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A message from our CEO

Dear Friends,

Pine Tree Society’s mission is to provide Maine children and adults with disabilities the opportunities and the means to create better lives for themselves and their families. We often talk about our work as discovering abilities together. But we do more than discover abilities. We take that a step beyond. Again and again, I have seen our team help empower people with disabilities to discover lives of passion and purpose.

I hope this annual report brings to life the transformation our team makes in the lives of children and adults with disabilities and their families each day throughout Maine.

Discovering abilities together – that’s been our promise to Maine people with disabilities and their families since 1936.

We could not fulfill that promise without you. On behalf of the thousands of individuals and families we impact each year, we thank you for your ongoing support.



Kate McElligott
Kate McElligott,
President & CEO, Pine Tree Society

2024 Financials

Pine Tree Society’s 2024 budget illustrates our unwavering focus on transforming the lives of Maine people with disabilities and their families. With strong program impact and public support, Pine Tree Society continues to grow and expand our services.

Public Support & Revenue	
Bequest	\$57,159
Donations and gifts	\$1,859,826
Special events	\$279,160
Donated services, equipment, etc.	\$41,145
Program service fees	\$8,679,644
Investment income and realized gains	\$3,284,313
Total:	\$14,201,247

Program service	\$10,795,951	92%
Support services and fundraising	\$664,999	6%
Management	\$252,785	2%
Total:	\$11,713,735	100%
Book surplus	\$2,487,512	*

*Excludes unrealized losses on investment and change in value of beneficial interest in perpetual trusts and contributions receivable from remainder trusts totaling \$81,247.



Pine Tree Society's specialized preschool was a godsend for Lainey and her family

Lainey's parents found Pine Tree Society's Early Learning Center at just the right time. At three years old, Lainey had trouble communicating, playing with other children, cooperating with adults and managing her emotions.

"If we didn't immediately understand what she wanted, she would throw herself on the floor," her mother, Jamie, recalled. "We didn't know how to help her or what to do. As parents, we felt like a failure. The Early Learning Center was a godsend for our family."

Karen McClure-Richard, Director of the Early Learning Center, remembers Lainey's first few months well.

"She would fall apart emotionally when things didn't immediately go her way. She had the capacity to communicate but couldn't regulate her emotions and was easily frustrated because she couldn't say what she



wanted," Karen recalled. "From day one, Lainey's parents were very invested in carrying over what we do in the classroom at home. It took time, effort and a real partnership with mom and dad to help Lainey get stronger and more confident."

All their hard work has paid off.

"It seems like a small thing, but the other day when I didn't understand what she wanted, she took my hand to bring me to what she was trying to say. That was a huge step for her. When you go from a child not speaking at all to being able to tell you what she wants it's truly amazing," her mother said. "A big thing Lainey's teachers say is 'You can do tough things.' We'll say that at home and she'll look at us and say 'Okay' and start doing it."

This fall, Lainey transitions to kindergarten and her mother said "She's come so far, I know she's going to thrive."



29,302 hours of American Sign Language interpreting

71 Community Support clients and families impacted
6,308 hours of speech services



16,393 hours of early education

2,309 Audiology evaluations



331 Case Management clients and families impacted

970 hours of occupational therapy
1,660 Pine Tree Camp campers

Maine Cabin Masters create new theatre at Pine Tree Camp

In 2024, the Maine Cabin Masters renovated Pine Tree Camp's recreation hall and theatre space into the new Prescott Family Theatre. This 2,343 square foot building dates back to the 1960s, is home to camp's drama and music program, and features memorabilia from as far back as the 1940s. Largely funded by a grant from the Prescott Family, the building was totally reimaged and revamped.

"The new space is truly incredible," said Pine Tree Camp Director, Dawn-Willard Robinson. "They created a space where our campers can let their talents shine. They took our goals for theatre, music and arts programming and brought it to life in ways we could have never imagined."

The Maine Cabin Masters are legendary for renovating old lakeside, family camps and cabins. The recreation hall



project was a perfect fit because it is in the center



Bowling community strikes the perfect balance



Bowlers from Pine Tree Society's Community Support Program in Scarborough have found their way into the hearts of their fellow bowlers in the community league at Spare Time.



of an 80 year old summer camp, surrounded by cabins, woods and water. Pine Tree Camp's mission to serve Maine kids and adults with disabilities made the project particularly special.

"Pine Tree Camp is a place where kids and adults with disabilities can get outside and experience anything they want to try," continued Willard-Robinson. "From swimming to archery to standing up on the stage and basking in the spotlight, our campers are free to explore new things."

"The boys grew on me and I grew on the boys," said Meegan Diconzo.

She and her partner, Al Stimpson, started bowling as a way to stay active. What they didn't expect was the deep connection they developed with Pine Tree Society's team.

"It's been rewarding to interact with people of different abilities," Al said.

Keeping people connected, engaged and active is what Pine Tree Society's Community Support Program is all about. The community bowling league strikes a perfect balance between friendship, exercise and good old fashioned competitive spirit.

"The Pine Tree Society team is very competitive and they are very good at bowling," Meegan continued. "Everybody loves them. We have a special bond and it makes me feel good. Our friendship brings out the best in us all because we're a bowling family!"