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DancingTrees Visits the Good Shepherd Food-Bank

Amazing! On October 17th, Heidi Lupardo, an Agency Relations Representative of the Good Shepherd Food-Bank gave DancingTrees a tour of the facility. Good Shepherd Food-Bank services the entire State of Maine and portions of the State of New Hampshire.

The warehouse is large and very impressive but, their freezer is massive! It holds (13) tractor trailers worth of food (24 pallets x 13 = 312 pallets).

Volunteers play an integral part in daily operations at the Good Shepherd Food-Bank. They are always in need of volunteers. **To volunteer**, contact the Good Shepherd-Food Bank at **207-782-3554**.

How does this system work? Area food pantries and kitchens shop at the facility with money they have raised. Although the prices at the Food-Bank are greatly reduced, **food is not free**. A concern Heidi expressed was the food pantries' and kitchens' shoppers appear uniformed and do not take advantage of the daily specials or everyday free items.

Members of DancingTrees walked away from the tour with renewed concern for our local food pantries and kitchens. They not only rely upon



our food donations but **also** our financial support. To support our local food pantries, DancingTrees is sponsoring the “Everyone in Maine Needs to Eat Everyday” Food-Drive on Friday, November 28, 2008. We are looking for volunteers; bring your friends and family! Please see page (2) for more details. In closing, here is “food for thought”...”GSFB can turn a \$1.00 donation into more than \$12.50 in value of food. People call this “*the Miracle of Food-Banking*” from the Good Shepherd Food-Bank’s web site (www.gsfb.org).

Notes from the President, Julie Kiger

Thanksgiving is a great opportunity to stop ourselves and reflect on what we are thankful for. As we find ourselves in the midst of uncertain economic times, it can be especially enlightening to take time to focus on the positive.

What are you thankful for this holiday season? How can you offer thanks to your family, friends, and community. As you ponder these questions, I encourage you to think of how you can **build compassion and thankfulness** for your friends, neighbors, and perhaps, even complete strangers. At Dancing Trees, there are **many**

opportunities for you to get started on the path of making a positive difference.

DancingTrees has the ability to connect people with meeting their needs such as providing : fire-wood, warm clothing, food, and a simple gift to bring a smile. DancingTrees is here to make these important connections between all people in our communities. Donation by donation, we can all ensure a safe, warm, and thankful holiday season shared by all. Thank you for your continued support.

Quotes and Words of the Day...

Quote of the Day: “When you think at that moment it is possible— then the magic starts.” -Siegfried

Word of the Day:

Eleemosynary: Charitable or supported by a charity. DancingTrees is an eleemosynary institution. Often used in legalese to distinguish from “for-profit.” Pronounced ELL-EH-MAH-SINN-AR-EE .

Winter Box for Head Start

DancingTrees is assisting Emily Staley, the Head Teacher for the Oxford Head Start program to help furnish her classroom.

The winter box for the classroom includes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, books, musical instruments, hats and mittens, tissues, wipes, and more.

To add to this Winter Box, please contact DancingTrees (207-539-2670) for delivery arrangements.

50/50 Raffle to Benefit the Santa is for Everyone Project

The **50/50 raffle** to benefit the **Santa is for Everyone project** is currently underway and the pot is growing!

Get your tickets by contacting Jacki at DancingTrees, 207-539-2670, or by seeing a board member. Tickets are priced as follows: \$1.00, for (1) ticket and \$5.00, for (6) tickets. Participants are not required to be present for the drawing. The drawing will be held on Saturday, November 29th, at the **Like-New Yard Sale** benefiting the **Santa is for Everyone Project** on Magic Lantern Movie Theater’s sidewalk, Main Street, in Bridgton. This is a **great way to make your donation.**

As DancingTrees is a 501 (3) (c), non-profit, your donation may be **tax deductible.** All funds raised from the yard sale and half of the 50/50 proceeds will provide many holiday gifts for those in need this year.

Recent, Current, and Upcoming Events...Save these dates and join in the fun!

● **October/November Firewood Program**, is underway. Thank you to all who funded this program. A BIG thank you to Chris Searles for the pick-up and delivery of the firewood this year; it could not have been done without him. Please keep DancingTrees informed of those who could benefit from **this program; it is still open. Contact us at immediately!**

● **November 28, 2008, 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Food Drive** “Everyone in Maine Needs to Eat Everyday,” Benefiting the Oxford Hills Food Pantry, Mechanic Falls Food Pantry, and the Good Shepherd Food-Bank, at **Shaw’s parking lot, Center Street, Auburn.** Bring your family and friends; the day will prove to be a thankful one!

● **November 29, 2008 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Christmas is for Everyone, Like-New Yard Sale...**Shop with us first! All proceeds to benefit the “Christmas is for Everyone” project. Located on Magic Lantern Movie Theater’s sidewalk, Main Street, Bridgton.

● **December 2008 Christmas is for Everyone...**As we enter into the

season, it is easy for us to forget our neighbors in the community who cannot afford a holiday. Santa’s List this year includes a variety of gifts to: stay warm, stay fed, and to bring a smile. If you or someone you know could benefit from this project, **applications** are available at the Oxford Town Office and by contacting DancingTrees via email, or at 207-539-2670 (Monday-Wednesday, and Friday, 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.)

Ongoing Events...Our Friends of Fur and People need our Help Now!

Needed this month at **Responsible Pet Care of Oxford Hills:**

- Bleach
- Paper Towels
- Cat Food
- Cat Litter

Needed this month at **Oxford Hills Food Pantry:**

- Powdered Milk
- Canned Goods
- Toilet Paper

You may drop off these items at any of the following drop off sites :

- **Kennagh’s**
409 Halls Pond Road, South Paris
- **Magic Lantern**
9 Depot Street, Bridgton
- **Merrill/Morton**
68 Prospect Street, South Paris

