47th Annual Waban Telethon

The 47th Annual Telethon, sponsored by St. Thérèse of Lisièux Parish of Sanford-Springvale, will be held on Saturday, March 18, 2018 at the St. Ignatius Gym. This year offers new and exciting ways to tune in and participate! The event will be live streamed on the web, broadcast through Metrocast/Atlantic Broadcasting and simulcast on The Legends radio at 102.3 FM and AM 1220. Visit www.waban.org for information and links to live streaming and our Facebook event page, 47th Annual Waban Telethon.

As always, the event will be open to hundreds of visitors, with entertainment, food, raffles, gift baskets, activities and fun! Donations and pledges will be announced during the event and phone volunteers will be making and accepting calls throughout the day.

Businesses and individuals can support Waban with a donation of services or goods that can be used to generate funds at the Annual Telethon, or by making a monetary donation.

Proceeds from the Telethon will benefit Waban’s children’s programs. Visitors and viewers can look forward to a song by the children and some family testimonials describing the progress their children have made with help from the dedicated staff at Waban who champion these children. More details will be added daily to the event page and we’ll be tweeting throughout the day @wabanmatters.
Waban

Well, we have made it to February and that means spring is just around the corner. Between the early blizzard conditions, ice, some very cold days, and some seasonable weather, it has been quite an adventure this winter. However, March and spring are just around the corner and here at Waban that means one thing. Soon it will be time for the Telethon.

While our cover story of this edition and the Telethon schedule on the next page provide some of the details for this year’s Telethon, as we all know there is much, much, more. Behind the scenes, hundreds of volunteers have been and are continuing to prepare for this incredible event. In addition to being Waban’s major fundraiser, the Telethon has become one of the biggest and most beloved “community-raisers“ in our area. People from every walk of life, businesses, organizations, entertainers, and of course Waban staff each play a major role in making the Telethon happen. Their collective efforts and donations of time, goods, services, or dollars all play an integral role in the Telethon’s success.

Also, every year at the Telethon we recognize a Waban staff and a community member who over an extended period of time has demonstrated and whose day-to-day and ongoing dedication, tenacity, selflessness, and true willingness to serve exemplify what it means to make a difference and present them with the Making A Difference Award.

In recognition of the tremendous support that the City of Sanford has provided to all the children and adults that Waban has and continues to serve, we have selected Sanford as this year’s community recipient of this prestigious award, and it will be presented at the Telethon. The City will be celebrating its 250th anniversary this year, and there will be numerous events and happenings to commemorate how special that truly is.

Many thanks to all of you who help make our work possible. We are truly grateful for all your generosity and efforts. I look forward to seeing you at this year’s Telethon!

Neal Meltzer,
Executive Director

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# Happenings

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Fraser-Ford Child

We have had a very busy fall and early winter at the Fraser-Ford Child Development Center! With the opening of the Autism Therapy Wing, the children are very much enjoying the new gym space. Our Occupational Therapists have been working with Teachers and staff on use of the equipment, safety procedures, and will be offering staff training on providing structured physical education activities for the students. The frigid temperatures have led us to be even more thankful for this wonderful recreational and learning space than we already were. Thank you OT Megan and OT Michelle for your help and guidance with utilizing the new Multi Purpose Room/Gym space!

We held a well-attended Public Open House of the FFCDC, featuring the new Wing as well as the expanded use of spaces on the original portion of the building, such as the Library. Structured literacy activities, social skills development, and communication skills instruction are enhanced by the creation of this common space. We are proud of our entire facility and the learning opportunities we are able to offer our students!
Development Center

We have added several new Educational Technicians/Behavioral Health Professionals to our team this fall. Welcome aboard, we are thrilled to have you! One of our “4 Cornerstones Commitments” here at Waban and the FFCDC is in the area of Staff Development. We take this commitment very seriously at FFCDC. Our commitment to high quality services for children starts with our efforts to provide intensive, targeted, and supportive orientation activities, structured training, and clinically intensive support to the professionals providing services to our students. Thank you Becca for offering a series of intensive trainings over the Holiday Break! Our students and staff benefit greatly from the support and training they receive from our Teachers, senior staff, and Becca the Curriculum Coordinator / Board Certified Behavior Analyst.

Finally, this edition of Waban Windows from the FFCDC would not be complete without a picture of Santa’s visit! Each year Santa and Mrs. Claus visit with all of our classrooms, interact meaningfully with each child, and deliver a special gift. Thank you to both the Wells and Ogunquit Chambers of Commerce for your continued support in making this annual event a successful one, and to the Portsmouth Shipyard also for your delivery of gifts for the children!

