

Angel Farm Creative Services

17 Westview Road, Damariscotta, Maine 04543

207.563.1119 - MalGormley@gmail.com

For Immediate Release

Sep. 28, 2018 | Damariscotta/Newcastle, Maine:

Community Energy Fund co-founders will be 2018 Pumpkinfest Parade Marshals

Two of the co-founders of the Community Energy Fund, Todd Maurer and Robert Clifford, will represent the CEF as Grand Marshals for the Giant Pumpkin Parade through the Twin Villages to be held on Saturday, October 6, 2018, starting at 2:15 p.m.

A while back Damariscotta, several friends gathered at a local pub for food and conversation. In the course of the evening, the talk turned to stories about individuals experiencing difficulty in addressing their everyday needs during the harsh winter. Subsequently, the friends focused on how the community as a whole was likewise affected. They understood the pulse of the coastal communities and further understood that for many, temporary financial hardship is a fact of life. So they decided to do something to help.

After evaluating the situation's many issues and possible solutions, they decided that providing unrestricted funds wasn't the answer--the needs were simply too numerous and varied and it would take enormous energy to vet the myriad of requests and to respond to each appropriately.

The solution they developed--in the form of the Community Energy Fund--partners with the towns of Lincoln County to identify those families in need, especially those not otherwise served by assistance programs. CEF then contacts a local energy supplier to schedule and pay for a delivery.

The Fund may also be used to help families who encounter unexpected emergencies that are beyond the need for energy assistance alone. Critical financial hardships arise from time to time due to life's circumstances (i.e. illness, surgery, loss of job, or other related emergencies), and the Fund may be used in special cases to address such needs on a selective, one-time basis.

Donations can be unrestricted, and thus used for anyone in need, or restricted, and directed to an individual(s) identified by the donor (employees, neighbors, co-workers, etc.), or to a specific town.

CEF is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. One hundred percent of all donations is used for charitable purposes, all administrative functions are voluntary, overhead and related costs are covered by the continuing generosity of this community.

Since 2005, 3,353 families have been served, totaling \$1,374,693.89. That's a lot of love from our little seacoast community. So when Tod Mauer and Robert Clifford roll past during the parade, be sure to let them know how much they're appreciated.

###