

# MAY 2019: VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT NEWSLETTER



## ONE-TIME & ONGOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### SOUTHERN MAINE REENTRY RESOURCE AND JOB FAIR

Support Job Seekers at the Southern Maine Reentry Resource and Job Fair on Thursday, May 2 (set-up) and Friday, May 3 (at the fair). The fair will be held at the Portland Public Library from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Volunteer opportunities include an on-site clothing collection (at your office, school or home), help with set-up, personal shopping with attendees, career development and advising. FMI email Kim Moore at [kmoore@unitedwaygp.org](mailto:kmoore@unitedwaygp.org).

### BECOME A MEDICARE COUNSELOR AT SMAA

**H** As a Medicare Counselor at Southern Maine Agency on Aging (SMAA), you will participate in a national effort to educate and empower Medicare beneficiaries, their caregivers, and the general public about health care, fraud, errors, and abuse. Benefits include professional training classes and resource materials, mentoring and technical assistance, and local and statewide recognition events. Responsibilities include: attending a 3-day basic Medicare training; successfully completing the SHIP Online Certification; complying with SMAA and SHIP/SMP policies & procedures; providing confidential & objective individual counseling; using Medicare.gov website to help beneficiaries compare prescription and/or Medicare Advantage plan options. FMI visit [volunteer.unitedwaygp.org/need/detail/?need\\_id=405846](http://volunteer.unitedwaygp.org/need/detail/?need_id=405846).

### CITIZEN SCIENTISTS NEEDED

**H** This May marks the start of the third season of the water stewardship program, where volunteers collect data on water quality from throughout the Presumpscot River and Stroudwater River region. Water stewards attend a training, led by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, on Saturday, May 4, then collect water samples and data every other Saturday morning from mid-May through mid-September. Water Stewards are placed in teams, so you don't need to be available for every sampling day. FMI email Toby Jacobs at [toby@prlt.org](mailto:toby@prlt.org).

### VOLUNTEER AS A HOUSING COACH

**FS** A Volunteer Housing Coach (VHC) is a support person in housing matters, particularly regarding the tenant/client's actual housing. The VHC will provide ongoing support and have a good understanding of the SIT and ProsperityME programs and community resources. A VHC will be patient, unflappable, with a good sense of appropriate boundaries and eager to meet those from a different culture on equal terms of respect and admiration. The idea is not to take over housing issues, but to resolve any conflicts mutually in a way that empowers the tenant to understand the process and be able to handle it another time. In general, the VHC is a friend, keeping in regular contact to check-in and be a support to a new immigrant Mainer coming to grips with a different housing culture. FMI visit [volunteer.unitedwaygp.org/need/detail/?need\\_id=411059](http://volunteer.unitedwaygp.org/need/detail/?need_id=411059).

### Education

### Financial Stability

### Health

## HIGHLIGHTS:

- › Southern Maine Reentry Resource and Job Fair  
Friday, 5/3
- › Hope Day Celebration  
Sunday, 5/5
- › NALC Annual Food Drive  
Saturday, 5/11
- › Thrive2027 Summit  
Wednesday, 6/26
- › Volunteer Housing Coach w/ProsperityME  
Ongoing
- › SMAA Medicare Counselor  
Ongoing

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## ONGOING / REGULARLY-SCHEDULED VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### SUPPORT STUDENTS AND THE CLASSROOM

#### SERVE AS A SCHOLARSHIP MENTOR

**E** A Scholarship Mentor will take a ProsperityME PROSPER Scholarship student under their wing. The goal is help students adjust to college life in America and to prepare for a career in their field of study. Mentors will be matched with compatible students majoring in the mentor's professional field. The mentor will act as a "big brother or sister" figure, friend, and guide. Mentors may help students select courses, provide general advice, and help students develop a resume and professional network that will position the student to be hired by a Maine employer upon graduation. FMI visit [volunteer.unitedwaygp.org/need/detail/?need\\_id=411064](http://volunteer.unitedwaygp.org/need/detail/?need_id=411064).

