The Write Up



IA news & updates

September 2022

Artist Spotlight In memory of Todd Dunn



In August we lost our long-time friend and artist, Todd Dunn after a short battle with cancer. Todd was an artist at Spindleworks for many years, where his artwork was proudly on display.

Join Spindleworks during the month of September to celebrate Todd's life with an exhibit of his work.

Mainely Gravel Race

Thank you to Hank and Beth Pfeifle and Downeast Racing!

We love our Direct Support **P**rofessionals



Join us in celebrating DSP Week, September 11-17th

The staff of Direct Support Professionals (DSP) at IA are key facilitators in successfully delivering on the Independence Association mission to assist adults and children with disabilities in obtaining full and inclusive lives in their chosen communities.

Every day, our DSPs advocate for, support, and assist the clients of IA. Our DSPs support individuals to be their most independent self in the home, on the job, and in their community. They build lasting relationships through community outings, functional activities, and daily companionship.

During Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week, September 11



On Saturday, August 13th, Board Member, parent, and long-time supporter, Hank Pfeifle and his team at Downeast Racing held a bike race at Pineland Farms with part of the proceeds benefiting Independence Association.

Their premiere event featured 130 racers and brought in over \$1300 to support programs that lead to positive outcomes for Mainers with disabilities!

Thank you, Hank, Beth, and the Downeast Racing Team!

What's New?
Or maybe we should say, who's new?



through 17, please join us in recognizing the important work our 120 DSPs perform each day. We couldn't do what we do without our DSPs.



Become a Shared Living Provider

Shared Living Services at Independence Association connect our clients with individuals and families who are open to sharing their homes and their lives, providing community based housing that helps clients fulfill their life goals.

Share your life

If life has been good to you, and you want to make a generous response, opening your home as a Shared Living Provider could be for you. As a Shared Living Provider, you welcome someone into your home and your life. You will become part of what's important to them, and they will become part of what's important to you.

Be your own boss

Shared Living Providers are independent contractors. You plan your own day, schedule your own vacations, and decide for yourself how you can provide a good life to a person who has a disability.

For more information, contact Jim Collins, *Director of Shared Living*.

JCollins@iaofmaine.org or 207.504.5201

Please join us in welcoming Hilary Hendricks, our new *Director of Philanthropy and Communications!* Hilary came to IA with an extensive background in development and philanthropy and is looking forward to celebrating the ability of all Mainers.

Originally from western Maine, Hilary now lives in Portland with her cat, Millie. While not in the office, Hilary enjoys skiing, camping, disc golfing, hiking, and all things Maine.



Donate Now!



IA in the Community

2nd Friday Art Walk at Spindleworks September 9th | 4-7pm

Todd Dunn Exhibit at Spindleworks
September

IA History Exhibit at Curtis Memorial Library
September



We're hiring, join our team today!

Visit our <u>careers page</u> to apply.

Direct Support Professionals (Full Time = 3 days/week - 12 hour shifts)

Adult Case Manager

Group Home Manager

Shared Living Providers

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