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# Open Arms

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## Greetings!



It's hard to believe we are nearing March. Spring is on its way and I couldn't be more excited about what's been taking place here at The Maine Children's Home and what's in store for us in the coming months.

I am most eager to share that after a three-year process, [The Children's Place Early Care & Education Center](#) is now nationally accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)—a designation that includes only eight percent of preschools and other early childhood programs!

Congratulations to The Children's Place team for their incredibly hard work. We're so proud of this recognition and to have received the gold standard in quality early care and education.

Continue reading for more information on the NAEYC Accreditation and fun upcoming events, like our annual Easter egg hunt and wine tasting!

Looking forward to seeing you again next month,

Richard Dorian, Executive Director

## The Children's Place Early Care & Education Center Receives National Accreditation

[The Children's Place Early Care & Education Center](#), part of The Maine Children's Home for Little Wanderers, has earned accreditation from the [National Association for the Education of Young Children](#) (NAEYC)—the nation's leading organization of early childhood professionals.

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The Children's Place provides comprehensive early care and education services for children from infancy through age five. The fully licensed facility accommodates 52 children in one of five developmentally appropriate, learning-focused classrooms.

To earn the elite NAEYC Accreditation, The Children's Place went through an extensive three-year process, measuring the program's services against the ten NAEYC Early Childhood Program Standards and more than 400 related Accreditation criteria. The standards reflect the latest research and best practices in early childhood education and development.

The NAEYC Accreditation doubles the early care tax credit due to the recognition of quality, benefiting families in the central Maine community using The Children's Place. The early care and education organization is developing plans to increase openings for children in the near future.

[Read more.](#)



## Mark Your Calendar

**Annual Easter Egg Hunt**  
Saturday, March 26, 9 a.m.  
The Maine Children's Home campus, Waterville

Please join us with your little ones for Easter fun and prizes for the winners!



### **Annual Wine Tasting**

Thursday, April 14, 6 - 8 p.m.  
T&B's Celebration Center, Waterville

Join us for our popular wine tasting fundraiser. Kick back, unwind after work, and mingle with other proud supporters of The Maine Children's Home for Little Wanderers.

The wine tasting will take place at 6 p.m. at the T&B Event Center, 6 Jefferson Street in Waterville.

Tickets are \$30 and are available at the administrative and development offices at The Maine Children's Home campus at 93 Silver Street, Waterville or by calling 872-0261. We accept MasterCard and Visa over the phone.

Tickets include two wine glasses and hors d'oeuvres.

### **Friends' Annual Yard Sale**

Saturday, June 4  
The Maine Children's Home campus, Waterville

The [Friends organization](#) at The Maine Children's Home is now accepting gently used furniture for the annual yard sale to benefit the [Summer Camp Scholarship Program](#).

Please call 872-0261 to make arrangements to deliver your donations.

*Please Note: We do not accept used adult clothing, stuffed animals or any items requiring a disposal fee such as mattresses, large electronics, etc.*

As always, thank you for your contributions!

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## A Night of Music Benefited The Maine Children's Home

Thank you to Big E Entertainment (Eric Lunt) and Friends for sharing your incredible talent with a full house in Winkin Auditorium at Lunder Hall on The Maine Children's Home campus during a benefit concert late last month. We appreciate your generosity and the impressive talent!



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## Shopping on Amazon?!

At [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) you can shop just like you always do on Amazon, but for every purchase you make, they will give to a charity of your choice. Please select The Maine Children's Home as your charity of choice!