#### SUPPORT AT RISK YOUTH WITH PORTLAND HOUSING AUTHORITY STUDY CENTERS

**FS** The Portland Housing Authority Study Centers are an after-school program that serves low income students in and around the public housing communities in Riverton Park, Sagamore Village, Kennedy Park, and Front Street. The Centers are seeking academic tutors and skilled knitters. Volunteers primarily provide academic support to at-risk students K-12 in all subjects. Volunteers must commit to one month, once a week for 2 hours at a time. Commitment for knitters is one day a week for 1-2 hours. Study centers are typically open from 2pm - 7pm, Monday - Friday. FMI visit [http://volunteer.unitedwaygp.org/agency/detail/?agency\\_id=56733](http://volunteer.unitedwaygp.org/agency/detail/?agency_id=56733), email [vista.youth@porthouse.org](mailto:vista.youth@porthouse.org), or call 207-773-4753 x8012.

### UNITED WE THRIVE RECAP

On Tuesday, April 23, over 250 people gathered at the UNITED We Thrive Award Luncheon to celebrate and recognize organizations and individuals committed to helping our community thrive through their work in United Way's focus areas of education, financial stability, and health.

**View event photos and watch the Spirit of Greater Portland video at**  
<https://bit.ly/2ZFV4nQ>

#### GET INVOLVED IN THE CLASSROOM WITH JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT

**E** Junior Achievement (JA) is seeking friendly and motivated volunteers (from all occupations) to teach pre-planned courses on entrepreneurship, work readiness, and financial literacy to Maine students. Volunteers lead five, 45-minute sessions at their convenience over the course of a semester. Classes are taught during school hours and provide a unique chance to work with the same class for several weeks. If you're looking for an easy and rewarding way to give back, this is the program for you! Volunteers come from all walks of life, from senior leadership to young professionals, to retired educators - everyone has work and life experience to share! There are opportunities to lead JA programs all over the state. FMI visit [http://volunteer.unitedwaygp.org/agency/detail/?agency\\_id=56684](http://volunteer.unitedwaygp.org/agency/detail/?agency_id=56684).

#### ENGLISH LANGUAGE TUTOR - LEARNINGWORKS

**E** Are you looking for ways to take direct action to support immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers in the Portland community? Apply to become an English language tutor at LearningWorks today! Tutors are paired with adult English language learners and spend 2 hours per week over the course of 6+ months working towards the student's personal English goals. Tutoring can happen at any time and in any public location (including LearningWorks). Prior experience as an educator is helpful, but not necessary, as extensive training and ongoing support are provided. The ideal candidate is fluent in English, independent, reliable, creative, and can practice cultural humility. We have a thorough and selective volunteer intake process. Make a difference in an adult English learner's life, and help to make Portland a more welcoming place! FMI contact Cora Ordway at [cordway@learningworks.me](mailto:cordway@learningworks.me) or call 207-517-3123.

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### SUPPORT STUDENTS AND THE CLASSROOM/ LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES

#### DEERING HIGH SCHOOL MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

**FS** Community members will work one-on-one as mentors with juniors and seniors at Deering High School to help students meet educational goals, develop their voice, be college-ready and consider career options. Mentors commit to an established schedule with their mentee (up to one hour, once per week throughout the school year) and meet at a designated time during the school day or immediately following. Commitment, consistency, and follow-through are required and critical aspects of this program. The Mentorship Program is a partnership of Deering High School and Community Mentoring Partnership. FMI email Roy Chatterjee, Deering Mentoring Coordinator at [chattr@portlandschools.org](mailto:chattr@portlandschools.org) or call 207-239-9123.

