



*The Maine Children's Alliance*

*10th*  
ANNIVERSARY  
REPORT

2004

*A strong and powerful  
voice to improve the lives  
of all Maine's children,  
youth, and families.*



*A decade ago,* the Maine Children's Alliance began its work with the conviction that the children and families of our state deserved a voice in shaping the policies that affect their lives. We believed that the state's lawmakers — and the agencies that implement their decisions, as well as business leaders and community advocates — needed a source of consistent, reliable information about children's health, the extent to which services available to their families addressed the challenges they faced every day, the quality of their education. With the help of several key donors, we began work as a small, but stalwart advocacy organization in 1994, with an operating budget of \$75,000. Every year since, an expanding network of partners, sponsors, and donors has made it possible for us to increase our ability to bring data and analysis about Maine's children to bear upon community, business, and state policies, and to serve as a strong advocate for effective, efficient, and accountable delivery of child and family services in the state.

*Today,* our resources have grown to ten times what they were ten years ago. We are able to operate on a scale that encompasses regional and national concerns that affect our children, as well as to participate in outreach to local communities through growing partnerships and initiatives. This report highlights several of our most important accomplishments, including increased access to health care and services for children, improved collection and reporting of data about children, and growing school and community-based partnerships through school-based health centers throughout the state. None of this would be possible without an immensely talented, dedicated staff; a visionary board of directors; and the many donors and grant makers who understand and support the simple reality that our future rests with our children and their lives matter most of all.

Jack Rosser

*President of the MCA Board of Directors*



Elinor Goldberg

*Executive Director of The Maine Children's Alliance*



# INTRODUCTION

*The Maine Children's Alliance* (MCA) is a statewide multi-issue child advocacy organization with a mission to advocate for sound public policies to improve the lives of all Maine's children, youth, and families. We do this by being a strong and powerful voice for children and providing leadership to create or improve policy on their behalf. We are a source of consistent and increasingly comprehensive information about the well-being and needs of Maine children and utilize these data to generate positive change for unserved and underserved children, youth, and families throughout the state. Our policy agenda is focused on improving the lives of children through clear and assertive advocacy. In this capacity we bring groups together to create coalitions and alliances in support of policy initiatives that benefit all children. MCA regularly serves as a catalyst, encouraging collaboration among the many child services agencies, communities, and policy makers in Maine; our own membership includes individuals, businesses, and organizations working to help children both through direct support and policy advocacy.

## MCA'S ORGANIZATIONAL GOALS ARE TO HAVE AND USE:

- a strong policy agenda focused on targeted outcomes to benefit children
- a strong voice needed to accomplish goals for children
- the organizational strength to accomplish our mission.

We are fortunate to be funded by a diversity of stable sources including grants, membership, corporate and individual donors, and contracts. A critical factor in MCA's ability to achieve its goals has been the commitment and support of the Business Advisory Group, composed of many of Maine's business leaders. The Advisory Group provides a forum for MCA and Maine businesses to work together, as well as an ongoing source of financial support; offering business insight, ideas, and perspective on a Legislative Agenda; and helping to organize support for policies that benefit children and families.

MCA is staffed by highly trained professionals and uses the best available technology and equipment to operate in the rapidly evolving information processing environment, engaging outside resources as necessary through strategic alliances, both within Maine and across the country. We strive to increase our effectiveness through partnerships with regional and national organizations that work on behalf of children. As a constant presence in state policy arenas, as well a resource at the local and national levels, MCA builds strength through its partnerships and its ability to present a focused, substantive, and professional voice for all Maine children.