Tiffany Haskell,
Director of Clinical Treatment Services

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Life Works continued with our holiday season traditions of attending the Nutcracker play at the Merrill Auditorium, Kennebunk Prelude, creating holiday swags, making pottery at Get Fired Up, decorating our Life Works Tree at the Westbrook Festival of Trees, and the “Cookies, Caroling and Claus” event at Waban’s Wormwood Center!

This year we refreshed our decorations and made new ornaments for the tree. The Performing Arts group added a few new songs to our caroling line up. With the dangerously cold temperatures, we are staying warm indoors honing our archery skills at Black Sheep Archery, playing lifesized board games such as Sorry and Trouble and getting our dance on with a “Tap Your Feet” workshop. We were thrilled to bring a group of outdoor enthusiasts to the open house at Howe and learn more about their outreach program, Outdoors Again. Members learned about previous and upcoming excursions for individuals who use wheelchairs to enjoy the outdoors through hunting, fishing, camping and music events and saw many of the vehicles on display including the Ripchair.

The final three months of the year were a superstorm of activity for Adventure program members as we put away our kayaks and fishing poles and settled into the lodge at the TREE Center as our base for environmental education, STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art & mathematics) experiments, and a new season of outdoor recreation.
& Company

These months between open water and ice fishing seasons are the toughest on our devout fishermen and women, who, on any given Tuesday, Thursday or quite frankly any day of the week, would most certainly “rather be fishing.” They have been busy instead keeping their minds and wit sharp with fish, frog and insect studies, engineering challenges, and process art projects using materials from the natural environment. Ask them about the “HURRICANE CHALLENGE.” Their results will blow you away.

Personal safety, group safety, outdoor ethics and personal nutrition have been a priority. All groups have covered key aspects of ice safety, wilderness first aid and Leave No Trace principles. Adventure group members led a workshop on outdoor ethics in December. They enhanced their outdoor and first aid skills by learning and reviewing scene and patient assessment in a wilderness setting. And, as temperatures dipped and the ice on the lake was getting thicker and closer to ice fishing season, we reviewed ice safety.

We’ve officially turned in our hiking boots for winter boots, snowshoes or ice skates and, while there are still a few months of ice fishing ahead of us, we’re beginning to look to Spring. In fact, we’ve already started our gardens … indoors.

If you haven’t seen it, check out 207 on WCSII highlighting the wonderful work our volunteer group Flower Power is doing!

Until next time, be safe and be well,
Melissa Hall, Life Works Director
Dubois Drive Home

The ladies of Dubois Drive have been busy! The summer was full of activities, and they enjoyed the warm weather as often as possible. Justina’s mother hosted a “pool party” at York Harbor’s Stage Neck Inn. The ladies enjoyed the pool and even walked the nearby beach. Also in July, they celebrated Kristine’s birthday. In August, Dubois Drive hosted their annual BBQ and invited several friends from other Waban homes. As always, it was a success with good food, great company and lots of laughs.

As the summer dwindled to Autumn, the girls picked apples at McDougal’s Orchard in Springvale, enjoying cider and donuts as well. Both Tammy and Justina celebrated their birthdays in September.

Tammy started a new job in south Sanford and loves her job! She’s very proud to wear her new Dunkin’ Donuts uniform. Now that she’s making a weekly paycheck she says she wants to save up for a vacation. Tammy and Kristine participated in the Waban bowling league every Tuesday and each of them won a trophy! Kristine won for 3rd place and Tammy got high single. Congratulations, ladies!

In December, the ladies hosted a Christmas family luncheon and exchanged gifts amongst themselves. Justina, Tammy and Kris enjoyed some time with their families over Christmas weekend and came back stuffed with yummy Christmas goodies and carrying back some wonderful gifts. The Dubois Drive ladies wish everyone a very Happy New Year!

Lori DiAnni
Dubois Drive RPA
47th ANNUAL WABAN TELETHON
St. Ignatius Gymnasium – 25 Riverside Avenue in Sanford

SATURDAY – MARCH 17, 2018 10am – 6pm

Make a Difference!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Join us on March 17, 2018 at the St. Ignatius Gym, 25 Riverside Ave. in Sanford, 10am-6pm. Enjoy entertainment & food, view gifts & baskets, buy raffle tickets, and make your donation!

Become a member of our “Wall of Supporters” by making a $1,000 (or more) tax deductible donation from your business. Your logo will be displayed on a banner at the Telethon; your business will be listed as a major donor in Telethon publicity and in Waban’s quarterly newsletter for a year. Waban Windows. Pay in full or arrange for quarterly payments.