#### CUMBERLAND COUNTY FOOD GLEANING

**FS** Cumberland County Food Security Council seeks volunteers for harvesting, transporting, and preserving crops throughout the year. Gleaning is the practice of harvesting unsalable crops from farmers' land and redistributing them so they do not go to waste. Once harvested, the produce is typically brought to food pantries and programs for use. It is a win/win situation, in which the food waste is reduced and healthy, fresh, local produce is available to more Mainers. Join us for one glean or continue gleaning throughout the season. FMI email [gleaning@ccfoodsecurity.org](mailto:gleaning@ccfoodsecurity.org).

### HOPE DAY CELEBRATION

The [Yellow Tulip Project](#) is hosting its 3rd annual Hope Day celebration on Sunday, May 5th from 12:30 – 2 pm. Help spread the message of hope and community. Together we can smash the stigma that surrounds mental illness so that people don't feel alone and know that there is help and hope out there.

FMI visit <https://bit.ly/2UTNbMU>.

#### MENTOR NEW MAINERS AND ASYLUM SEEKERS IN PORTLAND & WESTBROOK

**FS** [Welcoming the Stranger](#) is actively looking for volunteers willing to enter into a mentoring "friendship" with refugee and asylum seeking families living in Portland and Westbrook. Families come from a variety of places including Angola and Nigeria. What does mentoring look like? That's up to you and the family. A mentor could help a refugee or asylum seeker get a library card, write a resume, get a winter coat, use the bus system, sign up for classes, or other basic activities to integrate into the community. Mentors have access to a large network of other individuals and groups already engaged with the immigrant community who can offer support and guidance if specific needs. As a mentor, your primary task is simply to be there for newly arrived folks who would otherwise feel alone in a strange world. You don't have to be an expert, just a friend. FMI visit [http://volunteer.unitedwaygp.org/agency/detail/?agency\\_id=92946](http://volunteer.unitedwaygp.org/agency/detail/?agency_id=92946).

#### SHARE YOUR PASSION AND PROVIDE CLASSROOM SUPPORT WITH STRIVE

**E** [STRIVE](#) is looking for volunteers to support several programs, including its [Twins Program](#), providing social activities for members ages 11-14, [STRIVE Nights](#), a social program for 15-24 year olds, and their [Wednesday Night Educational Series](#). FMI contact Whitney Wildes at [wwildes@pslstrive.org](mailto:wwildes@pslstrive.org) or complete a volunteer application at [pslstrive.org/volunteer](http://pslstrive.org/volunteer).

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### MEDICAL SUPPLY PICK-UP

**H** Join a core group of drivers to help us pick up supplies from medical facilities and individuals, and deliver to our warehouses in Portland. We travel north to the Canadian border, West to Burlington, VT and South to Boston. No special license is required to drive our Suburban or 17' box truck. Volunteers must be able to lift 50 lbs. FMI email [kelsey@partnersforworldhealth.org](mailto:kelsey@partnersforworldhealth.org) or visit [www.partnersforworldhealth.org](http://www.partnersforworldhealth.org).

### PARK DANFORTH - WATCH MOVIES WITH SENIORS

Park Danforth is looking for a volunteer who enjoys watching movies and talking with seniors. You will be responsible to play the movie, pass out refreshments, sit and enjoy the film with our residents, put the movie away, and clean up following the residents' departure from the theater room. Comfort with occasional troubleshooting and the ability to follow a printed directions list for proper use of our electronic system is required. Currently scheduled Mondays and Fridays from 1pm - 4 pm. Training provided, & staff support for first few programs. FMI visit [volunteer.unitedwaygp.org/need/detail/?need\\_id=411700](http://volunteer.unitedwaygp.org/need/detail/?need_id=411700).

### PARK DANFORTH - BE A BINGO SUPPORT CALLER FOR A GROUP OF SENIORS

Park Danforth is looking for a dedicated volunteer to get to know our assisted living residents through weekly bingo participation on Fridays. Volunteers will commit to 1.5-2 hours each week or every other week. You will be responsible for setting up the bingo tables, clearly/loudly calling bingo, assisting those requiring a bit of extra help, confirming all bingos, and passing out prizes. Training provided, & staff support during your first few programs. FMI visit [volunteer.unitedwaygp.org/need/detail/?need\\_id=411708](http://volunteer.unitedwaygp.org/need/detail/?need_id=411708).