# TEN YEARS STRONG...

## *Some important highlights from MCA's first decade*

- 1994* The Maine Children's Alliance is founded, with support from several key donors.
- 1995* The first edition of the annual Maine KIDS COUNT Data Book is published.
- 1996* MCA initiates the Child Health Care Access Project, with support from the Annie E. Casey Foundation, the Bingham Program, the Jessie B. Cox Charitable Trust, the Betterment Fund, and the Maine Community Foundation.
- 1996* Working in partnership with the Northern New England Rural Pediatric Coalition, MCA establishes the Rural Access and Analysis Initiative to deliver better primary care services to all Maine children.
- 1997* MCA organizes the Dental Access Coalition to improve dental care for children from low-income families.
- 1997* MCA supports increased health insurance coverage on state and federal levels which supports future passage of major federal and state support to increase insurance for children and families.
- 1998* MCA organizes Start ME Right Coalition to improve access, quality and availability of early childcare and education services in Maine.
- 1999* MCA's Medicaid Outreach Campaign becomes part of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's national Covering Kids Initiative with the Maine Primary Care Association, Maine Equal Justice Partners, and Consumers for Affordable Health Care to bring health coverage to more than 9,000 Maine children eligible for coverage through the state's Child Health Insurance Program.

# ...AND COUNTING

*1999* MCA's coalition-building efforts helped initiate and secure \$12 million in early care and education funding for Maine children and families.

*1999* In partnership with WMTW, Fleet Bank, and Hannaford Brothers, MCA starts the Great Beginnings Public Broadcast Campaign, emphasizing the importance of good parenting and childcare for healthy children.

*2000* The Children's Mental Health Improvement Project — MCA successfully gathers support from public and private funders and begins an initiative to improve Maine's system of mental health services for children and youth. The "What Works" conference brings stakeholders together to discuss the strengths of evidence-based services and Maine's children's mental health system. Policy makers and managers are given information and support to build on those strengths to improve mental health outcomes for children and their families.

*2001* School Based Health Care Council is created to improve access to health care for children.

*2002* MCA organizes information and brings gubernatorial candidates to the conclusion that integrating services for children and families is a vital task and begins work to create effective, efficient, and accountable services.

*2003* MCA develops the child welfare Ombudsman program and begins providing these services.

*Every year* MCA celebrates individuals and businesses who "stick their necks out for children" through its annual Champions for Children Giraffe Awards (see complete list of recipients on page 8.)

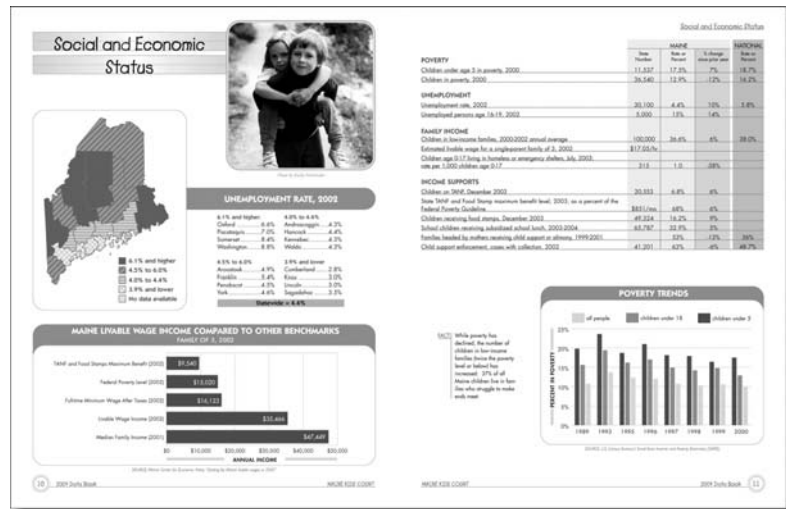
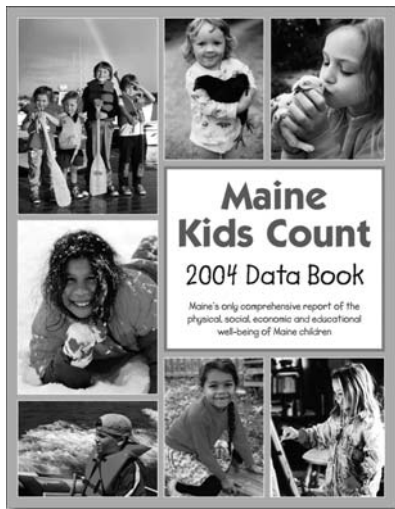
# DATA-BASED ADVOCACY...MAINE KIDS COUNT

