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## Congratulations!

The following employees have  
added  
another year.

**May 2025**

Joy Pierce (1)  
Amanda Evans (1)  
Joshua Hairston (2)  
Renee McCarthy (4)  
John Ellis (6)  
Sarah DeCourcy (8)  
Steven Hodgson (14)  
Paul Cayer (18)

*Thank you for your dedica-  
tion 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

MAY 2025



THE What Not Shop - Thrift Store

207-364-2139

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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)

## Hope Association Special Olympics Team



Well, where do I begin? The Special Olympics holds a  
special place in our athletes' hearts, and their  
dedication is heartwarming. My name is Shanon  
Brousseau, HOD for our delegation, Leaping  
Lizards. Since pre-COVID, things were canceled due  
to restrictions and not moving forward due to the  
unknowns of COVID. This will be our 3rd year now  
being able to compete in the summer Olympics in  
Orono; bowling, winter Olympics, attending spring  
flings, and countless hours of fundraising bake sales,  
Hope Association is initiating "NEW" to be  
introduced a Perpetual Bottle Drive. The funds from  
the drive will go directly to Special Olympics. The  
athletes train at Hosmer Field, walking the track for  
25m walks, 100m walks, and 50m dashes to  
practicing softball throws and Bocce. We want to say  
thank you to our community support,  
"ALL OF YOU", and local business support,  
including Aubuchon Hardware, Ware Butler, Ralphs  
Store, and many more. Our Athletes have received  
many gold and bronze medals and even a team spirit  
trophy, that are proudly displayed in our main  
lobby. Please stop in anytime and let us share them  
with you.



Our Monthly Recognition:

Thank you to  
Santee Gordon YOGA  
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

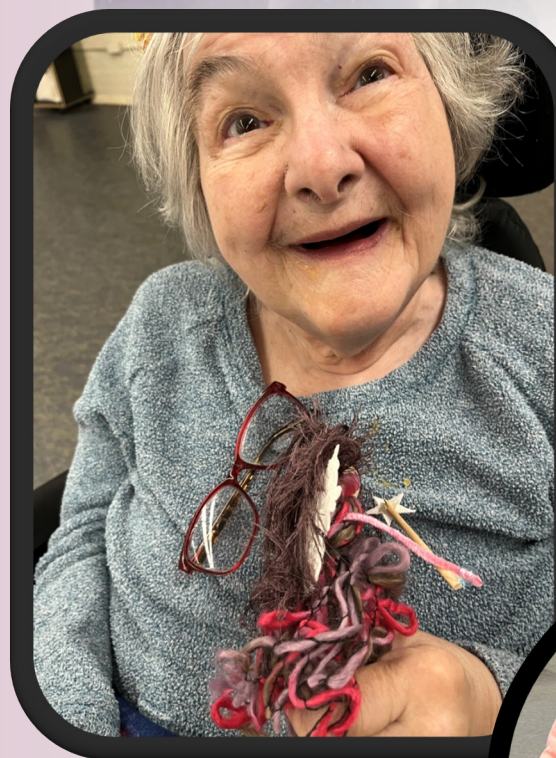
### Board of Directors

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Jeff Sterling  
Ellen Wainwright  
Catherine Ross  
Jerry Bourget  
Lynn Dickson  
Vanessa Child





**Michael is seen here preparing some buffalo chicken dip.**



Donna and Annette enjoy craft time—Annette made a fairy doll out of yarn and Donna has been working on quilting.

Cherie and Kristen are enjoying their new swing



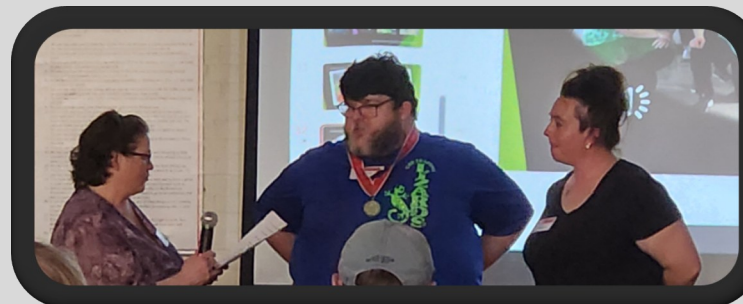
## 2025 Annual Hope Association Member dinner held on May 15th



**THE CATERERS  
GONE LOCO CAFÉ AT NO VIEW FARM**



**SPECIAL OLYMPIC MEDALIST,  
JAMIE**



**THE WHAT-NOT-SHOP CREW**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JUNE

- 5th, 6th, and 7th Special Olympics Track and Field Event at Orono
- Perpetual Bottle Drive for Special Olympics



## WHAT NOT SHOP CUSTOMER VIEW!

\*My best store!  
Ronniann Pelletier

\*The helpful staff, especially Cathy. I love that it helps the clients at Hope!

Wendy Hebert

\*Customer service is great and very helpful. A great environment to shop in.

Reeghan Nisbet