

Kennebunk Savings Bank Foundation Grants Step Up Parents \$10,000 for Southern Maine Expansion

Seacoast, New Hampshire and Southern Maine, February 7, 2023 - Step Up Parents was recently given a fantastic boost to its plans to start offering services in Southern Maine later this year. Kennebunk Savings Bank Foundation has awarded the organization a \$10,000 grant to support its expansion through its Spotlight Fund.

"We've seen the tremendous work Step Up Parents has done in New Hampshire and are excited to help them expand into Maine where the need is equally as great," said Bradford C. Paige, President and CEO of Kennebunk Savings. "Our commitment to the issue of substance use disorder includes support for prevention programs and recovery services, but also includes support for great organizations like Step Up Parents that are providing critical assistance to family members, and especially children, of those who are struggling."

As a mutual organization, Kennebunk Savings is proudly committed to contributing 10% of its annual earnings to area nonprofit organizations through our Community Promise program. Each year, a portion of the Community Promise commitment is directed to the Spotlight Fund, intending to use the funds to make a meaningful difference in specific issues impacting our communities.

"Expanding into Southern Maine was a natural progression for us," said Denyse Richter, Executive Director and Founder of Step Up Parents. "The kinship population and need are very similar to New Hampshire. We are excited to offer assistance to deserving Maine kinship families and proud to partner with Kennebunk Savings to help fund this exciting initiative."

If you or someone you know is a relative caregiver raising children of a loved one struggling with substance misuse, please visit www.stepupparents.org, call 603-319-4739, or email info@stepupparents.org.

We rely solely on donations. To donate, please visit www.stepupparents.org/donate or mail to PO Box 1603, Portsmouth, NH, 03801.

About Step Up Parents: Founded in 2019 and based in Portsmouth, NH, Step Up Parents offers financial assistance to relative caregivers in New Hampshire who have selflessly stepped up to raise children whose parents struggle with substance use disorder. We are dedicated to honoring the efforts of these caregivers, preserving their dignity, and responding to their families' immediate needs. Step Up Parents believes that "even heroes need a hand."