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Waterville Area Soup Kitchen Receives \$10,000 Gift from Kennebec Savings Bank

Waterville, ME – The Waterville Area Soup Kitchen (WASK) recently received a \$10,000 donation from Kennebec Savings Bank to assist with start-up costs for the new nonprofit.

The Waterville Area Soup Kitchen was established after the Sacred Heart Soup Kitchen closed its doors after 40 years of operation. In partnership with St. Mark's Episcopal Church, WASK now provides hot, nutritious meals at least twice per week from four accessible locations throughout Waterville. In the future, WASK plans to launch a \$5 million campaign to acquire a property of their own and create an endowment fund.



Aline Poulin, President of the Waterville Area Soup Kitchen, is pictured here with Kennebec Savings Bank President & CEO Andrew Silsby.

“We purchase most of the staples we use in making and providing our homemade Meals-To-Go,” said Aline Poulin, President of the Waterville Area Soup Kitchen. “The cost of food today is very high and it affects our bottom line. The generous donation from Kennebec Savings Bank will allow us to concentrate more on the quality of our services without having to worry about where the funding to cover next month's distribution to those in need will come from.”

“The Waterville Area Soup Kitchen is working to fulfill an important need in the greater Waterville community,” said Andrew Silsby, President and CEO of Kennebec Savings Bank. “Through this donation, we want to help ensure that WASK is well-positioned to provide hope and comfort to those that need it most through these challenging winter months.”



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Kennebec Savings Bank has launched several initiatives to support nonprofits from across sectors during the pandemic. This has included \$60,000 in relief funds through its Catalyst Grant program, seed grants for relief funds to two local United Way organizations, and over \$125,000 to local food pantries, clothing banks, and fuel assistance programs.

“Kennebec Savings Bank is known for their commitment to small businesses and nonprofit groups like the Waterville Area Soup Kitchen. With KSB as our financial guide, I feel our commitment to providing for the homeless as we step into the future will be one of solid growth, with one common goal – to help those who have so little,” said Poulin.

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Waterville Area Soup Kitchen, established in 2020, is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that provides appetizing, nutritious meals in an accessible, warm setting to those in the greater Waterville area that would otherwise go without. Today, they provide hot meals available for pick-up at four locations throughout Waterville.

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