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Dear Bridgton Community Center Friend,

The Board of The Community Center decided this year to forgo the annual appeal opting instead to write to a few people in the community who have helped us in the past. Now more than ever, we are so grateful for our community that has funded, volunteered, celebrated, and advocated for the Community Center as an organization that offers multiple programs to people of all ages. At a time when everything feels so uncertain we find comfort and encouragement knowing that you care about what Bridgton's community center provides to our residents.

While COVID-19 has been the reason why many organizations or businesses have temporarily closed, we have kept going. Rather than hosting activities at the Center we have conducted outreach to people who are socially distanced and desperate to connect with others. Our employees and volunteers have been working from home and in the community to get this done. We are also working on the annual fuel assistance program that provides emergency fuel to residents who are in need, and the Town of Bridgton has asked us to administer a federal Community Development Block Grant to help those who have lost income and have immediate financial needs.

Two areas of concern we ask you to focus on are emergency fuel assistance for Bridgton residents and support funds to continue our outreach to people of our community that so very much need to stay connected to their community. If you are able to make a contribution to the Community Center, either in general (<https://www.bridgtoncommunitycenter.org/donation>) or to the emergency fuel assistance program (<https://www.bridgtoncommunitycenter.org/program/bcc-fuel-bank>), the donation is tax deductible and can be made at the Center's website or it can be mailed to the address on this letter head.

All of us feel the urge to help one another during a time of sickness and unemployment. The pandemic does not change the belief that people of our community have confidence in the mission of the Community Center and trust the Board and staff to continue to make it a reality. We know that things are hard right now but there are still many reasons to smile. And that is what we do best.

Sincerely,

Phil Tarr, President

Roger Lowell, Board Member

Marcia Sullivan, Secretary

Carman Lone, Executive Director

Kelley Skillin-Smith, Treasurer