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October 17, 2024

TO: Town of Damariscotta
21 School Street
Damariscotta, ME 04543

Dear Ms. Rebecca Bartolotta,

I am writing to request financial support for Spectrum Generations' essential programming that serves our older and disabled adult population in your municipality. A positive outcome of the COVID-19 pandemic was the reduction of the stigma associated with asking for help among the people of Maine. Unfortunately, the increased demand for services has not been matched with the same level of federal and state support. With losses in funding streams, ongoing inflationary pressures, and the current economic conditions, we are seeking a gift of \$5,314.05 from the Town of Damariscotta, reflecting a five percent increase over the previous year's funding.

One key program that requires annual development funds is Meals on Wheels. This service not only delivers nutritious meals to homebound older and disabled adults but also provides vital social interaction, helping combat social isolation, and provides a wellness check directly from a caring volunteer to each meal recipient at their home. Additionally, we aim to expand our coordination of the aging and disability resource center (ADRC) to ensure that older adults and their families have access to necessary information, support, and referrals and are connected to health and wellness programs. Among other topics, ADRC supports Medicare counseling and enrollment, financial management (paying routine bills), caregiver respite, and caregiver support groups. Volunteer hours are vital to our programs, and we seek financial support to recruit, train, and retain volunteers who serve our older residents. All our volunteers come from municipalities such as yours.

Furthermore, our four strategically placed Adult Daycare programs in central Maine offer a safe and engaging environment for older and disabled adults, allowing caregivers respite and support while ensuring participants receive the care they need. Family caregivers are often the backbone of elder care and our communities. We must provide them with resources and support. While our aging and disabled residents face numerous challenges, thank you for helping Spectrum Generations offer optimal services to enhance their quality of life so they may continue living in their communities of choice, including those living in the Town of Damariscotta.

Thank you for considering this request for financial support, we appreciate you very much.

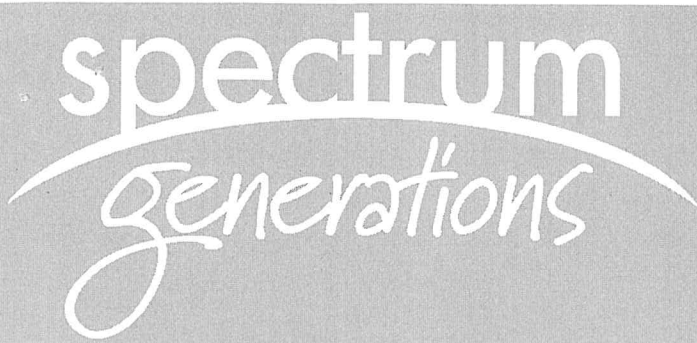
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lindsay MacDonald".

Lindsay MacDonald

Vice President of Community Engagement

Estimated value of services: \$34,940.47
Request to the Town of Damariscotta: \$5,314.05



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“I love the healthy meals, honestly if I had to cook it wouldn't be very often... I smile every time I hear that knock on my door on Thursdays. I sure appreciate their service to me. God bless everyone that helps with Meals on Wheels!! Doing a great job. And for people like me that live alone it's nice that someone checks in on me by bringing a meal!”