*“...from health to education to economic opportunity, this annual “state of the child” report shines a spotlight on what we’re doing well, and where we need to make smarter investments on behalf of our kids and families.”*

GOVERNOR  
JOHN BALDACCI

*Now in our tenth year* with the publication of the 2004 Maine Kids Count Data Book, Maine KIDS COUNT is one of the preeminent projects of the Maine Children’s Alliance. The project is part of the national Kids Count network, a state-by-state undertaking funded by the Annie E. Casey Foundation to track the status of children across the United States. The goals of the project are to improve public understanding of the life circumstances of Maine’s children, and to improve and inform public policy making by providing meaningful, reliable, and timely data regarding the well-being of Maine’s children in order to support sound, data-based advocacy on their behalf. The Data Book groups a variety of measures, called indicators, under three broad categories — physical and mental health, education and learning, and the social and economic contexts of children’s lives — in order to create a framework with which to consider the data and describe the positive indicators, trends, and areas of concern they reveal.

Policies implemented by the state have direct bearing on the daily lives of Maine’s children. The annual KIDS COUNT Data Book is the most comprehensive and reliable collection of data on the health and wellbeing of Maine children and families. The Maine KIDS COUNT project offers direct and measurable information on the changes in the conditions of children’s lives. The data-based advocacy made possible by the Maine KIDS COUNT Project directly contributes to the development of more targeted, effective, efficient, and accountable delivery of child and family services in Maine.



# THE CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES INITIATIVE

*Despite the dedication and competence* of professionals who work within them, Maine's organization of child and family services — mental health, child welfare, juvenile justice, early care and education, and early intervention for small children — historically have lacked coordination of treatment, services, or management, and have degenerated into disjointed and inefficient structures unable to adequately fulfill their mission of helping those in need. If the public resources and systems created to provide services to vulnerable children remain fractured, the impact on our children, families, and communities will be lasting and devastating.

MCA's analysis of the problems confronting children with mental health challenges led us to begin a major Child and Family Services Initiative to study and help change the child and family services system as a whole. We began discussions with gubernatorial candidates and legislative leadership in 2001 and found great interest in improving the child and family services system. Governor Baldacci then made a commitment to create a single, integrated system for children and families, and made this a key point in his 2002 Inaugural Address. MCA is now working with the administration and the Legislature to develop a new, integrated system for children and families, and to secure ongoing funding for it.

We are committed to supporting these efforts, as well as the efforts of child and family service stakeholders and are helping stakeholders to be part of the process of building this much-needed new system. To do so, organizing research and analysis to support advocacy for system-wide improvements by:

- Focusing on the needs of children and families,
- Improving access to evidence based services that are needed, and
- Coordinating state supported services so they are quality and cost effective, efficient, and accountable.

This effort includes a growing and constructive dialogue about the best use of state and local resources in a number of areas such as finances, policy, personnel, and public education.



*“...Somebody has got to show the country the way on this very hard journey and few are better positioned than [Maine is] to give it a constructive try.”*

DOUG NELSON, PRESIDENT, ANNIE E. CASEY FOUNDATION

# SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CARE

*“We need to start thinking of health and education as interlocking spheres. After all, isn't school the best place for a primary health care facility — available, convenient, confidential, and responsive not only to the adolescent, but to the family?”*

C. EVERETT KOOP, M.D.,  
FORMER U.S. SURGEON GENERAL

## SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH SERVICES SUPPORT...

### FAMILIES BY...

- providing health care in the most accessible location for children and youth, including a solution to transportation and scheduling, as well as other problems that inhibit access to health care
- helping parents to ensure that their children have access to health care throughout the course of the day
- making it easier for uninsured students to obtain health services
- strengthening the connection between school and the family