Bowling for Waban at Bowl-A-Rama in Sanford on Friday, March 9, 2018, 4pm to 6pm. Challenge your co-workers, family & friends! Individuals and teams welcome. Games & awards add to the fun! Contact Selena Brock at 324-7955 to reserve lane times. Donations will be taken at the door.

Donate a gift or gift certificate to be used to obtain pledges while advertising your business at the same time! Mail in or drop off your contribution or call and we can pick up! 324-7955

Donate online by visiting Waban’s website and utilizing PayPal at www.waban.org

Tune in to the Telethon and phone in a pledge on March 17: 324-5344 or 1-877-544-4275
Find the live-stream link at www.waban.org, watch on Metrocast or listen on The Legends.

Mail a donation at any time to: Waban Telethon, 5 Dunaway Drive, Sanford, ME 04073

Visit our facebook event page 47th Annual Waban Telethon for updates and information.

Thanks for your support!

This year offers a new exciting way to tune in and participate! Live-streamed on the web, broadcast through Metrocast, and simulcast on The Legends 102.3 FM and AM 1220.

For more information about how you can help these children succeed, please call 207-324-7955 and ask for the Telethon Committee or visit www.waban.org.

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Bowling for Waban®

Join the fun at
Bowl-A-Rama
Main St., Sanford
4pm to 6pm

Matching shirts?
Funny hats? St. Patrick’s Day?
Step up the fun and win the
award for Best Team Theme! Or bragging
rights for the Best Team Score!
Your donation at the door will benefit
The 47th Annual Waban Telethon.

Call Selena at 324-7955 to reserve your spot! Walk-ins welcome!

Sign up co-workers, business partners, family members, or friends
and form teams of four for some fun competition!

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Penny Challenge

We’re collecting NOW for Telethon 2018!

Collect your pennies and loose change in a jar and drop off at Waban’s Main Office, Life Works or Fraser-Ford Child Development Center or any of the Waban programs and watch the total grow!

The final count will be announced at Waban’s 47th Annual Telethon on Saturday, March 17, 2018
Cookies, Caroling & Claus

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Morrells Mill Home

The holidays were a busy time for the Morrell’s crew. All members were able to get together with their families and attend multiple get togethers like our own “Cookies, Caroling and Claus” at the Wonnwood Center.

Karen particularly enjoyed decorating for the holidays, so much so that she even decorated herself! Karen has begun bowling with UNITE and loves the chance to socialize with all her friends. Karen is quite the social butterfly and loves any opportunity to interact with friends and community members.

Steven continues to enjoy getting out and about as the weather allows. He wore a fun polka dot costume to celebrate Halloween and especially enjoys his trips to Dunkin donuts for coffee and people watching! On days when it’s too cold or snowy to get out, Steven loves to do arts and crafts. Even still, he can’t wait for the snow to melt so he can spend his much loved time at No 1 Pond.

Chris enjoyed some time with his friends at RiverRidge over the holiday season. They always welcome him back to join them for any group parties! He continues to enjoy weekly visits with his family and loves getting out into the community. Chris also participates in an art group through his day program where he creates art for that is sold in a local gallery!

Kim Lowell,
Acting Administrator
Sunny Lane Home

Winter is in full swing at Sunny Lane! Remembering trips to the beach for Pier fries and pizza, watching the fireworks, attending the Acton Fair, and a picnic on top of Mt. Agamenticus topped the list of summer and fall. We mourned the loss of fellow housemate Craig and welcomed a new face to the Sunny Lane family, Haydn.

Mariya enjoys bowling with the UNITE program and making crafts with the Ladies Group. She had the opportunity to visit her father, listening to books being read to her, taking walks at a local park, and enjoying dinner out at local restaurants. She is thrilled to have her mother living closer now so she can drop in for visits, or share time having dinner with her here at Sunny Lane.

Tim attends day program at Lifeworks and works at SecureRMS. He’s an all-around sports enthusiast, participating in bicycling and water skiing, and is looking forward to his family skiing trip. Tim’s newest hobby is sewing, and with his new sewing machine he has created table squares, placemats, pot holders, and more. He spent lots of time with friends and family over the past year, making cookies with his cousins in Portsmouth, celebrating Thanksgiving and Christmas with his aunt in Massachusetts, and going for a long weekend with a friend in North Conway.

Dan is our outdoor enthusiast. He enjoys walks and listening for the birds from the screened in porch. He attends day program and was thrilled to go to Old Orchard Beach to get some Pier fries and watch some street dancing. He attended the Acton Fair with his housemates, looking at the animals, enjoying some music, and of course, some french fries!

