

# Together

## **Model Places & Inspiring Faces** **Monday, April 15, 1:00 – 4:00 PM** Paul J. Schupf Art Center 93 Main Street, Waterville, ME

An afternoon of sharing and reflection inspired by the art and stories created during the *Together* project as a point of departure for two programs, one spotlighting Waterville's South End neighborhood as a model for providing activities that support youth and family wellbeing, and the other exploring efforts underway to make Waterville a more welcoming and caring place for those affected by Substance Use Disorder (SUD).

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### **1:00-1:30 – Reception**

View the *Together* and *Playscape* art exhibitions at the Paul J. Schupf Art Center while enjoying appetizers and refreshments from Wild Clover Café and Bixby Chocolates, and hands-on activities for children and their caregivers with the Children's Discovery Museum's Mobile Museum. This event also includes Narcan training courtesy of MaineGeneral's Harm Reduction Program.

### **1:30-2:30 – Part I: Modeling Youth & Family Engagement in South End**

1:30-1:35 – Welcome from Peter Bruun, artist behind the *Together* project, and an opening jazz duet performed by Isreal Carpenter and James Richard.

1:35-1:50 – Opening with Julia Ritchie sharing art she made for Together, and a look at how the South End Teen Center (SETC) and Alford Youth & Community Center (AYCC) serve teens featuring remarks by Monica Grady, Senior Director at SETC, and Christine Johnson, Senior Director of Child & Youth Development at AYCC. A guitar duet performed by Julia Ritchie and Tristan Conrad closes this portion of the program.

1:50-2:10 – An interactive demonstration of the value of outdoor recreational activities for children by Paula Raymond, Quality of Life Committee Chair for the South End Neighborhood Association (SENA), Christine Johnson, Senior Director of Child & Youth Development for AYCC, and a handful of young friends. Caitlin Walker (Program Director for the Children's Discovery Museum) will join them to talk about programs for South End and beyond.

2:10-2:30 – Remarks by SENNA Chair Anna Holdener sharing what the neighborhood association is and how it works, followed by reflections from SENNA volunteer Janet Johnson and a presentation and discussion on the importance of community associations for neighborhood health and cohesiveness.

### **2:30-2:45 Break**

### **2:45-3:45 – Part II: Why a Recovery Community Center for Waterville**

2:45-2:50 – Welcome (Peter Bruun)

2:50-3:10 – An introduction to programs and people working to make a positive difference in the lives of those affected by SUD in the Waterville area, featuring Katlynn Beaumont (Substance Abuse Counselor at Waterville Comprehensive Treatment), Officer Robert Bouley II (Coordinator of Project HOPE), Carla Caron (Board President for the Waterville Area Soup Kitchen), Tina Chapman (Senior Engagement Officer at Kennebec Behavioral Health), Lauren Hunt (Program Coordinator for MaineGeneral's Harm Reduction Program), Dawn Kearns (OPTIONS Liaison for Kennebec County), Jodi Kern (Peer Recovery Coach for the Waterville Comprehensive Treatment Center), and Todd Stevens (Waterville's Community Outreach Coordinator).

3:10-3:15 – Music (Nolan Veilleux, acoustic guitar)

3:15-3:40 – A presentation on the value of recovery community centers followed by community conversation on current efforts to create one in the Waterville area. The presenters listed above will be joined by individuals in recovery from SUD who have made art as part of the Together project, who will offer testimonials.

3:40-3:45 – Closing Music (Nolan Veilleux, acoustic guitar)