



COASTAL COMPASS

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Coastal Opportunities Breaks Ground for New Apartments

On Friday, June 20, a groundbreaking ceremony — complete with golden shovels — was held at 61 Elm Street in Camden, the site of a new supportive-living apartment home, which is slated to be occupied by November 30, 2014.

The new facility will include three resident apartments on the first floor and one “sympathetic tenant” unit on the second floor. One of the main goals for the design of the new apartments is to create living space that allows its residents to “age in place,” explained Executive Director Joe Curll. “‘Aging in place’ is a term used to describe a person living in their residence, for as long as they are able.” In order to accomplish this, Universal Design concepts have been incorporated here, such as smooth, ground-level entrances without stairs, wide interior doors and hallways, and bright and appropriate lighting.



Breaking ground at 61 Elm Street (from left): Thatcher Silar, Farley & Son; Christopher Glass, architect; Tad Stone, project manager; John Davee, president of Maine Coast Construction; Randy Scamfer, consulting engineer; Ben Scofield, resident; Joe Curll, executive director of Coastal Opportunities; Scott Achorn, resident; Tony Bates, vice president and chair of facilities committee, First Congregational Church of Camden; Melvin Achorn, resident. *Amy M. Rollins photo*



Front view, 61 Elm Street.

Rendering by Christopher Glass

Once the home begins to take shape, local residents will recognize the familiar Eastlake-style porch and dormers, the significant historic elements from the 59 Elm Street building where the Coastal Opportunities tenants currently live. Christopher Glass, project architect, chose to reproduce these specific Eastlake features in the building design in order to maintain the charm and character of the historic downtown neighborhood.

The First Congregational Church of Camden owns the property at 59 Elm Street. For the past 25 years, Coastal Opportunities has been leasing the building for three residents who participate in Coastal Opportunities programs and services. The downtown location is very important, ensuring that they have convenient, walkable access to work and community services. In recent years, trustees of the

Church and members of the Coastal Opportunities board of directors have been recognizing the structural wear and tear that has taken its toll on the aging building. Based on the findings and recommendations of several professional sources, members of the Church determined that the best course of action was to raze the house.

Because of the longstanding relationship that Coastal Opportunities has enjoyed with the Church, the two parties found a solution to meet the present and future needs of both entities. The members of the Church voted, on October 6, 2013, to approve the sale of a conforming parcel of land to Coastal Opportunities, at 61 Elm Street, for the purpose of building this new home. Stephen Hanscom, president of The First Congregational Church, summed up the agreement as “a mutually beneficial transaction that serves both parties in the best sense of community preservation.”

Project partners for the home include the following: Christopher Glass, architect; Maine Coast Construction, general contractor; Tad Stone, project manager; Randy Scamfer, consulting engineer; Gartley & Dorsky Engineering and Surveying, Inc., site planning; Farley & Sons, earthwork; Mainly Concrete; All Heat; Bryant Plumbing; Clear Brook Builders, building framing; INS Insulation; Floor Magic; Irv’s Drywall; The Paint Company; and Performance Paving.

—Amy M. Rollins

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Message from the President

This has been a most exciting year! Coastal Opportunities has benefited from the generosity of three local businesses that have created fun and practical methods of generating contributions. In January, Rockport Automotive made a donation to Coastal Opportunities for each oil change they did that month. In February, Cappy's Chowder House included us in their Community Connections program, which focused on a local nonprofit each Wednesday evening for 11 weeks. This was a great way to have a fun evening, enjoy a delicious meal, and make a contribution at the same time. The most original benefit was our inclusion in Pop for Change, a major philanthropic project undertaken by Cellardoor Winery to encourage volunteers for four local nonprofits and distribute \$160,000 among the four. Online voting was set up to capture votes for each of the agencies, and we appreciated the many votes cast for Coastal Opportunities. The many new volunteers we received as a result of this campaign are a terrific benefit that will carry on into the future.

For several years, we have been in negotiations with the First Congregational Church of Camden regarding the home we have been leasing from them on Elm Street. It was sorely in need of costly work to improve conditions and efficiency and accessibility. After exploring many options, we finally reached an agreement. As described on page 1, we are building a new home for the current residents on the adjacent lot. Work is now underway, and we look forward to the day the residents move in! This is indeed an exciting year.

In addition to our many loyal Cash for Clothes volunteers, many others have donated their time again this year. Thanks to these wonderful volunteers, we have been able to offer yoga classes, art classes, reading groups, woodworking, photography, and music.

