 28 - Special Olympics Regionals - Winter Games at Pineland Farms.

### Congratulations!

The following employees have added  
another year.

**January 2025**

**Rebecca Thibeault - 3 years**

**Angela O'Leary - 6 years**

*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](mailto: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

JANUARY 2025



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  
to connect with  
any of the homes

[www.hopeassociation.org](http://www.hopeassociation.org)

## From the desk of the Executive Director



What an honor it is, after 23 years in Hope Association's employ, to be  
starting off 2025 in my new role, as Executive Director of this agency  
that I have so much affection for and that has such a rich and  
long-esteemed history within our community.

This year marks Hope Association's 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Ride-In, taking place  
on February 16<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 2pm at our New Hope location, at 91  
Highland Terrace, in Mexico ME.

Since 1974, local snow machine clubs, friends and family, community  
members, Hope Association employees, people supported, and  
invaluable volunteers have gathered together for winter fun,  
snowmachine rides, a hot meal, smores, cocoa and coffee, games, great  
raffles, laughter, conversation, connection, and good company in  
celebration of kindness, benevolence, and community.

Looking through old photos of year's past, it was a heartwarming  
challenge choosing which to include. I was met with so many smiles of  
those who have spent so many years celebrating this tradition with us,  
including the smiles of some no longer with us, but so much a part of  
the story of us. Among some of them, pictured here: Greg Fraser,  
Robert Hebert, Martina Towle, Laurette Martin, Elsie Morency, Vito  
Gaccetta, and more.

A special thank you to Jeanne Gaccetta and Gerry Boivin, who have  
volunteered for the Ride-In since the 1970s and who sat in our  
conference room, just a few weeks ago, putting together our raffle  
packets, as they've done, for us, so many times before.  
This year's raffle tickets can be purchased at the event, and in advance  
at Hope Association, 85 Lincoln Ave, Rumford ME, at the  
Receptionist's desk or at the What Not Shop. This year's prizes  
include cash prizes, What Not Shop gift certificates, and gift baskets.  
We hope you join us in participating in this well-steeped tradition,  
whether we get the snow we hope for, or not. All are welcome and we  
look forward to you helping us make great memories for this landmark  
year.

With gratitude,  
Jessica Hines



Our Monthly Recognition:

**Thank you to  
Steve Sanders for your  
donation.**

**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

##### **President**

Richard Philbrick

##### **Vice President**

Dick Lovejoy

##### **Treasurer**

Richard Allen

##### **Secretary**

Amber Durant

##### **Members**

Jeanne Gaccetta

Jeff Sterling

Cindrie Cormier

Catherine Ross

Jerry Bourget

Marijo Kiley



# Christmas fun 2024!



Richard has been on vacation in South Carolina where he enjoyed social time at a Sock Hop. It also looks like they are a basket winner!



# HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY ERIC

