

# Medomak Valley Community FOUNDATION



## Annual Report 2005



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Dear Donors, Volunteers, and Friends of the Community Foundation:

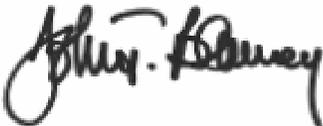
As the Foundation celebrates its third anniversary, I again thank each of you for your continuing generous support and commitment to the mission of the Medomak Valley Community Foundation.

The state of the Foundation is excellent. We are implementing our fund raising plan, actively supporting community leisure and recreation events, and moving forward in growing the Foundation's community support base. The Board continues to play an active role in guiding the Foundation activities. The Foundation and the community are acting in concert to implement our shared vision for the Community Project.

The next year will again be an exciting time for the Foundation and the Community Project. The success of our fund raising efforts will continue to provide further support for development of the Community Project. In addition, our support of projects within the community will further the Foundation's mission of community building.

We look forward to 2006, as the Board, our volunteers, and friends continue to work together to enhance the quality of life in our community and region.

Sincerely,



John T. Blamey  
President

March 2006

## The Year in Review

**2005** was a year of sustaining the momentum generated in 2004, by continuing to build community support for the Foundation and the Community Project.



The Board reviewed and approved a website for the Foundation, [www.themvcf.org](http://www.themvcf.org). The site launched in February and in the first quarter averaged over 400 hits per month. We are continually updating the site with new images and design changes to keep it fresh and informative. The site is linked to the Town of Waldoboro's website demonstrating our partnership with the Town's recreation, leisure, and community activities. It also further enriches the community's internet footprint.

In February, the Board approved Foundation sponsorship of a series of community events in line with our mission. The Foundation sponsored a Spring Community Dance in April. Held at the VFW Hall, the dance provided an evening of dancing and community fun with a live band, *The Pickled Beats*. Over 100 residents and guests attended the event, another dance was held in July.



In May, the Foundation, in partnership with the Waldoboro Little League and Medomak Valley High School, sponsored the Major League Baseball® PEPSI™ Pitch Hit & Run Competition. A national event giving boys and girls, ages 7-14, the opportunity to demonstrate their sports skills while enjoying a healthy outdoor event. The Competition challenges players to pitch for accuracy, hit for distance and accuracy, and run the bases for speed. This year's event, held on a very cold day, had 27 competitors from throughout Lincoln County, and as far away as Woolwich. We sent 8 children to the State Competition in Orono, and one of our competitors was selected to compete in the regional championship at Fenway Park in Boston.



Throughout the spring, members of the Foundation and the Town's Community Services Advisory Committee worked together to hire the Town's first Recreation Director. During the Town Meeting members also spoke in favor of funding the Department and its programs. Residents approved funding for the Department and programming for the next fiscal year. Kyle Santheson officially became the Town's Recreation Director on July 1, 2005. Since that time, he has actively worked with the Foundation on the Community Project and was elected an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors.

During the summer, the Board negotiated with the Town of Waldoboro to begin the engineering study for the Community Project site. The goal is to develop a bid package with engineering estimates on the scope of work required to make the plan a reality. In July, the Waldoboro Board of Selectmen approved committing a portion of the Town's Recreation Project reserve fund to the engineering study, and the Foundation will match this amount.

Orcutt Associates and Landmark Engineering will work on this project over the winter (2005-06). In December, Summit Geoenvironment of Lewiston dug test pits on the site, as part of this study, to determine the soil properties in the area designated for Phase I.



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In August, the Board continued its plans to raise the visibility of the Community Project site. They approved and funded the design and installation of a sign next to the new road entering the site. They also donated \$2,500 to the Waldoboro Recreation Department to purchase new soccer goals for the expanding Waldoboro Youth Soccer Program. This year the program grew to over 75 children. The Department placed the goals on the Project site, and the teams used them for practice. In addition, in partnership with Miller School, physical education classes at the school began an expanded fall outdoor program using the new goals, and the fields. This was a coordinated plan of the Waldoboro Recreation Department and Miller School, made possible by the Recreation Department's work in clearing a walking path from the school to the recreation site.