The members of our Special Olympics team, the Coastal Navigators, have continued to learn sportsmanship and skills, wearing with pride their medals and their distinctive green T-shirts. Their elation during the awards ceremonies is thrilling. Another group has also enjoyed learning and polishing tennis skills with the Camden Hills Regional High School tennis team. Their "Tennis for Fun" program continues to be successful and meaningful for both the student volunteers and the participants.

On behalf of the Coastal Opportunities Board of Directors, I would like to thank the dedicated staff and their supervisors for their excellent work in serving the varied needs of adults with intellectual disabilities. They deserve great praise for continuing to ensure that Coastal Opportunities plays a valuable role in our community.

Much credit for the success of the organization goes to Executive Director Joe Curll, who this year was honored at the annual Board/Staff Dinner for his thirty years of outstanding leadership at Coastal Opportunities. Congratulations, Joe!

—Ann McDonald Bex

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“Pop the Cause” and “Pop for Change” Benefit Coastal Opportunities

The dynamic duo of Bettina Doulton (Cellardoor Winery) and Lani Stiles (Megunticook Market), along with their super event planner Devon Salisbury, pulled off an amazing feat by getting more than 500 people to devote time to local nonprofits. The culmination of the months-long effort was a June 28 Rockport harborfront extravaganza where admission was free—but only for those who had volunteered at least four hours of their time to Coastal Opportunities, Meals on Wheels, Hospitality House, or United Mid-Coast Charities. And the beneficiaries received more than volunteer time: generous checks awarded to representatives of the designated charities at “Pop the Cause,” an even more elaborate party two nights earlier. (At that event, Coastal Opportunities, Hospitality House, and United Mid-Coast Charities received \$20,000 each; Meals on Wheels received \$100,000—the result of three months of online voting.) For an on-the-scene perspective of the “Pop for Change” event, here’s the report from Coastal Opportunities board president Ann Bex:

The evening’s adventure began with a parade of shuttles from the high school right down to the harbor. Except for a minor glitch when two ambulances arrived at the party and blocked access, all went smoothly. The weather was perfect. At the entrance to an enormous white tent, Bettina and her crew welcomed us and gave us each an ID bracelet. Next step was signing in on a large poster. Inside the tent was a magical world conveying the theme of the party—monarch butterflies, symbol of hope, rebirth, transition, celebration. Strings of butterflies hung from the top of the tent; every table had a monarch theme; staffers circulated with baskets of black-and-white butterflies awaiting the guests’ artistic touches. Butterfly face painting was especially impressive.

In the center of the food area was a table with an endless supply of champagne; bars were serving wine and beer. Several food stations offered almost anything anyone could want: shrimp, pizza, salads, roasted vegetables, vegetable fritters, lamb meatballs...and even cupcakes.

The guests meandered from table to table, exclaiming about the food, stunning decorations, the entertainment...and even the luxurious restrooms. Volunteers from the

various nonprofit agencies were overheard discussing the generosity of Bettina, Lani, and company.

The entertainment started with artists who painted with two hands, very quickly, on huge palettes. As some guests wandered outside on the docks, others danced to music selected by DJ Marc Thrasher. A particularly entertaining interlude occurred when the floor was covered with bubble wrap and all the dancers stomped on it, making it sound like Chinese firecrackers on New Year’s Eve.



Joe Curll and Hilda Livingstone at the Pop for Change event.

Before the main event, Bettina and Lani and noted singer Belinda Carlisle of the Go Go’s summoned Joe Curll and the director of Habitat for Humanity to the stage. At that point, the three women announced that these two agencies were to receive another \$20,000 each. Stunned silence...then came hugs and applause. As the benefactors put it: “Both Habitat for Humanity and Coastal Opportunities received additional checks to reward their embodiment of the spirit of volunteerism.” Wonderful!

As the evening wound down, shuttles made their way back to the high school parking lot...after a night to remember.

Celebrating Halloween with the Emblem Club

For as long as anyone can remember, the ladies of the Emblem Club have sponsored the Coastal Opportunities Halloween Dance at the Rockland Elks Club, providing sandwiches, snacks, and homemade cookies for our program participants. The club members really get into the Halloween spirit, dressing in costume to make the evening even more festive. They are warm and friendly to all and genuinely seem to enjoy the evening.