### EDUCATION BY...

- encouraging learning by helping children be healthy
- helping to keep students in school
- providing counseling to students experiencing personal or emotional difficulties
- identifying students at risk for both physical illness and emotional or behavioral trouble, and intervening early to help children learn to be safe and healthy
- responding in times of school or community crisis

In addition, research shows that students who use school based health centers experience less absenteeism than their peers who do not use the centers

### BUSINESSES BY...

- reducing parental work absences related to children's health care needs
- helping to keep children out of hospital emergency rooms
- detecting illness and risk early, reducing the need for expensive treatment later

*For years,* educators and health professionals have collaborated to develop ways to help students overcome the health and social problems that create barriers to learning. An innovative result of these education/health partnerships is the school-based health center (SBHC). Because these health centers are located in schools, where children and adolescents spend most days, they have an excellent opportunity to address the health needs of any school-aged child, and are uniquely positioned to improve health care for adolescents in particular. Teens need to receive care where they feel safe to talk about new and difficult health issues and receive confidential care, when necessary. Adolescents with access to a school-based health services are ten times more likely to make a visit to a social worker, counselor, or mental health provider. Currently, 26 school-based health centers provide physical, dental and/or mental health care to school aged children in Maine, helping students remain healthy so that they stay in school and are ready to learn.

While it is encouraging to note a trend in health insurance coverage that has decreased the number of uninsured children by half in the last several years, we know that there are other significant barriers to children receiving the health care they need. Maine must find new ways to provide health care for children and youth. While it is unlikely that we will resolve everything about the health care crisis at once, we can offer major improvements in the provision of health care to children and youth through supporting increased funding for SBHCs and increasing the number of schools that have them in place for their students.

MCA has been working in close partnership with the Maine Assembly on School-Based Health Care (MASBHC) to strengthen the SBHC network in the state and promote school based health services as an effective and efficient means of ensuring that children in our communities receive the health care and information they need to live healthy lives.

Reimbursement for SBHC services by private insurers is a significant way to increase potential funding for SBHCs. One of the most exciting results of our work with MASBHC has been our successful effort to reach an agreement between SBHC providers and all of the private health insurance companies in Maine to reimburse eleven SBHCs providing primary care services to approximately 11,000 Maine students — the first time this has happened anywhere in the United States. The formal evaluation of this project, funded by a grant from the Maine Health Access Foundation, is likely to lead to increased funding and access to health care for Maine students, and will provide a model for SBHCs throughout the country, helping increase access to health care that children can use at SBHCs nationwide.

# OMBUDSMAN SERVICES

*In February 2003*, MCA was honored to be selected as the Ombudsman for Child Welfare Services. The Child Welfare Ombudsman is a fair and impartial way for the public to address its concerns about the child welfare system and children who may be, or are abused and neglected. Our referrals run the gamut from concerns from relatives who want to care for their own family's children to parents who want their children returned home and adoption placements. Our focus is to make the system work for children and families while emphasizing a positive approach to families that builds on family and individual strengths and community support. A child's best interest guides the Ombudsman's decisions through a process that involves listening to all sides in a fair and objective manner.

The Ombudsman also provides the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), the Governor, and Legislature with information about policy and practice issues within DHHS, a process that has been aided by the cooperation and responsiveness of DHHS staff.

One of the most important areas of the Ombudsman's work is helping adolescents transition successfully to adulthood. Service providers who are legally obligated to manage a child's education often do not have time to assure appropriate educational plans or independent living assessments and plans for the transition to adulthood. Last year, we recommended that DHHS seek grant funds to review current administrative procedures for its staff, with a goal of reducing paperwork demands to allow more time to address this key stage in young people's lives.