### SORT MEDICAL SUPPLIES WITH PARTNERS FOR WORLD HEALTH

**H** Partners for World Health is always looking for volunteers to help sort and prepare medical supplies for shipment overseas. We collect thousands of pounds of supplies every week, which we send to underserved populations in the developing world and distribute locally here in Maine. The tasks vary - you may be opening boxes of items to sort, putting together kits of similar items (personal care kits, surgical kits, respiratory kits, etc.) or filling boxes with medical supplies. No medical background is needed! It's social, fun, and guaranteed to inspire you! FMI contact Kelsey at [kelsey@partnersforworldhealth.org](mailto:kelsey@partnersforworldhealth.org) or fill out a volunteer application through [partnersforworldhealth.org](http://partnersforworldhealth.org).

## SAVE THE DATE

### National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive (NACL)

On Saturday, May 11, the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) will host their annual food drive to benefit local food pantries. Leave your food donations at your mailbox for pick-up on Saturday. Volunteers are also needed that day to help with unloading at several local post offices. FMI or if you are interested in hosting a food drive at your school, business, or community center, email [volunteer@unitedwaygp.org](mailto:volunteer@unitedwaygp.org)

NOTE: Food will be sorted at United Way of Greater Portland's annual Day of Action.

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### RED CROSS COMMUNICATIONS WRITER

**H** Red Cross Writers are a part of a creative content volunteer team that creates professionally-written content for news releases, media alerts, and regional platforms including social media feeds, websites and other outlets. The role needs: strong writing, editing, research and interpersonal skills. Volunteer needs to be familiar with basic computer operations. We're seeking authentic, creative, funny and engaging storytellers. Following the Communications Calendar, you'll identify stories, conduct interviews, write and post daily, focus on client stories and service delivery. You might even shoot photos! This is a great opportunity for someone up and coming in the field, retired from the field or an avid creative with the required skills. FMI visit [http://volunteer.unitedwaygp.org/need/detail/?need\\_id=418491](http://volunteer.unitedwaygp.org/need/detail/?need_id=418491).

### RED CROSS FLEET VOLUNTEER

**H** Serve as part of a small team with Red Cross to help manage vehicle registrations, assignment processes, and maintenance to ensure fully operational and deploy-able regional fleet. Tasks include: facilitating vehicle and trailer maintenance and repairs, help with registrations and licensing in coordination with Element, our fleet management vendor and identify vehicles for repair, disposal, or replacement at the direction of Operations throughout the region. FMI visit [http://volunteer.unitedwaygp.org/need/detail/?need\\_id=418507](http://volunteer.unitedwaygp.org/need/detail/?need_id=418507)

## INTERESTED IN PUBLIC POLICY?

Recognizing that laws and policies have the power to strengthen or harm individuals, families, and entire communities, United Way of Greater Portland has started an advocacy mailing list for bi-weekly legislative updates and action alerts.

See our latest Legislative Update [HERE](#), or email [advocacy@unitedwaygp.org](mailto:advocacy@unitedwaygp.org) to subscribe.

### SATELLITE DRIVER FOR FURNITURE FRIENDS

**FS** Furniture Friends is in need of volunteers who can pick up local furniture donations in their respective vehicles. 'Satellite Drivers' either deliver the furniture to our warehouse, or we can retrieve furniture from their home/garage. Anyone who drives a pick-up truck, van, vehicle with roof-racks, etc. is a great candidate! FMI contact Elise Moody-Roberts at [volunteer@furniturefriends.org](mailto:volunteer@furniturefriends.org), or 207-712-8686.

### FURNITURE FRIENDS DELIVERY TEAM

Furniture Friends is in need of one-time or reoccurring **FS** volunteer groups to help deliver furniture to our clients in need. Our volunteer groups commit to a three-hour time frame to serve families in Greater Portland. It is a volunteer opportunity that is active and builds teamwork. It is ideal for service groups and corporate volunteer days. We work with both youth and adult volunteer groups. FMI contact Elise Moody-Roberts at [volunteer@furniturefriends.org](mailto:volunteer@furniturefriends.org).