In the fall, the U.S. Olympic Committee approached the Foundation to discuss sponsoring a Junior Olympics Skills Challenge in the midcoast region. The Board approved the Foundation's participation in partnership with the Waldoboro Recreation Department and Medomak Valley High School. The competition will take place in the spring of 2006.



**2005** was a busy year of activities to continue to raise awareness about the Community Project and the mission of the Foundation. This year, the Foundation Board initiated programs that put our mission statement into action. These are exciting times for the Foundation and our Community as we work together to make our community building plans a reality.

# The Waldoboro Community Project Capital Campaign

**In 2005**, the Foundation's fund raising schedule was a challenge. Faced with international and national fund raising appeals as a result of natural disasters, the Fund Raising Committee delayed plans for high visibility capital campaign activities out of respect for the victims of the tsunami in Southeast Asia, and our fellow citizens in the Gulf Coast who were victims of Hurricane Katrina. In fact, many members of our Fund Raising Committee were actively involved in raising money for those relief efforts.



The Capital Campaign regained momentum late in the year through a generous initiative by the Waldoboro Little League Association. The Little League's Board of Directors approved a donation to the Community Project; however, they did more. They challenged the Foundation's Board to raise \$20,000 in new donations and pledges, and, if we are successful, they will double their donation to the Project.

Armed with this challenge, in late November, the Fund Raising Committee began planning to meet the challenge. The challenge campaign will begin in January with a completion date of March 31, 2006.

While deferring the Capital Campaign in support of national disaster relief fund raising, the Foundation did continue its program of community fund raising activities that combine raising money with sponsoring events or prizes that build a sense of community and encourage recreation and leisure activities.

In late April, the Foundation launched its second annual *Summer Fun Raffle*. This year, through the generosity of a donor, the grand prize for the raffle was four box seats for a Red Sox game at Fenway Park. This generous prize also facilitated the collaboration with the Boston Red Sox who provided other prizes for the raffle, including an autographed picture of team captain,



Jason Varitek.



The *Summer Fun Raffle* was a great success, more than doubling the income from last year's results. This year also saw a number of raffle prizes donated by Waldoboro residents. This added a local flavor to the raffle and further demonstrated the amount of local support for the Project. Local participation was also enhanced when two local merchants volunteered to be retail outlets for raffle ticket sales. We thank The Movie Pizza Shoppe, and Hillside Collision Center for their support of the raffle and the Foundation.



The Community Dance program, which began this year, was a great success. The community responded well, with over 180 residents enjoying two evenings of dancing and socializing. In addition to helping to build community spirit, these dances also provided an opportunity for community members to donate to the Community Project. More dances are in the fund raising plan for 2006.



In December, the VFW again generously supported the Community Project with a benefit bingo. Along with the benefit bingo, the Foundation also held a Holiday Fun Raffle, with prizes donated by area businesses and residents. This raffle provided an opportunity to partner with community merchants to raise funds and also promote community businesses.

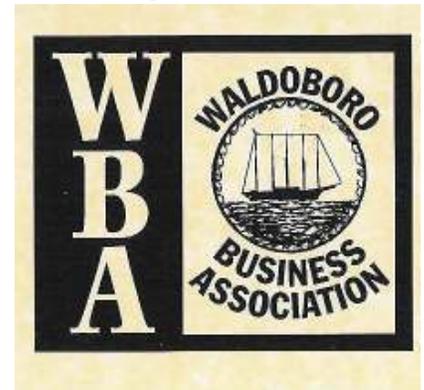
This year, our Waldoboro Ornament Sale took on a new look as the *Tidemark Gallery*, agreed to be a retail outlet for the ornaments. The ornaments promote Waldoboro’s heritage while also providing the Foundation with a fund raising and publicity tool. This year’s partnership with the *Tidemark Gallery* continued a new initiative by the Foundation to involve the business community in the development of the Community Project.



This year’s fund raising effort was subdued compared to 2004; however, the Fund Raising Committee continued to seek fund raising opportunities that achieved multiple goals in line with the Foundation’s mission of enhancing the sense of community in our region.