We also recommended that DHHS revise the policy that requires substantiation, including the substantiation of the threat of abuse or neglect, before services can be provided. We have suggested that more attention be paid to assuring appropriate care and treatment for children in the State's custody through better assessment and matching placement with level of need.

For more information about the Child Welfare Ombudsman program, including a copy of our FY 2003 Annual Report, please visit the Maine Children's Alliance website at [www.mekids.org](http://www.mekids.org). The website is also a comprehensive resource for people seeking information about child welfare, and includes many useful links. We also can receive referrals through the website, and welcome your feedback and suggestions.



*Dean Crocker, MCA Ombudsman*

## AS THE CHILD WELFARE OMBUDSMAN, WE HAVE PLEDGED TO PROVIDE A SAFE AND COOPERATIVE FORMAT TO:

- solve problems
- provide services in a caring, objective, and impartial manner
- foster a blame-free working situation
- work in the best interest of the child
- improve the system of service delivery and the way the state department of human services provides services to children and families
- to communicate with the public about our Ombudsman services and work to improve them.

# A NEW DECADE, A NEW CENTURY, A NEW MILLENNIUM....

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...PROVIDING LEADERSHIP FOR FUTURE POLICY DECISIONS



*Looking ahead after ten years*, we are eager to build upon our momentum and continue working with our network of partners to ensure that the future for Maine's children will be filled with, caring, health, and opportunity. This is an exciting time to be a child advocacy organization in Maine. We are part of a major evolution in the way child and family services are organized in the state. MCA is committed to bringing people and resources together and develop data projects to support integration of all facets of a unified child and family system. We believe that timely, accurate information will help policy makers and service providers understand how best to go forward with this much-needed work, and will enable Maine to serve as a model for unified child and family services in other states as well.

## TURNING DATA INTO ADVOCACY

MCA recognizes the importance of developing an effective system for collecting and using information about children's mental health that will improve quality of care, reduce costs, and increase access to mental health services, regardless of insurance or economic status. Maine has a unique opportunity to use the Maine Kids Count data project to develop a system of mental health indicators for its children that and can also serve as a national pilot for establishing a set of children's mental health indicators for the United States as a whole. With new funding from the Maine Health Access Foundation in 2004, MCA will work with state agencies, organizations, and national data experts to establish a comprehensive set of key indicators of children's mental health.

All of us at MCA are encouraged by the work we have done to support healthy children over the last ten years. In the decade ahead we will continue working to generate a common public and political will for children's well-being across the many constituencies and interests in our state. By encouraging a strong and unified approach to children's services, and improving children's overall health status and access to health care, MCA believes that Maine can give all its children the support they need to thrive and grow into strong, healthy, and happy individuals. In the years ahead, we will follow through on the initiatives we have begun, build new partnerships, gather more resources, and promote research and evidence-based policies that improve the lives of Maine's children, youth, and families. Our goal is to make systems work better for our children, and to help create a happier and better future.

# THE GIRAFFE AWARDS

SALUTING ALL OUR CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN

...Celebrating those who "stick their necks out" for Maine's children, youth, and families...

## List of Award Recipients, by Year:

### 1996

Bodine"Bo" Ames  
Camp Kieve/Leader Decisions Institute  
Geiger Brothers  
Christine Hastedt  
Kids Can Make A Difference

### 1997

Diversity Leadership Institute  
Bill Hager  
Robin McCarthy  
Rhyme & Reason, Margo Clarke Simmons  
Jane Weil  
Steve Wessler

### 1998

Belfast Area Child Care Services, Inc.  
Carol Bryan  
Nancy Call  
Renee Chaplin  
Nathan Fenderson  
Megan Ford  
Eva Grover  
Bernard McAllister

