

Autumn 2011

Granting Resources & Assistance through Community Effort

Project G.R.A.C.E.

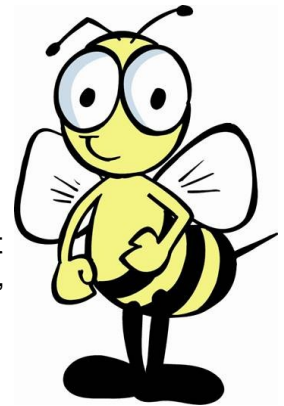
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5th Annual TRIVIA BEE! • Thursday, November 10th

FUNDRAISE FOR THE BEE
WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM YOUR FRIENDS

This year, in celebration of our beloved Bee's 5th birthday Project G.R.A.C.E. is using a new Fundraising Software tool called **Friends Asking Friends**. This software will allow participants to create a personal or team page, create a goal, upload pictures and copy and will be able accept online payments. **Friends Asking Friends** is the same software that you may be familiar with. Many of us have used this software for other events, such as triathlons, 5Ks, and bowl-a-thons.



UPCOMING EVENTS

November 10-5th Annual Trivia Bee at The Landing

November 22- Thanksgiving efforts and Open House

Week of December 12- Christmas efforts

We're very excited to be rolling out this fundraising software for the Trivia Bee! Please take advantage of this great opportunity—it's easy, and it will allow teams to raise funds with friends, family, coworkers, neighbors—really, any email contacts that you choose! Project G.R.A.C.E. appreciates your efforts!

For more information about the Bee and how to participate, please turn to page 3.

Friends Asking Friends®

HELP OUT AT HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

When many people think of Project G.R.A.C.E., the holidays are the first thing that come to mind. Our organization started with the holiday Adopt-A-Family 11 years ago. We are in the beginning stages of planning for this year's efforts.

Over the years, countless donors and volunteers have made it possible for hundreds of families and individuals to enjoy a bright holiday. Giving to Project G.R.A.C.E. has become a tradition for families, friends and small groups. Shopping, wrapping and eating goodies while helping others is a wonderful bonding experience.

The Christmas wish lists, which include everyday items that most of us take for granted and the words of gratitude from families confirm our belief that hardship can it anyone at anytime.



Please see the enclosed volunteer forms if you would like to help this year.

From the Desk of the Director...

Dear Friends,

This spring, Tom Hall and I spoke about a proposal that he thought would be an ideal fit here in the Town of Scarborough. When he served as the Town Manager in Rockland, the program was a success for its residents. Project G.R.A.C.E. has a history of successfully collaborating with the Town, including the offices of General Assistance, Community Services and of course, the Scarborough Schools. Our Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers believe Project G.R.A.C.E. and the Town of Scarborough are perfect partners in the Scarborough Fuel Assistance Program.

Fondly,
Mary E. Rollo
Executive Director



Town of Scarborough, Maine

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September 9, 2011

THOMAS J. HALL, TOWN MANAGER
thall@ci.scarborough.me.us

Dear Friend of Scarborough:

I am pleased to introduce the *Scarborough Fuel Assistance Program*, which is an exciting collaboration between the Town of Scarborough and Project G.R.A.C.E. (Granting Resources and Assistance through Community Effort) to address the needs of Scarborough residents to keep warm. With the unprecedented home heating fuel costs, coupled with the fragile economy and near record unemployment, and threats to LIHEAP federal assistance, many residents may be at risk for the first time this winter. Many of these residents may not qualify for the public general assistance program available only to those who meet the strictest of eligibility criteria. In these instances, the Town refers the resident to Project G.R.A.C.E. and assistance in some form is usually provided. Last heating season, Project G.R.A.C.E. provided over \$32,000 in home heating fuel assistance - continued demand at this level could compromise other important community programs. It is anticipated that the need will be even greater for the 2011-2012 heating season. A new approach is necessary to meet this need in our community.

In response, the Town and Project G.R.A.C.E. have partnered to conduct a targeted community-wide fundraising campaign, with the Town taking the lead with fundraising and Project G.R.A.C.E. handling the assistance. All donations are considered a qualified tax-deductible contribution for IRS reporting purposes. Upon receiving the donation the Town will acknowledge receipt and acceptance of the donation by written letter to the donor. At the discretion of the donor, the Town will publicly recognize all donations made to the fund. Based on program guidelines and estimated oil prices, our goal to properly fund the Scarborough Fuel Assistance Program is **\$50,000**, which will provide modest support only 125 times. This goal is achievable, but we need your help.