As far back as 1917, a small group of wives of Elks Club members began getting together to wrap bandages for the wounded of World War I. While enjoying the sociability,

they also felt the joy of accomplishment. The combination of assisting others and enjoying good fellowship appealed to other women, and they soon formed a community group—the Emblem Club.

The State of Maine Emblem Club Chapter, founded in 1956, now has numerous local chapters that focus on service to the community to help the homeless, elderly, veterans, youth, and those with disabilities.

Many thanks to all the Rockland Emblem Club members for many years of wonderful Halloween parties!

—Gail Varga



George R. Robishaw, 1920–2014



Two years in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS *Narragansett* in World War II shaped the rest of George Robishaw's life. After seeing firsthand the devastation of war in Europe and Japan, and assisting others overseas, George returned home to Rockland and continued lending a helping hand until his death in February at the age

of 94. As Coastal Opportunities Director Joe Curll phrased it, "George was a wonderful man whose energy will continue in the work he did here."

George was the husband of Joan Philbrook Robishaw and the father of Mary and Albert (also known as "A.J."), all of whom predeceased him. Following the war, and while working as a banker in Rockland, George became a staunch advocate for Albert (a Coastal Opportunities client) and many others to make sure they had access to education and to services they needed in order to lead fulfilling lives. When Coastal Opportunities decided to establish a respite facility in Rockland, it was named the George Robishaw Home, a fitting recognition of all his efforts. He never let up in his advocacy, and he was still an honorary board member of Coastal Opportunities when he died.

At George's funeral service on March 6, one of his longtime friends provided a most appropriate tribute: "If only there were more George Robishaws, the world would be a much better place." Amen to that!

The View from Behind the Lens...

Coastal Opportunities participants became budding camera buffs in the fall of 2013, thanks to the enthusiasm and guidance of Lindsay Pinchbeck of Sweet Tree Arts in Hope. As an arts educator for more than 15 years and a firm believer in access to the arts, Lindsay says, "It's very empowering to make art!"

At Sweet Tree Arts, she equipped 14 participants with cameras and led two eight-week classes in photography. Not only did she see "amazing ability and growth" among her students over that time, the neophyte photographers recognized their own improved skills. Photographic expeditions to Aldermere Farm, Rockport Village, Hope Elephants, and other locales produced some terrific photos and "so many wonderful moments," she reported. "And always, there was lots of laughter."

Since Lindsay feels that "art lends itself to sharing," she arranged for the photographers to have a monthlong group show of their work on the walls at Zoot Coffee Shop in downtown Camden. Needless to say, the newly minted shutterbugs were thrilled. Always planning ahead, Lindsay has put the proceeds from photo sales toward frames for next year's exhibit.

Much appreciation to Lindsay and to Sondra Hamilton of Zoot for making it all happen!



As Easy As Eating Dinner!

In recent years, Graffam's Harborside Restaurant in Camden initiated the concept of "Community Connections" dinners benefiting local nonprofits, but when they were unable to continue the program, Cappy's Chowder House and Harbor View became the sponsor. Community Connections 2014 benefited 11 local nonprofits, including Coastal Opportunities.

Here's how it worked: We agreed to promote dining at Cappy's between 5 and 9 p.m. on our assigned night. In return, Cappy's agreed to share their receipts, with the percentage donated based on the number of diners served during the evening.

On February 19, volunteers from the Coastal Opportunities board placed informational cards on each table and set up a table with a slide show, newsletters, brochures, and a display of door prizes: handbags and woodworking products made by clients. When supporters arrived, we had the opportunity to greet them and invite them to sign up for a drawing for one of these items. As we circulated



around the tables, we were gratified to hear positive comments about the dinner and our programs.

On our assigned evening, diners arrived in a snow squall, including a group of 15 from the Congregational Church who supported us by choosing Cappy's as the venue for their monthly women's dinner. Despite the weather, the records showed that 121 meals were served, and Cappy's presented Coastal Opportunities a check for \$906! (Board member Marcia Orff added more funds from some of her Damariscotta coworkers who were reluctant to forge through the snow.)

Cappy's co-owner David Robichaud commented that they were delighted to support worthy local organizations and appreciated that the Wednesday dinners also brought new patrons to the restaurant, where they were introduced to the menu as they enjoyed a good meal. So, he described Community Connections as a "win-win-win" program that he plans to continue for 2015. Thanks to all who supported this unique fundraiser!