### 1999

Americorps Act Crew 1998-1998  
*Office of Child Care & Head Start*  
Lee Glynn  
Genevieve Hatcher  
Edward Hinckley  
Kits for Kids  
Maine Children's Home for Little Wanderers  
Dr. Lawrence Ricci  
Joyce Roy  
Kristina Joyce Smith  
Start ME Right Legislators:  
*Rep. Steve Rowe*  
*Senator Susan Longley*  
*Rep Christina Baker*

### 2000

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield  
*Child Protective & Children's Services*  
*Staff of the Department of Human*  
*Services*  
Lucky Hollander  
Kathy Leen  
The Root Cellar

### 2001

Lisa Belanger  
MBNA  
Amy Mitchell  
Camp Chrysalis  
*Donna Short and Merrie Bruskin*  
The Edge



### 2002

Early Childhood Education Programs  
*Maine Technical College System*  
Harvest Place  
Cary Olson  
Therapeutic Alternative Program at  
Mount Ararat High School

### 2003

Alan Cartwright  
Pierce Atwood Attorneys  
*William J. Kayatta and*  
*Margaret Minister O'Keefe*  
Compass Project  
Libra Foundation

# 10 YEARS OF DONATIONS

## \$100,000 – \$1,000,000

Annie E. Casey Foundation  
Betterment Fund  
Bingham Program  
DHS Bureau of Health - Oral Health Program  
Maine Community Foundation  
Maine Health Access Foundation  
Office of the Governor  
W.K. Kellogg Foundation

## \$25,000 – \$100,000

Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield  
Bangor Daily News  
Branta Foundation  
Cox Charitable Trust  
Dead River Company  
Department of Education  
DHS Bureau of Health - Teen and Young Adult Health Program  
Fleet – Maine  
Hannaford Bros. Co.  
Libra Foundation  
Stephen & Tabitha King Foundation  
Neil Rolde  
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation  
Verizon  
Rick and Beth Warren  
Zero to Three

## \$5,000 – \$25,000

Aetna Foundation  
American Academy of Pediatrics - Maine Chapter  
Central Maine Power  
Community Health & Counseling Services  
Maddy Corson  
Davis Family Foundation  
Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services  
Leon and Lisa Gorman  
Cyrus and Patty Haggie  
Jennifer Harrell  
Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Inc.  
Frances Hollis Brain Foundation  
Kennebec Pediatrics  
Maine Developmental Disabilities Council  
Margo Clarke Simmons  
MEP MSI  
Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services  
Northeast Delta Dental  
Packard Foundation  
Partners in Ending Hunger  
Patricia Chernooff Charitable Trust  
Saco River Telegraph & Telephone Co.  
Time Warner Cable of Maine  
Joanne J. Van Namee

## \$1,000 – \$5,000

Rosemary Baldacci  
Bangor Savings Bank  
Bath Iron Works  
Belfast Area Child Care Services, Inc.  
Martha Bishop  
Marilyn T. Bronzi  
Camp Kieve  
Catholic Charities Maine  
Center for Community Inclusion

Gail Chase  
Child Care Services of York County  
City of Augusta Childcare Bureau  
Community Concepts - Auburn  
Dean Crocker  
Judith Dann  
Joel Davis  
Day One for Children and Families  
Nancy DeSisto  
Downeast Health Services  
Eastern Maine Healthcare  
Beth Ellers  
Familyworks  
Flory Investment  
Geiger Brothers  
Genest Concrete Works Inc.  
Jane Gilbert and Nancy Fritz  
Betsey Greenstein  
H.E. Sargent Inc.  
Mr. and Mrs. Will Hertz  
John Hornstein  
Infant Mental Health  
Jobs for Maine's Graduates  
William & Judith Jones  
Kennebec Girl Scout Council  
Key Bank of Maine  
Kids Can Make A Difference  
KidsPeace New England  
Berry Kornreich  
Victoria Kuhn  
KVCAP Child and Family Services  
Jana Lapoint  
Dorothy Larrabee  
Le Garage Restaurant  
Jim and Jane Lester  
Susan Longley  
Sylvia Lund  
Luke MacFadyen  
Maine AFL - CIO  
Maine Association for Infant Mental Health  
Maine Center for Economic Policy  
Maine Children's Trust  
Maine Development Foundation  
Maine Medical Center I  
Maine School Management Association  
MaineHealth  
Mary Majorowicz  
MBNA Foundation  
Jane McCarty  
Nina McKee  
Marge and Bill Medd  
Mediation & Facilitation Resources  
Merrill Merchants Bank  
Dr. Roy and Lisa Miller  
Harriet Miskell  
Nancy Morrell  
Dr. Frank A. Musciano  
Sive Neilan  
Oakhurst Dairy  
O'Connor GMC  
Paris Farmers Union  
Patrishia McLean Photography  
People's Regional Opportunity Program  
Child Care  
Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Pepin  
Portland Architectural Salvage, Inc.  
Portland Press Herald/Maine Sunday Telegram