I humbly request you consider donating to this worthy cause and assist our friends and neighbors in need – no one should be cold in their own home or have to choose between heating their home and proper clothing, food or health care. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding the program or how you can help. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,
Thomas J. Hall,
Scarborough Fuel Assistance Program

NEWS BRIEFS

BROADTURN FARM:



The Scarborough Rotary purchased a farm share for Project G.R.A.C.E. from Broadturn Farm this Spring.

The share was distributed weekly to families in need.

(from left to right)Len Giambalvo, Joe Merchant, Liane Giambalvo, Cecile Merchant, and Mary Rollo

THE BEST OF BEST: Project G.R.A.C.E. won in the Non-Profit category for *The Current's* 2011 annual award.

THANK YOU TO CONROY'S OIL: For generously agreeing to be the oil vendor for the Town of Scarborough/Project G.R.A.C.E. Fuel Assistance Program.

TOWN AND COUNTRY'S BETTER NEIGHBOR FUND: The local credit union will be giving away a total of \$25,000 to eight charitable causes in Southern Maine that receive the most votes.

To vote, go to: www.tcfcu.com or
Town and Country's Facebook page.

SCARBOROUGH KIWANIS:

Continue to be a strong and generous supporter, with their recent donation of \$1,000.

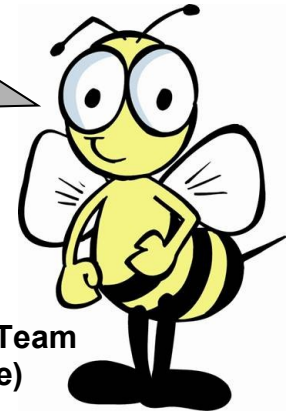


Mary Rollo accepting a check from Paul Collins, Kiwanis President.

COINS FOR COMMUNITY: Thank you to Dr. Lisa Howard and her staff for initiating a coin drive that will be donated to the Town of Scarborough/Project G.R.A.C.E. Fuel Assistance Program. **Dr. Howard will match all donations from staff and patients!**

POSITIONS OPEN: What takes a nurse, teacher, counselor, accountant, etc..., it's our Granting Resources Committee and all we are missing is you! We have a group of dedicated volunteers meeting the needs of recipients, but there is always room for more. We'd love for you to join us!

Now, for a
little more
about ME!



I need you...

- To create a Trivia Team (a team of 3 people)
- To volunteer or
- To BEE in the audience

Wouldn't you and your friends or business associates like to compete for top trivia honors?

Well, then you need to BEE there!

Thursday, November 10th
The Landing at Pine Point

Build your team web page!
Interested teams:
call us for more info: 730.7140
or email us: pgtriviabee@gmail.com

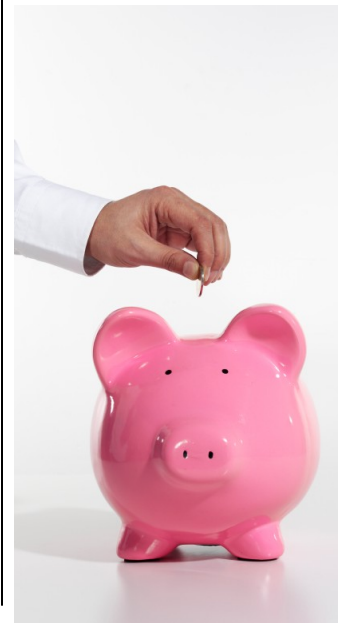
DONATIONS: WE LOVE 'EM BIG AND SMALL!

Nothing makes our office buzz more than receiving an unexpected generous gift.

And nothing makes our heart melt more than receiving the proceeds from a children's lemonade stand or coin drive.

We are grateful for every donation we receive and each is spent with careful consideration to help those in need in our community.

Did you know that If every household in Scarborough gave \$5 it would total almost \$38,000! ?





An Invitation: Meet Us

Stop in for coffee and
conversation.

See what we do for our
Thanksgiving Effort.

Tuesday, November 22

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

St. Maximilian Church

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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- Please contact me to discuss how I can help.
 Please add me to the mailing list
 I have enclosed an optional donation of \$ _____, to be used for _____

Name _____

Street Address _____

Town/City _____

Email address _____

Our address is Project G.R.A.C.E., P.O. Box 6846, Scarborough, ME 04070-6846
Visit our website at www.projectgracemaine.org to learn more and to register to receive updates.
All donations are tax-deductible.