### PORTLAND WHEELERS - TRIKE TRANSPORTER

Portland Wheelers offers free, recreational rides to those living with significant disability, debility, or dementia – old and young alike – who cannot ride a bike by themselves. Each day, during the summer ride season, we move our trikes by truck and trailer to various locations around Greater Portland. Volunteer pilots meet the transporter, help unload and set up the trikes, then provide rides for our "wheelers" (passengers). At the end of the shift, the trikes are loaded back onto the trailer and either taken to the next location or brought back to storage. Minimum volunteer commitment for transporters is one, 4-5-hours, AM or PM shift each week, Monday through Saturday, May to October. Must be at least 21-years-old, have a clean driving record and experience pulling trailers, or a willingness to learn. FMI visit [http://volunteer.unitedwaygp.org/agency/detail/?agency\\_id=56739](http://volunteer.unitedwaygp.org/agency/detail/?agency_id=56739)

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## REGULARLY-SCHEDULED VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES

### PORTLAND WHEELERS - EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR

Portland Wheelers offers outdoor, recreational, free rides to those living with significant disability, debility, or dementia – old and young alike – who cannot ride a bike by themselves but would love to go for a ride. Primary tasks of the position include: frequent communication with the executive director, monitoring admin email in a timely manner, document editing and management, research, scheduling, maintaining files, and managing assorted projects. Volunteers should have a passion for our mission, a positive and upbeat attitude and a willingness to do what's needed to get the job done. Volunteers should be proficient with Google products (Docs, Drive, Photos, Sheets, etc.) and able to work on their own Apple device using Microsoft Office for Mac (Word, Excel, etc.). FMI visit [volunteer.unitedwaygp.org/need/detail/?need\\_id=411104](http://volunteer.unitedwaygp.org/need/detail/?need_id=411104)

### PORTLAND WHEELERS - BE A PILOT!

Portland Wheelers provides recreational bike rides to people of all ages living with disabilities and are seeking pilots for their specially designed, electric-assist, tricycles on trails and in quiet neighborhoods throughout Greater Portland. Individual rides last anywhere from a few minutes to 30-45 minutes. Primary attributes necessary for the position include cycling experience and the ability to adjust to riding a tricycle, a genuine pleasure in meeting new people, and the ability to establish rapport easily and quickly with people of any age living with disabilities. FMI visit [volunteer.unitedwaygp.org/need/detail/?need\\_id=202953](http://volunteer.unitedwaygp.org/need/detail/?need_id=202953).

### COLLECTIONS FOR STUDENTS

Portland Arts and Technology High School is in need of snacks for students. Suggested items include: pretzels, granola bars, popcorn, and fruit roll ups in individual packets. FMI contact [mikket@portlandschools.org](mailto:mikket@portlandschools.org).

### VOLUNTEER GROUPS TO SORT DONATIONS

Ruth's Reusable Resources is seeking volunteer groups to with sorting and organizing. Groups can vary in size – from 2-25. Commitment can range from a minimum of 2-hours to a full day. This project will likely involve manual labor to lift and move boxes, carry items, etc. We may also need assistance opening and sorting donations, categorizing and stocking shelves in the warehouse. Sit down tasks are also available to accommodate group members with physical restrictions. FMI contact Ruth or Lisa at [office3rs@gmail.com](mailto:office3rs@gmail.com) or call 207-699-5565.