Raising Readers / Maine Health  
Ala Reid  
Marilyn Moss Rockefeller  
Sharon Rosen  
Rumford Group Homes Inc.  
Peggy Schaffer  
Bruce and Nancy Schatz  
Mimi Dunn and Ron Shapiro  
Dr. Dennis and Jane Shubert  
Drs. David and Ann Simmons  
Rabbi Harry and Mrs. Sky  
Solutions  
Spring Harbor Hospital of Maine Medical Center  
Spurwink Institute  
Susan St. John  
St. Joseph Hospital  
Sweetser Children's Services  
The E.Y.E. Foundation  
Training and Development Corporation  
United Way of Greater Portland  
United Way of Mid Coast Maine  
Unity College  
University of Maine Cooperative Extension  
UNUM Provident  
Verrill & Dana, LLP  
Kathi Wall  
WGME 13  
Joe and Carol Wishcamper  
Youth Alternatives, Inc.

## \$500 – \$1,000

Belfast Area Child Care Services, Inc.  
Gail Chase  
Judith Dann  
Day One for Children and Families  
Nancy DeSisto  
Downeast Health Services  
Familyworks  
Flory Investment  
John Hornstein  
William & Judith Jones  
Kennebec Girl Scout Council  
Kids Can Make A Difference  
Victoria Kuhn  
Le Garage Restaurant  
Maine Center for Economic Policy  
Jane McCarty  
Nina McKee  
Mediation & Facilitation Resources  
Dr. Frank A. Musciano  
Sive Neilan  
People's Regional Opportunity Program  
People's Regional Opportunity Program - Child Care  
Portland Architectural Salvage, Inc.  
Drs. David and Ann Simmons  
Rabbi Harry and Mrs. Sky  
Susan St. John  
United Way of Mid Coast Maine

## up to \$500

A Family for ME  
Sharon Abair  
Abnaki Girl Scout Council  
Academy Hill School  
Acadia Hospital  
ACAP  
Eleanor Adams  
Jean Adamson

