



Founder's CLUB

Making Every Child A Well Being by Supporting



CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?

Rob Gronkowski "The Gronk" will be our special guest on June 12th here at the AYCCC for a fun-filled afternoon with our ASP kids. Gronk is a former American football tight end who played his entire professional career for the New England Patriots. His father Gordon will be our keynote speaker at the **Annual Appeal dinner June 12th at Colby**. Stay tuned for more information.



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Community in Action



Mike Owens, garden and greenhouse manager, far left, Mayor Nick Isgro, second from left, and Jay Coelho, Ward 5 councilman, gives a tour of the greenhouse on April 2nd. Chrissy Johnson, ASP Director on far right.

Awardees and Youth of the Year

Inspirational Hall of Fame will be honored on June 12th at Annual Appeal Dinner at Colby College Special Guest - Gronkowski Family

Since 1993, the Boys and Girls Club and YMCA has honored a special group of individuals and organizations for their dedicated efforts to assist our youth and families throughout central Maine especially here at the Alford Youth and Community Center. This year's honorees are:

Sue Hawkes Wight
Sheridan Corp./Mitch Sammons
Dr. Meg Griffin
Commissioner Randall Liberty

THANK YOU!

Caleb Mills, is a junior at Winslow High School, where he is a varsity athlete doing two sports, indoor and outdoor track. In 2018, Caleb was selected to attend the Maine Youth Leadership submit. He also was selected to attend the 3 week Seeds of Peace camp. For the past three years he has attended the Maine YMCA Youth and Government program that allows High School students hands on experience in how Maine's Legislative process works. His volunteer work includes summer track coach, serving at the Feed my Starving Children company, helping blind children at camp learn and experience

track and field, making birthday cards for terminally ill children. Caleb has been a Club member since he was 5 years old, attending Karate classes and obtaining his 2nd degree black belt and will be testing for his 3rd degree on April 18th. His future plans are to work with the Travis Mills Foundation.



Welcome Our Newest Staff



Jeanine Libby - HR Generalist

Jeanine comes to the Alford Youth Center with over 25 years of Human Resources experience. She enjoys all outdoor activities such as biking, hiking, skiing and paddling. She lives in Winslow, with her husband John Libby who was Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year back in the early 70's. Her son Adam attended Camp Tracy in the early 90's.



Jared McCannell - Grants Manager

Jared has over 15 years' experience in nonprofits. He has worked all over the country and is happy to bring his experience back to his home state of Maine. Volunteerism/community engagement has been a main area of interest over the years, with grant writing/management a common thread throughout his career. Jared lives in Winslow with his wife and three young boys.

Another Club NAHA Success

Our very own AYCCC staff and Martial Artist, Renshi Craig Sargent (center) received his sixth degree black belt. Craig has been a youth member since he was 5 years old, Youth of the Year State winner in 1997, one of the first Naha Students in 1992 and receiving his first black belt rank in 1995. Craig is our full time Karate Master here at the AYCCC. Also reaching Black Belt ranks levels were, from left to right: Caleb Mills – Current Youth of the Year, 3rd Degree Black Belt. Caleb is a junior at Winslow High School. Terrell Koczinski, former AYCCC Alumni and Youth of the Year 2000, 2001, 2nd Degree Black Belt. Terrell is a loan Officer for Bank of America. Shane Dutill, former AYCCC alumni and Youth of the Year 2003, 3rd Degree Black Belt. Shane is a manager at T-Mobile. Dave Panarelli, former Boys & Girls Club Alumni who flew in from Utah (4th Degree Black Belt). He is a Special Educator at Wasatch School District.



Our ASP Counselors make a difference everyday!

In December, three young sisters came to us with shaved heads because their own hair was so matted and dirty, after just having moved in with their grandparents.

At first they were very shy and would leave their groups at the ASP so they could be together. They didn't want to spend anytime apart. Since then, they have all really come out of their shells. They attend the program on a regular basis, vacations and all and we have introduced them to the Kinship Group. All 3 of them have made friends and no longer leave their groups. They are friendly, kind, and always say hi to the staff when they get off the bus.

The oldest one recently took the NYOI (National Youth Outcomes Initiative) survey the other day and Michelle one of ASP coordinators was in the room monitoring at the time. The young girl said that she answered positively to every question about her experiences in ASP (ex. Do you feel safe at the club? Do you feel like you can talk to all of the staff? Do you feel like your opinion matters?). Most importantly, she answered yes to the question, "Do you feel that your voice is heard at your after-school program?"