—Jean Boobar



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COASTAL OPPORTUNITIES ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013

For the past 42 years, Coastal Opportunities has provided services to adults with intellectual disabilities in the Knox County area. Over the years, we have developed an array of services that include Residential, Community, Vocational, Work, Home Support, and Case Management. These services are designed to assist adults with intellectual disabilities to become participating members in the social and economic community.

The current cost-reduction environment has brought in system-changing methods of evaluating the need for and eventually paying for services. A standardized assessment — the Supports Intensity Scale, or SIS — has been completed on most adults with intellectual disabilities. The Department of Health and Human Services has contracted with Burns and Associates to develop new rates for Community Support Services or Day Habilitation Services and agency-provided Home Supports. The new rates will be tied to the SIS. To date, the reduction in rates has been gradual and has allowed for the continuation of services. In other states, Burns has found ways to find more savings and reduce the rates still further. We anticipate a reduction in the rates for services, an expansion of what can be bought with the capped rate, and a reduction in the amount of services a person can receive.

The waiting list that has been in place for a few years in the state continues to hover at about 1,000 adults with intellectual disabilities awaiting services. Most will wait a minimum of two years before they can receive day or residential services after they complete high school.

This year, the DHHS Grant that we had received for more than 20 years, providing emergency respite for folks in our area with an intellectual disability, was discontinued. DHHS opted to have one agency operate the emergency respite service statewide. The local program had been at the Robishaw Home in Rockland. We were successful in converting this home to provide services to three residents in need of a permanent home.

Coastal Opportunities continued discussions with Camden's First Congregational Church about building a new home, next door to the home currently leased from the Church. The first step is an approved agreement with the Church that outlines the building of a new home and the removal of the existing home when the new home is occupied. After we have an approved agreement with the Church, we will need Town approval. We hope to begin construction in the spring of 2014.

Coastal Opportunities provided services and supports to adults with intellectual disabilities from July 1, 2012, to June 30, 2013, to further our mission. Our mission is:

To assist adults with intellectual disabilities to become participating members in the social and economic community.

In fiscal year 2012–2013, we provided services to 94 adults with intellectual disabilities. We provided Community and Work Supports to 62 participants and Residential and Home Supports to 32 residents. We employed 90 full- and part-time staff, at a cost of \$2,847,767.

ORGANIZATIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Work Services

Coastal Opportunities provided meaningful work at our Bottle Redemption Center to 4 participants, and we supported an additional participant at the Pen Bay YMCA for two days per week. We provided 697 hours of Work Supports to participants in this program.

Organizational Employment Objectives for 2012–2013

1. To maintain Vocational Rehab certification for agency-operated vocational services.

Completed: We have been certified to provide Vocational Rehab services until 2015.

2. To develop a transition plan with local school systems for students with intellectual disabilities by June 30, 2012.

We continue to reach out to local schools each spring to identify services we can offer to outgoing graduates.

3. To develop a curriculum for work services that will assist individuals to make employment choices by June 30, 2012.

We now have three trained Employment Specialists to assist individuals in the job search process.

COMMUNITY INTEGRATION

Community integration offers classes and volunteer opportunities to participants. Activities are designed to provide participants with the skills they need to access the community. This program provided services to 62 participants.

Volunteer Activities

Program participants had the opportunity to volunteer at the following 18 sites: Meals on Wheels, Owls Head



Transportation Museum, Tanglewood 4-H Camp, Goodwill, the Camden Area Food Pantry, Nativity Lutheran Church, Windward Gardens, Camden First Aid, Pope Memorial Animal Shelter, PAWS, First Congregational Church of Camden, Knox Center, South Thomaston United Methodist Church, Merryspring, John Street United Methodist Church senior meal site, UMCC mailings, the Salvation Army, and the Penobscot Bay Chamber of Commerce.

Community Activities

Participants were offered classes and group activities with other community organizations and volunteers off-site and on-site. This year we offered the following programs on-site: Yoga with volunteer teacher Colleen Duggan; Art Class with Leenie Weintraub; Reading Groups with volunteers Martha Brower and Kim Slocomb; Woodworking with Marie Lufkin; and Music with Kella River. In addition to these programs, participants have the opportunity to weave on one of the many looms in the art program or participate in movement-based exercise.

We also offered a photography class at Sweet Tree Arts in Hope with Lindsay Pinchbeck. After the completion of the course, Lindsay did a screening of the participants' work at our 35 Limerock Street facility.