Adoptive and Foster Families of Maine  
Advocates for Children  
Susan Allen  
Sharon Rosen  
Amaryllis Clothing Co. Inc.  
American Cancer Society  
American Legion Auxillary  
American Lung Association of Maine  
Jean C. Anderson  
Patricia and Donald Anderson  
Loren Andrews  
Donna L. Andrews  
Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care  
Cushman Anthony  
Patricia and Richard Armstrong  
Alice Ayoub  
Dr. David R. Baker  
Governor John Baldacci  
Bangor Area Coordination Council  
Bangor Gas Company  
Bangor Public Health Nursing  
Barber Foods  
Barnes and Noble  
Maria Barth  
Paul Basham  
Bath Police Department  
Bath Savings Institution  
Beach Street Child Care Inc.  
Judith Bean  
Beech Tree Pediatrics PA  
Nell N. Beer  
Berry and Berry Floral  
Laura and Robert Bertulli  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kennebec Valley  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midcoast Maine  
Donna Bird  
Dr. Mary C. Black  
Rev. Judith and Eric Blanchard  
Emily B. Bley LMSW  
Dr. Steven L. Blumenthal  
Mary Bok  
David Boldebook  
Leanne Greeley Bond  
Weston L. Bonney  
Rosalie Boyden  
Boys and Girls Club of Greater Gardiner  
David Bragdon  
Mr. and Mrs. John Bridge  
Samuel B. Broaddus and Sandra Jensen  
Lee Broder  
Senator Lynn Bromley  
Laura Brunton  
Carol P. Bryan  
Sally Bryant  
Burgess Advertising and Associates, Inc.  
Camden National Bank  
Camp Sunshine  
Polly Campbell  
Capital Kids/Augusta Communities for Children  
Career Prospects Inc.  
William and Jean Carey  
Anne Carton  
Casey Family Services  
John Cashman  
CCME St. Elizabeth's Child Dvlp Center  
CED Friendship Head Start  
Janice Charek  
Chester and Vestal PA  
Child and Family Opportunities  
Child Care Connection

Child Care Options  
Child Development Services Kennebec County  
Child Development Services Washington County  
Child Health Center  
Children's Clinic - MaineGeneral  
Children's Services  
Children's Theater of Maine  
China Health Center  
City of Gardiner  
City of Portland  
Maureen Clancy  
Sandra Clark  
CMCC- Early Childhood Education  
CMP Employees Federal Credit Union  
Coastal Community Action Program I  
Coastal Economic Development Corp.  
Cindy Cochran  
Martha Coleman  
Paula Colwell  
Community Counseling of Maine, Inc.  
Community Health and Nursing Services  
Congregation Bet Ha'am  
Consulting for Creative Options  
Dr. Andrew Cook and Jacqueline Ellis  
Copy Center  
Barbara Coulombe  
Linda Coupe  
Anne Cushman  
Charlotte Cushman  
Barbara Danis  
Lynn Davey  
Davis Stream Tree Farm  
Barbara Dee  
Pat Delancy  
Marilyn Dennis  
DeWolfe Realty  
Sherrif Mark Dion  
Nancy Dionne-Lavertu  
Dirigo Alliance  
Dirigo Marketing  
Diversified Communications  
Cynthia Donaldson  
Mr. and Mrs. William Dopheide  
Dr. Norma Dreyfus  
Carolyn Druggie  
Ben Dudley  
Ruth Dufresne  
Gloria Dugan  
Lucy Dyer  
Early Start Program - MCMHC  
East End Children's Workshop  
Eastern Maine Technical College  
Eastman Prince and Guare  
Education and Organization Dev't Consultant  
Educational Consultant/Administrator  
Ellsworth Area Communities for Children  
Entertainment Resources  
Catherine Erdman  
Davene Fahy  
Eileen Fair LCSW  
Family Planning Association of Maine  
Family Violence Project  
Fantasies  
Dr. John Farquhar  
Finders/Keepers - Child Care Resource  
First Parish UU Church  
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Fitts

Des FitzGerald  
Clifton Fletcher  
Cindy Flye  
Susan Forkus  
Robert N. Foster  
Franklin County Children's Task Force  
Michala Gallagher  
Deborah P. Gelardi  
Genesis RTF  
Leslie Gibbons  
Ian Gilchrist  
James L. Gill  
Gobeil's Furniture Galleries  
Elinor Goldberg  
Carol Goloff  
Dr. and John Goodrich  
Goolden Associates  
Rocky Graziano  
Great Gatherings  
Greater PortlandYWCA  
D. Jill Green, Esq.  
Bonnie Green  
Green House Child and Family Center  
Layne M. Gregory  
Lorna Griffin  
Guilford of Maine Inc.  
Gull Rock Pottery  
Joan Hallowell  
Eve Joanne Hamblett  
Deb Hamel  
John Hampshire  
Jeannie Hamrin  
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