

Auxiliary Spring Newsletter 2022

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President's Note



What an incredible start to 2022! We are finally through the worst of winter and will be enjoying the sunshine very soon. The Board of Directors has been hard at work to make this year fun, successful in our pledge and another year to be proud of.

Since our inception almost 130 years ago, our Board of Directors has been

blessed with talented women who are extremely hard working, and a membership that has stepped in when needed, to help ensure our undertakings were successful. Aided by their dedication and invaluable support, we have donated close to \$4 million over the past 130 years. These funds have always benefited the healthcare needs of those in our community, such as supporting the purchase of operating equipment, ECG machines, nursing scholarships, funding towards the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, the purchase of specialized incubators for neonatal intensive care babies and supporting funding of Cancer Care in Brewer. We are in the second year of our \$125K pledge to purchase Miracle 2, an ambulance transport for the

tinest babies in our community. I am proud to report that we have successfully fulfilled our first installment of \$25K in 2021 and 2022 is shaping up to be another successful year as well! I am in awe of what we have been able to accomplish and excited at what the future holds.

Despite the challenges of the last two years, the Auxiliary and the Board continue to thrive, innovate our fundraising activities, and come up with new and refreshed ways to fundraise to fulfill our mission. Our incredible work continues with many new events such as restaurant fundraisers, calendar fundraisers, Mother's Day and Father's Day Basket fundraisers, and our biggest event of the year, our virtual Kitchen Tour to take place in November.

We hope to see you at our events as we all continue to support this important mission.

Best,

Nazrin Dixon

The Miracle of Miracle-2

From community support with a \$5 basket or calendar donations to \$1,000 small business donations or \$5,000 corporate sponsorships the NL EMMC Auxiliary is well on its way to fulfilling its second of five annual pledge payments of \$25,000 towards the purchase of the new Miracle 2 Ambulance. All of this has been accomplished despite Covid when major events could not be held safely. It has certainly become a miracle for this not-for-profit organization, the community and the NL EMMC Transport Team.

This ambulance will fulfill a dream for many. **Dr. Jay Hagerty, Neonatologist, tells us** –“Miracle 2 represents a state-of-the-art mobile newborn intensive care unit (NICU) that will serve as a lifeline for critically ill newborns, throughout Maine requiring transport to NL-EMMC for lifesaving medical and surgical care. **Ken Roy, RNC, Transport Team Coordinator states,** –“Miracle 2 will be a remarkable improvement for us in the care of our neonatal patients. It will provide the technology, safety, reliability, and the added comfort for the team and infant. Parents are



putting 100% of their trust in the transport team and equipment when transferring their infant across the state. Thank you for all the time and effort you have placed on this vital piece of transport for the infants of Maine.”

Fundraising is still very much needed to fulfill our \$125,000 pledge to ensure this “miracle” happens. The NL EMMC Auxiliary is thankful to all who have supported this endeavor.

Welcome New Board Members!



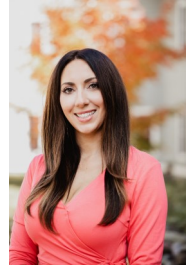
Jennifer Cammack works as a full time realtor with Next Home Experience serving central and coastal Maine. Prior to her real estate career, she worked as an occupational therapist for 25 years in hospitals and schools throughout Maine. That journey began at Eastern Maine Medical Center. She has fond memories of the beginnings of Lifelight and Miracle 1 where her mother was among the first nurses to start those programs. It is her honor to join the Auxillary in support of Miracle 2 and passion for helping families throughout Maine. Thankful you have joined our Board, Jennifer.

active in the fundraising efforts for All Saints Catholic School for the past 10 years. She enjoys coaching and supporting her two daughters in basketball, softball and soccer and loves spending time outdoors kayaking, boating, hiking and enjoying Maine's beauty. She has a passion for helping others and is honored to join the Auxiliary and support Miracle 2. The Board is excited to welcome Nicole.



Nicole Bouchard is a '05 graduate of Husson University with a BS in Business Administration. She currently works at Kindred at Home as a Home Health Specialist helping our seniors receive skilled care in their home. She has a background in healthcare administration, academia and philanthropy. Nicole previously worked at Husson University as a Development Office and has been

Kate Hills joins us from Dirigo Pines, the senior living community in Orono, as the Director of Sales and Marketing. She has worked there for 2 years and started her career in senior living right at the beginning of the pandemic. Kate has ten years of real estate experience which helps with her current job of selling cottages and apartments in both Independent living and assisted living at Dirigo Pines. Her hobbies include traveling, reading, and working out. She has 2 children; Jaylin and Kobe who both attend Hermon High School, and a West Highland Terrier named Olly. We are so happy to have Kate on our Board.



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Our 2022 Kitchen Tour planning is under way! Mark your calendars now – **Saturday, November 5th**

We had such great feedback with our first virtual tour that we decided to continue it to this year - you will be able to sit in the comfort of your own home to experience our 17th annual Kitchen Tour! Keep visiting our Facebook page to stay up to date on the details, you will not want to miss viewing wonderful arrays of kitchens and all that we have coming your way this year!



A Gift for Dad and Miracle-2!



Now through **May 27**, donate \$10 or more to enter in a drawing for a Father's Day Basket filled with gifts and gift cards! The winner will be drawn on **June 10**. Congrats to **Vonda Smith**, winner of our Mother's Day Basket! A special thank you to everyone who has donated! Visit <https://northernlighthouse.org/auxiliarydonation> or call (207) 973-5055 to donate!



Dining for a Miracle

Many thanks to **Mason's Brewing Company** and **Miguel's Mexican Grill & Cantina** for their generosity in supporting and hosting a special night where people gathered to enjoy delicious food, talk, and laughs with their families and friends for a great cause! A portion of the sales collected from each event were donated to the Auxiliary's pledge for Miracle-2. Stay tuned for more restaurant nights to come!

Join us in helping Children's Miracle Network

July 28th - Miracle Treat Day - Dairy Queen locations in Bangor, Belfast, Brewer, Ellsworth, and Old Town will donate \$1 from the sale of each Blizzard to CMNH at NL EMMC.

August 5th - The Miracles Golf Classic to benefit NL EMMC CMNH program will be held at Hermon Meadow Golf Club.