



Katahdin Trust Serves as Collection Point for The Pantry Project

Bangor, ME (April 2, 2018) - We're on our way to ending hunger in Maine, and you can help! Katahdin Trust is pleased to partner with United Way of Eastern Maine and Good Shepherd Food Bank to serve as a collection point for the Pantry Project at our three Bangor area branches throughout the month of April. Our goal is to collect as many canned goods as we can to help those less fortunate in our local communities.

"Over the last 100 years, Katahdin Trust has remained committed to the communities we serve. We believe that communities that work together, thrive together, and that's why we feel so strongly about doing our part in helping to keep food pantries full all year long," said Krista Putnam, Katahdin Trust Vice President, Marketing. "We recognize that our local food pantries' donations dwindle after the holidays. We appreciate the opportunity to do our part in making sure their shelves remain stocked."

It's important to give where you live. 100% of the food and funds raised through the Pantry Project stays right here in Eastern Maine.

During the month of April, Katahdin Trust will serve as a collection point at our three Bangor area branches:

- 52 Springer Drive, Bangor
- 609 Broadway, Bangor
- 57 Western Avenue, Hampden

Last year, Katahdin Trust employees, customers and other visitors collected 380 pounds of food. "We know there is a great need for support," says Putnam. "Our goal is to surpass last year's collection efforts."



Photo: Katahdin Trust employees assisting with The Pantry Project collection. L to R: Eunice McAfee, Jeni King, Courtney Sargent and Rebecca Smith.

More than 20% of Maine households do not have reliable and consistent access to food. Although the holiday season brings many donations of food, by spring, many pantries experience a food shortage. The current economy has forced more people into poverty or near poverty; with 1 in 4 children in Maine living in poverty.

"Since the project's inception in 2010, we have collected over **60,000 pounds** of food," shares Meredith Alexander, Community Impact Manager for United Way of Eastern Maine. "Our goal in 2018 is to collect 15,000 pounds of food, which will provide over 12,000 meals to families in need in our communities."

For more information on The Pantry Project please visit unitedwayem.org or call the United Way of Eastern Maine at 207-941-2800.

About Katahdin Trust

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