



November 2021

Dear Bridgton Community Center Friend,

The Bridgton Community Center (BCC) is now 20 years old and has survived the past year and a half through the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Throughout these unusual times, the generosity of our community helped to keep us open with funds, donations, services and volunteered time. We are so thankful for the support we have received.

With COVID precautions in place, the building was reopened to the public and many groups resumed their meetings. From Spring to early Fall, our community garden beds were fully utilized. Senior Lunch and Community Kettle Dinners, switched to a "to go" format. The Center continued to offer the services of the Community Resource Navigator, Medicare Navigator, Affordable Care Act Navigator, American Legion Service Officer and AARP Free Tax Prep. Learn more at <https://www.bridgtoncommunitycenter.org/>.

The BCC hosted a COVID vaccination site in the Spring. We administered COVID Relief Funds designated for rent assistance and food programs for Bridgton residents whose income was affected by COVID. Additionally, we assisted residents with emergency issues through the Navigator Discretionary Fund.

The BCC continued to provide emergency fuel to residents who are in need and we expect demand for assistance to be high this winter season. This fund is solely from donations and continues with the generous contributions from our community. You can donate to this fund by specifying a contribution for the BCC Fuel Bank or donating online at <https://www.bridgtoncommunitycenter.org/program/bcc-fuel-bank>.

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 support this work by contributing to the Bridgton Community Center (general fund) or donate online at <https://www.bridgtoncommunitycenter.org/donation>. All donations are tax deductible and can be made online or mailed to *Bridgton Community Center, 15 Depot St., Bridgton, ME, 04009*.

Your support is essential and most appreciated. We look optimistically forward to a return to offering all of our programs and resources, continuing to serve our community and growing to meet ongoing needs.

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors:

Marcia Sullivan, Phil Tarr, Kelley Skillin-Smith, Roger Lowell

*A 501c(3) Non-Profit*

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