Changing of the Guard

On April 1, 2019 Scott Jones took the reins from Dr. Meg Griffin as Chief Volunteer Officer of our Board of Directors. Meg served her term of two years with commitment, passion and a vision for a bright future for our organization. We are confident that Scott will lead the Board with the same conviction. Scott has served on the Board since 2013 and was previously Chair of the Finance Committee. Meg has served on the board since 2014 and will continue as Chair of the Executive Committee. Thank you Scott and Meg for supporting our organization.



Head Coach
Amy Bernatchez



Coach
Katie Brann



Coach
Kristy Bernatchez

"I am thrilled to be working side by side with my daughters at the NESC Field Hockey Camp. Field Hockey has always been a big part of all of our family and has provided a lot of opportunities for all three of us. We learned so much as athletes....not just skills, but we developed self discipline, character and a strong work ethic that has served us well. We love sharing our passion for the sport with young girls. If we can ignite the fire and make field hockey fun for our campers than we will have accomplished our goal!"

Amy co-founded the Majestix field hockey program in with her husband Brian in 2007 and remained the Director and Head Coach until 2017. During that time over 100 Majestix players went on to play in college, over 30 of those on Division I teams. In 2017 she recieved the Maine Field Hockey association Distinguished Service Award.



Our helping friends - Upcoming Events

Annual Appeal Awards Dinner
June 12

One River CPAs 5K Road Race
June 17



Cal Ripken NE Championships/Purnell Wrigley opening day - July 28

Ray Haskell MLBPAA Haskell Golf Tournament -
Belgrade Lakes - August 7 - 8

Bill Mitchell's GHM Insurance Golf Tournament
with Steve Lyons , former professional ball player,
now a sportscaster for NESN - September 5



Proceeds from these events support the Alfond Youth & Community Center



March 11th, Five Guys Burgers fundraiser, in cooperation with MMD swim team, with the Booster Club's wonderful initiative and the Dolphins' appetites, raised over \$315.00 to help our Head Coach, Kyle Bauer, travel to the 2019 YMCA National Swim Championships in North Carolina!

Some exciting things happening at the AYCCC !



We've got a special **SHOUT OUT** to our dynamic AYCC Volunteer Coordinator **JOE KARTER!!** Joe has been securing generous donations from local organizations such as Hannaford for our Backpack Program and Kid's Kitchen.



Opening day for Cal Ripken baseball on Saturday, May 4th at Purnell Wrigley Field. Fran Purnell throws the first pitch to representative Bruce White. A Special Thank You to Central Maine Motors and the Chevy Youth Baseball Program for their sponsorship and providing new youth baseball equipment for Waterville Cal Ripken!



Bill Mitchell, former AYCCC Board member and Founders Club member: 2019 MaineBiz Business Leader of the Year: small company

Leadership icon: It's hard to pick one but I'd say my father and his siblings — they've all been great leaders in various ways and a huge inspiration to me.

Maine's biggest challenge: To change the perception that there are no opportunities for young people in Maine to pursue their career goals and objectives.

Maine's biggest opportunity: To educate our young people and show them the many great things — career opportunities, quality of life, great place to settle and raise a family — Maine has to offer.

Best business advice: My parents always urged me to get a good education, to work hard, to give back to our community by helping others and to treat people as you want to be treated.

Bill and his wife Vicki started our Weekend Backpack Program which now sends home backpacks filled with nutritious food to our After School program kids and their families each week. Over 1,500 backpacks have been sent home so far this year alone!!!

WELLNESS PROJECT

Our mission has focused on youth development for over 90 years. Our children are our future. Families are the cornerstone of positive modeling for our youth. This project will be focused on supporting the health and well being of the entire family unit.

We are positioned to be a leading voice on health and wellness for the community and we see this is an opportunity to make the greatest impact through a wrap around wellness program where our youth learn the lessons that a strong body leads to a strong mind and most importantly a strong spirit.

We will improve the quality of life for our area citizens and ensure that our door is open to everyone, no matter their economic circumstances. For many, it will be their second home where relationships can last forever.



On a recent visit with John and Mark Nale to the home of their sister Carole Nale Levine, Ken Walsh enjoyed a traditional Lebanese Kibi lunch prepared by Carole. Kibbi is a dish made of beef, bulgah wheat and onions, eaten raw with Lebanese bread. Ken was first introduced to the dish in 1992, his first year in Maine, when mother Caroline Nale, prepared it for him. Mark, John and Carole are all past alumni of the YMCA and Boys & Girls Club and continue to be a part of the organization today.