Our newest member, Haydn, came to us in June. He enjoys being on the move: walks to the beach at camp, riding in the car, listening to music, gardening, dancing, and swinging on his porch swing in the backyard. Fishing is one of Haydn’s favorite activities, and he fishes whenever he gets a chance. Christmas was a particularly favorite time for Haydn as he got to see all the bright Christmas light displays in Lebanon, at Norton Lights in Wells, and Gardens Aglow at the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens in Boothbay Harbor.

Jessica Gibson, Sunny Lane Administrator
Cove Street

Bonnie has been exploring her love of loons the last few months. After following a momma loon sitting on her eggs via web cam, she made a visit to the Loon Center. With the help of Cove Street’s creative staff, she made a homemade loon costume for Halloween and celebrated her 58th Birthday with a loon cake.

Nicole had a very successful fishing season, catching bass all over Sanford. You can see Nicole every Monday night at church dinner holding the door for all the guests. Nicole remains very busy with volunteering at the TREE Center and Cheers dances.

Bert and Richie have had several adventures together: Apple Picking, Corn Mazes, Strawberry picking, and having lunch at different restaurants. Bert is the go-to man for information about what’s happening around town, keeping his eyes on all the construction sites. With a love of cars, he is especially excited about Marc Motors’ new building. Richie has enjoyed connecting for lunch with his brother at McDonalds.

John has started attending new church groups and making new friends in the community. He has also been enjoying local high school sporting events.

Cove Street started some new traditions this Holiday season with Nicole hosting a Thanksgiving dinner, a cookie decorating party for Christmas, and a Chinese dinner for New Year’s Eve. Everyone at Cove Street hopes you all are having a safe, warm winter!

Lynn Buck
Cove Street Administrator

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Day Street Apartments

The guys have maintained their busy schedule as always. They never like to stay still for too long and are always looking for different activities to participate in.

Jason has started an extra day at his program which has him participating in a karate class every week. He has also started to take advantage of community events by taking up chair yoga once a month in Sanford. He thoroughly enjoys these activities as well as regular trips to Dunkin’ Donuts! Recently, a new bowling alley opened up in Kennebunk and Jason made sure he was there to check it out quickly! He had a lot of fun and is looking forward to more bowling opportunities.

Chris has been maintaining his schedule as well. He continues to go to Life Works every day and recently participated in a talent presentation of “Greased Lightening” with the Performing Arts Group. He continues his drum lessons every week. While Chris prefers to be a homebody and would rather watch his shows every evening, he is still keeping up with his sports and will gladly attend the high school games whenever possible. He is looking forward to the new hockey team coming to Portland and will hopefully be able to go to one of those games when it comes time!

Stephanie Edwards,
Day Street Apartments
Administrator
Country Club Road

Winter’s Greetings from Country Club Road! The holidays were a great success and everyone got to spend some time with their loved ones. Though it is very cold outside, it hasn’t slowed down the CCR crew. Jon has been attending local basketball games at Sanford High, and he continues to enjoy his horseback riding as well as his job. Kevin is enjoying his volunteering and is attending Life Works four days a week now.

Kevin and Jon enjoyed a weekend in Boston taking in the sights and posing next to life-sized photos of some of their favorite athletes while waiting for their ride on the MBTA subway.

Chris is regularly attending church dinners and going to Smitty’s Cinema as well as enjoying watching the Patriots. He hopes to start his new job soon. Lindsay enjoys her walks around Walmart during the cold weather, and likes her arts and crafts at home. Next month she’ll start the seedlings for her summer garden. She is also planning her mid-winter get away to Meadowmere Resort. Together, all the residents of Country Club Road Home are planning an upcoming game night to fight the onset of cabin fever.

Stay Warm,
Ralph Desjardins
CCR Home Administrator
Join the Capital Campaign

Thanks to you, our many supporters, businesses and organizations, the Autism Therapy Wing is open! Waban has a results-driven, evidence-based, and proven clinical approach to addressing the needs of children with autism.

The new 7,000 square-foot Autism Therapy Wing addition to the existing 9,000 square-foot Fraser-Ford Child Development Center has been completed and opened with four new classrooms, multiple consulting rooms for therapists and other clinical specialists, and a large multi-purpose room. With new students enrolling to fill the new classrooms and current students benefitting from the new gym-like multi-purpose space, we still need your help. Join the campaign today.

Any amount helps. Here’s how your generous donation will make a difference:

- Enables a child to say "I love you!" for the first time.
- Surrounds kids with a nurturing place to learn and grow.
- Embraces children's individuality and focuses on their strengths.
- Empowers the dreams of what is possible for every child.

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2017 Telethon Wall of Supporters

With the generous support of the businesses and organizations below, Wahan will continue to provide much needed services to the adults and children we serve. Without them we would not have exceeded our expectations this year!!
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