



*A 501c(3) Non-Profit*

November 2023

### **A Year of Changes and Improvements**

During this past year we saw changes and improvements at the Bridgton Community Center (BCC) to better serve our local community. The transition period continued with our new staff, Executive Director, Darcey Pomerleau, and Administrative Assistant, Heather Williams, hired in mid-2022. A new Community Resource Navigator, Melissa Harmon, was hired in January 2023. Our Community continued to support us with funds, donations, services and volunteered time. We are so thankful for the support we have received.

### **Programs, New Technology, Fresh Look**

We continued to sponsor "Be A Santa to A Senior" program in December. Spring to early Fall, our community garden beds were improved, increased and fully utilized. Senior Lunch and Community Kettle Dinners continued and Hunter's breakfast added. A volunteer coordinator was assigned to manage the increased number of volunteers for more than 15 new programs.

The services of the Navigators: Community Resource, Medicare, Affordable Care Act, the American Legion Service Officer and the AARP Free Tax Prep were maintained. Learn more at <https://www.bridgtoncommunitycenter.org/>, our Facebook page and weekly newsletter.

Wifi connectivity was improved, new laptops were purchased for staff and a large screen TV with computer connectivity installed for online meetings and training sessions. Rooms painted and reorganized. Both small and large building repairs were initiated including air handling. Kitchen is now in compliance with state regulations.

### **Helping Those in Need**

As a resource information hub, we helped many to find social services. The Community Resource Navigator assisted 133 individuals/families with emergency issues. Last winter and we helped 29 families with the Fuel Assistance Bank (solely funded by donations). You can donate to the Fuel Bank by specifying a contribution for the BCC Fuel Bank or donating online at <https://www.bridgtoncommunitycenter.org/program/bcc-fuel-bank>.

### **Your Support is Vitrally Important**

The BCC is a source of information and assistance for our entire community including our outreach to community members that so very much need to stay connected. You can help us continue this work by contributing to the Bridgton Community Center (general fund). All donations are tax deductible and can be mailed to *Bridgton Community Center, 15 Depot St., Bridgton, ME, 04009* or made online at <https://www.bridgtoncommunitycenter.org/donation>.

Your support is essential and most appreciated. Our future plans include improving ADA access and kitchen safety, networking with local non-profits, updating computers for public use, increasing our fundraising and marketing efforts and continuing to serve our community's ongoing needs.

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors:

*Marcia Sullivan, Kelley Skillin-Smith, Phil Tarr, Deb Gesimondo, TJ Reese, Steve Morrisette, Bill O'Neil*

*[We strive to connect members of our community with supportive social, physical and cultural resources necessary to enhance their quality of life](#)*