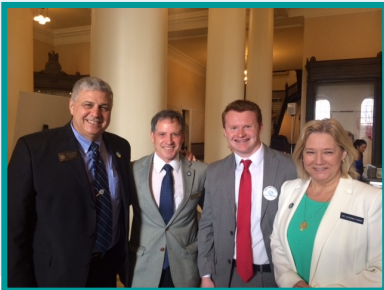


Enjoying the Company of Great People

As part of our ongoing safety training, we are required to have monthly fire drills. It was cold and dreary outside during one recent drill, so the children were brought into the growing dome. Not only were the children warm, but they also were able to see how the plants were growing and check out the fish in the aquaponics pond. Ken Walsh took the opportunity to hang out with some of our Early Childcare Program kids.



On May 7th the Youth of the Year event was held at the State House in Augusta. This event recognizes outstanding youth from all of Maine's Boys & Girls Clubs. Competing for this award were **Caleb Mills**, (Greater Waterville), **Makayla Morin**, (Auburn/Lewiston) **Lewis Gaddas** (Portland) **Sara Dhalia** (South Portland) and **MacKenzie Martin** (South Portland). **Renee Rossi** of Greater Gardiner was chosen as Maine Youth of the Year. Pictured are Senator Scott Cyrway, Ken Walsh, Caleb Mills and Representative Catherine Nadeau.



Taking Safety Seriously



Nolan Smeeton



Anthony Pizzo



Jacob Cheney

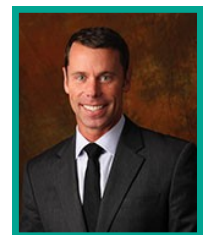
The Thomas College Security Internship is a new program we have started in partnership with Thomas College that allows Criminal Justice students to come over and dip their feet into the security world. The skills they learn here are public interaction, facility security, asset management, patrol and more, skills that will directly transfer to the real world. Nolan, Anthony and Jacob were the first three students to begin this pilot program and their hard work and dedication this semester has helped the Security Internship Program here at the Alford grow into something that we all hope will be a thriving and successful program for years to come. The safety of our children and members is always top priority.

AYCC Rebranding - Into the Future



Serving youth in need is still the core of our mission, and we know that the best way to serve youth is to include services that support the entire family and the community in which these youth live.

With this more inclusive focus in mind our evolution to the Alford Youth & Community Center was determined.



Marketing and Events Director Crista Lavenson worked closely with CEO Ken Walsh, Project Manager Brent Burger and the Harold Alford® Foundation to create our new logo and look. The new name honors our past and moves us into the future

- **ALFOND** The consistent support and generosity of our founder, Harold Alford
- **YOUTH** The Boys & Girls Club mission of caring for youth in need
- **& COMMUNITY** Our addition's ability to expanded our more inclusive focus
- **CENTER** Our goal to be at the heart of providing this community with essential and requested services.
- The colors and fonts pay tribute to our YMCA roots and expansion into Wellness as promoted by the Y.

We hope you enjoy being a part of our growth, and reaping the benefits of all our new and expanded services at the Alford Youth & Community Center.

The Founder's Club is an association of individuals who have demonstrated their commitment by including the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Waterville in their estate plan. It is through gifts of this nature that we can ensure the mission of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Waterville to inspire and enable all young people and their families to realize their full potential as healthy, productive, responsible and caring citizens.

Founder's CLUB

* Harold and Bibby Alfond

Barbara Atkins

* Dr. and Mrs. George Averill

* Chester Baker

Carl Beck

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Welcome our newest member Peter Harris



The advantage of a planned gift is that it does not take effect until sometime in the future – after the donor’s other needs have been addressed. The donor continues to maintain control of the asset, can change their mind if they wish and may make a far more significant gift than possible during their lifetime. If you would like more information on how you can become a member of this important group, please give me a call at 873-0684.

Ken

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CORE IMPACT

- 5,000 youth members
- Serving 191 towns
- Accredited licensed childcare program
- 90,000 free meals served through the year

Our Units

South End Teen Center
Augusta Teen Center
North End Public housing
RUS 18 Club house
Boys & Girls Club of Bangor



**Ray Haskell MLB Players Golf Tournament with Mike Timlin and more
August 8, 2019 at Belgrade Lakes**

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