### FOOD PANTRY DELIVERIES: LARRABEE VILLAGE

As part of a collaboration with the Good Shepherd Food Bank, volunteers will pick up donated food from the Hannaford grocery store in Westbrook, ME and bring it to Larrabee Village to put on the tables in the community room. Other tasks may include weighing the donated food and overseeing the Monday morning distribution of food. As a volunteer, you will also help clean up by wiping down tables and discarding extra boxes. Ongoing training will be provided by experienced volunteers and/or staff. Volunteers must have a valid driver's license, current up-to date car insurance and must be able to pass a background check and driving-record check. Please note that this opportunity takes place every Monday from 6:45-9:30AM. FMI visit [volunteer.unitedwaygp.org/need/detail/?need\\_id=398006\\_id=56739&need\\_id=411104](http://volunteer.unitedwaygp.org/need/detail/?need_id=398006_id=56739&need_id=411104).

### RED CROSS OPIOD OVER DOSE COURSE

Red Cross has launched First Aid for Opioid Overdoses - an online course to teach people how to respond to respond to a known or suspected opioid overdose. The 45-minute course shows how to identify the signs and symptoms of a suspected opioid overdose, the appropriate care to provide based on the responsiveness of the person, and information on how to use several different naloxone products. To register visit [www.redcross.org/take-a-class/classes/first-aid-for-opioid-overdoses-online/05970967.html](http://www.redcross.org/take-a-class/classes/first-aid-for-opioid-overdoses-online/05970967.html)

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## RESOURCES & EVENTS

### SUPPORTING A CHILD AFTER A TRAGEDY

Looking for ways to support a child after tragedy? Center for Grieving Children has shared this resource at [www.cgcmaine.org/news/12/81/How-to-Support-a-Child-After-a-Tragedy](http://www.cgcmaine.org/news/12/81/How-to-Support-a-Child-After-a-Tragedy). It can also be accessed as [bit.ly/HowToSupportaChild](http://bit.ly/HowToSupportaChild).

### PORTLAND HOUSING AUTHORITY SCHOLARSHIP

The Portland Housing Authority Scholarship is open to residents of Portland Housing Authority Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher holders and their family members. Funding for the scholarship is provided by annual contributions from the Portland Housing Service Corporation as well as grants, donations, and commitments from foundations and private donors. The PHA Scholarship is due May 15. FMI visit <https://www.porthouse.org/301/Portland-Housing-Authority-Scholarship>.

### HELPLINE ADVOCATE TRAINING

Volunteer Advocates are needed for SARSSM's 24-hour Helpline serving York and Cumberland counties. The next training is scheduled for May 6-18, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 5pm-9pm, and Saturday, May 18, 8am-4pm. SARSSM volunteer advocates listen, provide emotional support and offer resources to victim/survivors of sexual assault and their concerned others. They also accompany survivors to the hospital or police station. The training is 40 hours in total. Email [Whitney@sarsonline.org](mailto:Whitney@sarsonline.org) for dates of the summer advocate training or check out [sarssm.org](http://sarssm.org) for application materials! FMI visit [http://volunteer.unitedwaygp.org/need/detail/?need\\_id=417651](http://volunteer.unitedwaygp.org/need/detail/?need_id=417651).

### CELEBRATE WITH 3RS!

Save the Date! [Ruth's Reusable Resources](#) is celebrating 25 years of serving the teachers and students of Maine. We've worked hard, so we're going to kick up our heels at a 1950's style sock hop, complete with dancing, food and an auction! Festivities happen on Saturday, June 29, 6-10:00 p.m. Tickets on sale now. FMI [volunteer.unitedwaygp.org/event/detail/?event\\_id=54840](http://volunteer.unitedwaygp.org/event/detail/?event_id=54840).

### STRESS AND SUICIDE PREVENTION SKILLS TRAINING

Attend this important training for first responders on Saturday, May 11, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Gray-New Gloucester High School, 10 Libby Hill Rd, Gray. Presenters will share statistics, signs/symptoms, myths and resources regarding the sensitive topic of suicide and share examples of peer-to-peer support models designed to help prevent suicide in Maine and nationally. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. FMI: For more information contact Kristine Jenkins, Cumberland District Public Health Liaison, Maine CDC, 207-485-0541, [Kristine.L.Jenkins@Maine.gov](mailto:Kristine.L.Jenkins@Maine.gov).

