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The 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Waban Telethon was held on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, at the Knights of Columbus Hall on High Street in Sanford. The Telethon was sponsored by the St. Therese of Liseux Parish. Once again, the pride, spirit, and strength of the community was in full display in spite of the economy being so depressed as people from all walks of life came together with businesses and other organizations and demonstrated their unflagging support of the programs at Waban by raising \$101,685.00!!

This year's Telethon was dedicated to the memory of long-time Waban supporter and Telethon "money man", Stevie Allaire, who lost his courageous battle to cancer this year. In addition to the wonderful entertainment and fun events throughout the day, there were two special ceremonies. Long-time Waban staff member Cathy Webber received the *Waban Making a Difference Award* for her dedicated and inspirational service over the last 20 years. In the community category, the *Waban Making a Difference Award* was given to Stevie Allaire and presented to members of his family. While he wasn't there physically, it was clear that Stevie's presence and spirit was felt by many as donation after donation was made in his memory.

The Telethon was produced by a crew from Metrocast Cablevision. Coverage was provided by Metrocast Cablevision and Time-Warner Cablevision with an expanded viewing area going from Ogunquit to Presque Isle. This year's hosts were Kevin Mannix of WCSH-TV and long time volunteers Kristen Guillemette Perfetuo, and RJ and Jim Legere.

Some of the larger donors were:

"Penny People" Andy Normand and Rosemary Frank (\$9,000 which is matched by General Electric)	\$18,000
Haddock Jack's Haddock 100	\$9,600
Wolves Social Club	\$5,000
Sanford Knights of Columbus Fraternal Association	\$4,986
Northeast Offroad Vehicle Competition Association	\$4,000
St. Therese of Liseux Parish	\$3,000
Children's Fall FunFest (Waban Projects Board of Directors)	\$2,606
Cyro Industries	\$2,500
Knights of Columbus/Springvale	\$2,000
Sanford Flooring	\$1,000
Metrocast	\$1,000
Sanford Institute for Savings	\$1,000
Garnsey Brothers Insurance	\$1,000
Pratt and Whitney Aircraft	\$1,000
Ted's Fried Clams	\$1,000
PATCO Construction	\$1,000

The use of the hall including the kitchen facilities was donated by Jim and Sue Colley of Great Beginnings Catering.

In addition to large business donations of goods and services from Central Furniture, Landry's Furniture, and Genest Concrete, there were many other large and small personal and business donors, too numerous to mention, that were instrumental in making the Telethon such a huge success.

The funds from the Telethon will be used for developmental therapy, specialized equipment, assessment services, therapeutic recreation, and other educational and habilitation-based services for children who attend the Waban Child Development Center or who receive services from the Case Management Program.

Waban is exceptionally grateful and appreciative for all the tremendous support we received from all the volunteers and donors both before and during the Telethon.