—Meals on Wheels recipient



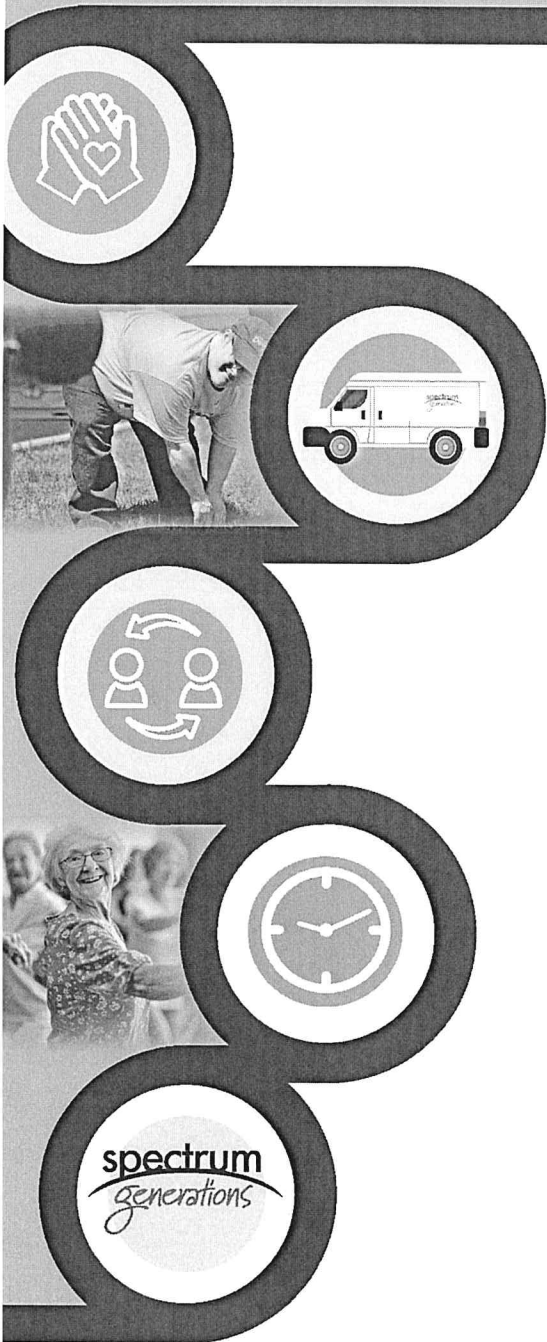
Services provided to the town of
Damariscotta
during our previous fiscal year.

Overall, we provided services to
60 Damariscotta residents.

2,021 meals were delivered
through our Meals on Wheels program to
17 Damariscotta residents.

Our Aging and Disability Resource Specialists
counseled **56** people on topics including elder
abuse, prescription drug coverage,
and long-term care.

1 Damariscotta resident volunteered
8 hours of their time supporting
Spectrum Generations.



Petition to Town of Damariscotta to raise/appropriate the sum of \$5,314.05 for Spectrum Generations

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We, the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Damariscotta, hereby request that Spectrum Generations have an Article included in the 2025 Annual Town Meeting Warrant requesting an amount of \$5,314.05 to help fund Spectrum Generations for Damariscotta Residents.

| Printed Legal Name | Signature | Street & Number | Legal Town of Residence & Voter Registration |
|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|--|
| 1 Lauren Cucci | Lauren Cucci | 71 Church St. | Damariscotta |
| 2 Maden Lapinski | Mad | 22 Beirstall | Damariscotta |
| 3 Lindsey Williams | Lindsey Williams | 91 Belvedere | Damariscotta |
| 4 Shannon Parker | Shannon Parker | 28 Vine St | Damariscotta |
| 5 JEANNE DAVIS | Jeanne Davis | 26 Water St | Damariscotta |
| 6 Robert Brown | Robert Brown | 35 Hodgden | Damariscotta |
| 7 Regina Davies | Regina Davies | 89 Shamro | Damariscotta |
| 8 Steven Hufnagel | Steven Hufnagel | 19 Church St | Damariscotta |
| 9 Guy Thompson | Guy Thompson | 165 Back Mkt | Damariscotta |
| 10 Aimee Anderson | Aimee Anderson | 200 Heather | Damariscotta |
| 11 Abby Avantaggio | Abby Avantaggio | 200 Heather | Damariscotta |
| 12 Robin Perry | Robin Perry | 32 Water St | Damariscotta |
| 13 Melissa Keppner | Melissa Keppner | 31 Wister Farm | Damariscotta |
| 14 Lucinda Smith | Lucinda Smith | 23 Irish St | Damariscotta |
| 15 Don Hipsch | Don Hipsch | 34 B... | Damariscotta |

CIRCULATOR'S OATH

I hereby make oath that I am the Circulator of this petition, that all the signatures to the belief, each signature is that of the person it purports to be.

Signature of Circulator Shawn F Printed Name Shawn F
Signature of Notary Joan Printed Name Joan
Subscribed to and sworn before me on this date: 12/31/24

Date must be completed by Not

SENIOR SPECTRUM

Petition Submitted ✓
Verified: ✓ 01-28-25

REGISTRAR'S CERTIFICATION

Municipality Damariscotta TOTAL VALID 15 TOTAL INVALID

I hereby certify that the names of all the petitioners listed as valid appear on the voting

Signature of Registrar Shannon Parker Date: 01
Signatures on this petition page were collected by: