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Dear Friend of the Bridgton Community Center,

At the Bridgton Community Center, we believe that a strong community is built on connection, care, and opportunity. Every day, our doors open to neighbors of all ages- whether it's a child finding a safe space after school, a senior sharing a meal and companionship, or a family assessing vital resources during a difficult time.

This year, more than ever, our community has turned to the Bridgton Community Center for support.

Our senior lunch program alone served almost 5000 homemade meals last year and offers social opportunities to strengthen support systems and social bonds between old friends and creates opportunities to make new ones. This program reflects the Community Center's quiet dedication to assist in reducing social isolation, offering healthy meals to offset food insecurity, reinforce senior support networks and more importantly sustainable friendships.

Our Community Resource Navigator assisted 179 new individuals through locating various resources to address basic needs such as housing stability, affordable health insurance, and fuel assistance for folks who would otherwise not have known about these resources. The welcoming and supportive atmosphere that is a staple here at the Community Center opened the door for 69 of those individuals to return for additional assistance.

The Community Center also offers opportunities for learning, crafting, local artists to gather and various gaming groups for all ages. This year we have expanded our youth gaming group. In 2026 we are looking forward to establishing a youth gardening program and expanding our community garden beyond the raised beds to include public gardening workshops, and tips and tricks for harvesting and preserving foods for sustainability.

To the countless informal moments of kindness that happen here each day, your generosity makes it all possible.

As we are launching our Annual Appeal, we invite you to join us in sustaining and expanding this vital work. Your gift – whether \$50, \$100, \$200, or more- directly fuels programs that strengthen lives and brings hope to our neighbors.

Together, we can ensure that the Bridgton Community Center remains a place where everyone feels welcome, supported, and connected.

Please consider making your donation today by returning the enclosed envelope or giving online at www.bridgtoncommunitycenter.org or our PayPal QR code located below. Every contribution, no matter the size, makes a meaningful difference.

On behalf of our board, staff, and the many community members whose lives are affected by your generosity, thank you for believing in the power of community.

With gratitude,

Steve Morrisette, Board President

Bridgton Community Center



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Your generous contributions are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.

For your records our tax ID # is 14-1879353 Thank you