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Kennebec Savings Bank Awards Catalyst Grants to Local Nonprofits

Augusta, ME – Kennebec Savings Bank recently named Southern Kennebec Child Development Corporation and Waterville Community Dental Center as the recipients of its 2018 Catalyst Grants. The two \$30,000 gifts are designed to support creative concepts that might otherwise not be possible for the nonprofit organizations.

“We are pleased to provide this funding to two nonprofits that directly impact the lives of so many in our community,” said Kennebec Savings Bank President and CEO Andrew Silsby.

Southern Kennebec Child Development Corporation offers high quality early learning programs for children and their families from birth to Kindergarten. The funds will be used to renovate a classroom, develop an outdoor play space designed for young children and construct a safe-egress ramp at their Gardiner location.

“We are so grateful to be awarded the Kennebec Savings Bank Catalyst Grant,” said Cristina Salois, Southern Kennebec Child Development Corporation’s agency director. “Our child development programs prepare our community’s young children to succeed in school and in life beyond school. We appreciate the support of Kennebec Savings Bank in these efforts.”

For 18 years, Waterville Community Dental Center has provided dental services for over 14,000 low income, uninsured, and underinsured Medicaid-eligible residents in Central Maine, most of





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whom are children. The organization will use the funds to outfit a dental operator that will support oral surgery services in their newly relocated dental center.

“We are humbled and extremely appreciative to be a Catalyst Grant recipient,” remarked Dr. Barbara Covey, who serves as Waterville Community Dental Center’s chair of the board. “This generous grant will allow us to expand our treatment options and offer critical services to our patients, many of whom have no other available option. There is no doubt that providing access to dental care from the first tooth sets the stage for a lifetime of better oral health – this Center makes that possible for our most vulnerable community members.”

The mission of the Catalyst Grant program, which began in 2016, is to spark creativity and add capacity within local nonprofit organizations, leading to the betterment of the programs and services offered in Kennebec Savings Bank’s service area. Grant recipients are chosen through a competitive application process by an internal selection committee comprised of employees representing different areas of the Bank.

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