

The Write Up

IA news & updates



August 2023



IA's Annual Dinner September 13, 2023

Independence Association will be holding its **Annual Dinner on Wednesday, September 13th** at the Brunswick High School, 5-8pm.

This will be the first time we have been able to hold this event in-person since 2019 and look forward to seeing everyone together again.

The Annual Dinner is an opportunity for IA to celebrate our clients and their families, our staff, our volunteers, and our community members. The event will include dinner followed by an award ceremony, guest speaker, and photo



Spindleworks Gardiner Coming Soon!

Spindleworks will be opening a new, permanent location in Gardiner in September. Our studio and gallery space will be located at *221 Water Street Gardiner, Maine*.

The Spindleworks Gardiner location (formerly known as Spinoff) will be a shared community space that will offer workshops, exhibits, events, and creative activities for artists of all abilities.

Stay tuned for opening date info.

In the meantime, visit:

slideshow.

More details to follow.

RSVP required to:
hhendricks@iaofmaine.org.



Can you help us with our wish list?

Most needed:

Propane Grill - the grill at our Parkway location was given to us in 2017 and is on its last legs. The grill is used regularly by our Community Vision program.

Pot and Pan sets - with 10 group homes, certain items are used frequently and need to be replaced often. We currently have multiple group homes in need of new pot and pan sets.

Always needed:

Full-size body wash, shampoo, and conditioner; deodorant; toothbrushes and toothpaste; sponges; utensil sets, dishware; towels (bath, face, and hand), sheet sets, and pillows.

our Brunswick location at 11 Lincoln Street;
our Hallowell location at 202 Water Street;
or online at spindleworks.independenceassociation.org



We're Hiring

Join our Team Today!

Visit our [careers page](#) to apply or email [Brian Trelegan](#), our Onboarding Specialist.

Direct Support Professionals

(Full Time = 3 days/week - 12 hour shifts)
Part-time and weekday positions available

Adult Case Manager

Adult Group Home Manager

Shared Living Providers

New or gently used items can be dropped off at:
Independence Association
3 Industrial Parkway, Suite 1
Brunswick, ME

Not in the area? [Shop our Target Wish List](#) to have items shipped directly to IA.

Donate your time:

Volunteers are used in a variety of capacities. Do you have a special skill you would like to share? Are you able to make a meal for one of our homes? Available to help us during our Annual Dinner?

Contact [Hilary Hendricks](#) for more information on volunteer opportunities.

Family Advisory Council

Our Family Advisory Council is a partnership of families, staff, and community members who are dedicated to improving the lives of those with developmental disabilities through advocacy, information sharing, and education.

If you are interested in learning more about our Family Advisory Council, please reach out and email David Cowing at CowingDavid@gmail.com



Community Inclusion

At Independence Association, we believe that the communities we serve are stronger when they are diverse. That is why ensuring the inclusion of people with disabilities in the community has been a fundamental principle since our founding in 1966.

Recently, ten clients and two staff members visited The Patriots Hall of Fame in Foxborough (pictured above).

Last year, we spent **over 67,000 hours in our communities** through our weekly bowling league, volunteering, hiking and camping, museum trips, and so much more.

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Ways to Give:
[Join our Monthly Giving Program](#)

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How Your Gift Will Benefit Independence Association:

Your gift today helps provide top quality services personalized to meet the needs of even those most challenged by their disabilities.

The majority of Independence Association's funding comes from government sources, with philanthropic support filling in the gap between the level of funding that service payors offer and the quality of service that Independence Association is committed to provide. As the costs of providing supports increases, we have seen that gap widen.

For more information on our endowment and trusts, please contact [Laird Yock](#).

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