Participants also enjoy structured programming at the YMCA, including swimming and gym time; bowling at Oakland Park Lanes; library visits; and walks on the Boardwalk in Rockland.

Community Integration Goals (and Results) for 2012–2013

1. Program participants will maintain or increase progress toward their individual goals. Target: 90 percent.
67 percent of participants maintain'ed or made progress on individual objectives (down from 72 percent).
2. Program participants will maintain or increase the amount of time spent in integrated community settings. Target: 22 percent.
15 percent of participants' time was spent in integrated community settings (down from 18 percent).

3. Program participants will maintain or increase the amount of time spent in volunteer activities. Target: 10 percent.
6.7 percent of participants spent their time in volunteer activities (same as last year).
4. Program participants will increase the amount of time in work settings (work support). Target: 10 percent.
2 percent of participants spent their time in Work Supports (up from 1.2 percent).
5. Coastal Opportunities will maintain enough staff to ensure that community integration is accomplished in small groups with a 1:3 staff-to-client ratio. Target: 60 percent.
18 percent of participants spent their time in integrated activities; 20 percent of this time was spent in groups of 3 or fewer (down from 31 percent).
6. Coastal Opportunities will continue to strive for customer satisfaction. Target: 100 percent.
84 percent of program participants were satisfied (down from 98 percent; participants expressed interest in trying additional opportunities at Coastal and going out into the community more). 94 percent of Family /Other were satisfied (down from 96 percent; there is still some dissatisfaction with the reduction in hours).

Goals for 2013–2014

We will continue with all the same Goals and Target percentages we had in 2012–2013.

Coastal Opportunities Statement of Activities Years Ended June 30, 2013 and 2012			
	2013	2012	
Operating revenue			
Net patient service revenue	\$ 3,765,379	\$ 3,631,424	
Department of Health and Human Services grant	63,934	207,719	
Redemption center and client sales	280,024	243,883	
Other revenues	65,546	56,640	
Total operation revenue	4,174,883	4,139,666	
Operating expenses			
Program Services	3,497,066	3,383,064	
General Administrative	479,976	451,076	
Total operation expenses	3,977,042	3,834,140	
Operating Income	\$ 197,841	\$ 305,526	

THE SCHOONER SOCIETY, COME ABOARD!

Support the Present • Secure the Future

Established in 2009, The Schooner Society encourages friends of Coastal Opportunities to make planned gifts to ensure the future care of citizens with special needs in our communities. Coastal Opportunities, founded in 1971 and celebrating its forty-third anniversary this year, has been nurtured and sustained by planned gifts and bequests from a prior generation. Now it is our generation's turn to "gift" the future.

Friends who would like to assist Coastal Opportunities have a range of options—a bequest, a life insurance policy, an annuity, a charitable remainder gift, or another form of deferred giving. All such benefactors will be enrolled and recognized as lifetime members of The Schooner Society.

To get started with the planning process, contact Coastal Opportunities board member Jim Jenkins at (207) 594-8857.

**SCHOONER SOCIETY
DONATE**





COME CELEBRATE THE 80TH CASH FOR CLOTHES SALE!

**October 25 through 27, 2014
American Legion Hall, Camden**

Never been to a Cash for Clothes sale? It's never too late to start. For a number of families, shopping there has become a multigenerational tradition since its humble start in 1975. Grandmothers bring their grandchildren, neighbors shop for neighbors, young shoppers enjoy the variety and prices of popular styles. Many folks donate or consign their clothing, then refresh their wardrobes with "new" garments displayed in the current sale. Some look for fabric for quilts, wool for

rugs, or buttons for craft projects.

Yes, for **40 years**, Cash for Clothes has been holding fall and spring sales of used clothing to raise community funds for Coastal Opportunities (formerly Coastal Workshop). Volunteers are the backbone of the sales, cheerfully sorting and marking clothes, setting up racks and displays, and helping boost sales. Profits have been steady, since business sponsors have come forward to offset most of the expenses of the sales.

Please consider donating clothing at any time during the year by taking items to the Corcoran Center, 35 Limerock Street, Camden (behind the Coastal Redemption Center), or volunteer to work by contacting Nancy Wolfertz at 594-5429. For business sponsorships, please contact Amy Rollins at 763-3552.

Come to the sale this October at the American Legion Hall in Camden! Start "stylin'" with the Cash for Clothes "brand"!
—Jean Boobar