## THRIVE2027 SUMMIT

### CONNECTED COMMUNITIES BUILD COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

Save the date! The Thrive2027 Summit will bring together partners from across Cumberland County to engage in deep, meaningful dialogue leading to new synergies and collaborative work.

**Keynote:** Michael Sauschuck, Commissioner, Maine Department of Public Safety

**When:** June 26, 2019 from 1p.m - 4:30p.m.

**Where:** Hannaford Hall, Abromson Center, USM

**RSVP:** [info@thrive2027.org](mailto:info@thrive2027.org)

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## EVENTS

### COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY

Join ProsperityME for the 11th Annual Community Block party on Tuesday, May 7, 5-7:30 p.m. at Ocean Gateway Pier, Portland! Enjoy music, food and entertainment. Tickets are on sale now. FMI visit Claude Rwaganje at 207-797-7890, [crwaganje@prosperityme.org](mailto:crwaganje@prosperityme.org) or order tickets at <https://bit.ly/2XI6Cp2>.

### MULTICULTURAL MUSIC FEST

Join Furniture Friends on May 14, 6:00 pm at the Portland House of Music for an evening of international music and dance with Geraud Ng and Jake Hoffman, Jean Paul Samputu and Primo Cubano. Tickets are \$20 in advance at [www.portlandhouseofmusic.com](http://www.portlandhouseofmusic.com) or \$25 at the door. All proceeds benefit Furniture Friends' work to provide donated furniture to people in need throughout Greater Portland. FMI visit [http://volunteer.unitedwaygp.org/event/detail/?event\\_id=56635](http://volunteer.unitedwaygp.org/event/detail/?event_id=56635).

### BLUE WRAP RUNWAY - PORTLAND'S MEDICAL FASHION SPECTACULAR!

Blue Wrap Runway is back! It's been a few years, but Portland's medical fashion spectacular returns May 16, 2019, at the University of Southern Maine's Abromson Center. Utterly unique to Maine, Blue Wrap Runway is the only charity event where dazzling fashions help to supply hospitals and medical clinics around the world. At Blue Wrap Runway, leading designers take blue wrap—normally used to wrap sterilized medical supplies—and create one-of-a-kind fashions. In hospitals, blue wrap is used once, then thrown away. At Blue Wrap Runway, a festive night of fashions, cocktails, and music, it's the star! We hope to see you there! Tickets are on sale now at [www.partnersforworldhealth.org](http://www.partnersforworldhealth.org).

### MAINE CANCER FOUNDATION TWILIGHT 5K

Join the Corporate Cup, a special addition to this year's Twilight 5K on Thursday, June 6! Teams earn points for participation, team spirit, speedy finishes and giving back to the community. The team with the most points wins the "Corporate Cup" award and earns bragging rights as the team most committed to healthy living and fighting cancer in 2019. Company representative must register by emailing [julia@mainecancer.org](mailto:julia@mainecancer.org). Entry fee is \$500 plus \$100 per walker or runner. Company will be invoiced following the event. Team members must be employees of the company and registered by Friday, May 31. FMI visit <https://twilight5k.com/event-info>.

### SWING "FORE" THE CENTER GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Center for Grieving Children's Swing "Fore" the Center is a scramble-style golf tournament that is perfect for both amateur and seasoned golfers. Join fellow golfers on Tuesday, September 10, Purpoodock Golf Club, Cape Elizabeth. After 18 holes, golfers join the Center at an Awards Ceremony. Registration includes: green fees, cart, box lunch, swag bag, and an award reception. Foursomes are awarded four mulligans, four raffle tickets, and free entry into our hole-in-one and putting contest. FMI visit [http://volunteer.unitedwaygp.org/event/detail/?event\\_id=56726](http://volunteer.unitedwaygp.org/event/detail/?event_id=56726), Emma Walker, Corporate Sponsorship and Special Events Associate, 207.775.5216.

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