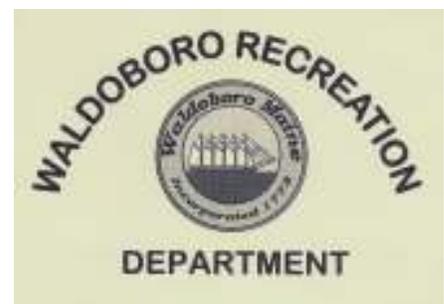
## Strategic Alliances

The Foundation continues to enrich and broaden our partnerships with other organizations that share the Foundation’s vision and mission. In 2005, the Foundation became a member of the Waldoboro Business Association. The Association is growing and it is important for local non-profit organizations to share in the overall development of Waldoboro, and the region. Joining the Business Association also provides the Foundation with another meaningful link to the residents of Waldoboro through their employers. This relationship has already provided the Foundation with retail outlets for its fund raising activities, and visibility for the Community Project. We believe the relationship with the Business Association will continue to grow and enrich in the future.



The Foundation’s partnerships with the Waldoboro Little League, Miller School, A.D. Gray Middle School, and Medomak Valley High School all continued to grow, co-sponsoring events that enriched the lives of our children and provided them with safe healthy recreation.

The new Waldoboro Recreation Department is a key partner for the Foundation. Our shared goals are vital to the long-term success of the Community Project and enhancing quality of life in our community and region.





The Soule Shuman Memorial VFW Post and Auxiliary again joined the Foundation in presenting a benefit bingo to raise money for the Community Project. The Post's support of the Foundation also extends to the use of their hall for meetings and fund raising events. The organization's support of the

community is heartwarming, and its partnership with the Foundation makes our fund raising activities more effective.

The residents of Waldoboro also demonstrated their commitment to the Community Project when they approved funding the new Town Recreation Department. This single event was a major step for the community and demonstrated its support of a shared vision for enhancing the quality of life in Waldoboro and our region.

All of these partnerships will continue to grow in the future, as we work toward shared goals and assist each other to achieve success. The Foundation will also continue to seek alliances with other non-profit organizations in our community and region, seeking opportunities to provide mutual support and combine efforts to enhance the quality of life in our community and the region.

## **Strategic Planning**

The Foundation remains committed to long-range planning as a tool to ensure the success of our organization and our mission. The successes in 2005 are the result of a building block approach started by the Waldoboro Recreation Implementation Committee. It now falls to the Foundation, the Town's Community Services Advisory Committee, and Recreation Director to continue to develop long-range plans while implementing current activities. This will allow us to apply our personnel and financial resources effectively for maximum effect.

**FINANCIALS**  
*(Unaudited)*  
**MEDOMAK VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

**Comparative Financials 2004 - 2005**

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
<b>Statement of Financial Position</b>		
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash	\$42,108.83	\$23,200.00
Pledges Receivable	<u>\$102,200.00</u>	<u>\$117,350.00</u>
Total Assets	<u><b>\$144,308.83</b></u>	<u><b>\$140,550.00</b></u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$0.00	\$0.00
Funds Held As Endowments	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Liabilities	\$0.00	\$0.00
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	\$2,918.66	\$3,604.00
Temporarily Restricted	\$0.00	\$0.00
Permanently Restricted	<u>\$141,390.17</u>	<u>\$136,946.00</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$144,308.83</u>	<u>\$140,550.00</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u><b>\$144,308.83</b></u>	<u><b>\$140,550.00</b></u>
<b>Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets</b>		
Support & Revenues		
Contributions and Pledges	\$9,363.55	\$139,705.00
Investment Income	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Income	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total	\$9,363.55	\$139,705.00
Expenses		
Cost of Events & Activities	\$1,838.26	\$1,586.00
Print & Publications	\$0.00	\$8,371.00
Grants & Donations	\$3,081.12	\$0.00
Administrative Expenses	<u>\$685.34</u>	<u>\$481.00</u>
Total	<u>\$5,604.72</u>	<u>\$10,438.00</u>
Changes in Net Assets	\$3,758.83	\$129,267.00
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Beginning of year	\$140,550.00	\$11,283.00
End of Year - December 31	\$144,308.83	\$140,550.00

**Note:** For the second consecutive year, donors honored 100% of pledges.

# **Directors and Volunteers Of The Medomak Valley Community Foundation**

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