



## DONOR IMPACT UPDATE SPRING 2024

### ***SPURWINK IS GROWING!***

This spring, thanks to your generous investments, Spurwink has experienced tremendous growth and has seen firsthand the positive impact you have cultivated for individuals and families in our communities!

SPURWINK SERVICES  
EXPANDED TO  
**10,000 MAINERS**

Tri-County Mental Health Services has joined with Spurwink as of April 1, adding 160 employees, expanding services in Lewiston as well as Androscoggin, Franklin, Oxford, and northern Cumberland Counties, and ensuring exceptional behavioral health services continue uninterrupted for 1,500 Maine people with mental health and substance use needs.

**YOUR INVESTMENT  
EXPANDED SPURWINK'S  
CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS  
MANAGEMENT (CISM) TEAM  
TO PROVIDE:**



**over 350 individuals with grief support**



**over 70 partnering schools and organizations with trauma response and debriefing**



**15 staff with training in evidence-based practices**

**500+**



**ALLTECH  
ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY  
DEVICES DISTRIBUTED FOR  
REUSE IN THE LAST YEAR**

Resales of equipment such as manual and power wheelchairs, hearing devices, and adaptive keyboards, has increased by 97% from this time last year, saving Mainers over \$196,000 on accessibility needs. The growth in ALLTECH programs was made possible by generous equipment donations, expanded outreach efforts, and our new accessible location at 295 Forest Avenue, Suite 4, in Portland, attached to Hannaford.

Thanks to your support and a grant from the Celia Lipton Farris and Victor W. Farris Foundation Home Community Fund at the Maine Community Foundation, we are expanding our CISM team who provides group and individual debrief and grief support following significant personal events such as loss of life, serious injury, or community-wide events such as the recent tragic events in Lewiston.



# JOBE

## Spurwink Student Story

When Jobe came to Spurwink, he struggled with low self-esteem, believing he was a “bad kid.” A year later, through the work of caring teachers, clinicians, and dedicated school staff, Jobe has grown his self-concept and now says Spurwink is his “happy place.”

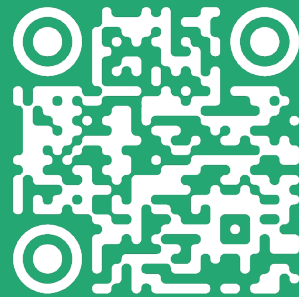
Daniel Dranetz, Clinical Supervisor at Spurwink, shared his progress, “Jobe has a lot of strengths that we try to build on, so when I meet with him it’s not just focusing on the areas where he needs to improve ... we try to work on his self-concept and really help him recognize the little successes and progress that he’s made along the way. He’s a very good friend to other kids – he’s very empathetic, very compassionate. We noticed he has an interest in kids with more profound developmental disabilities that we also have here in the program. Jobe asked if he could work with those kids as kind of a peer support friend and we have encouraged that, really trying to

build on his strength of being a nurturing and compassionate young man.”

Michelle McNamara, one of Jobe’s teachers, shared, “just seeing him learn and grow and trust and build skills; he’s why we do this work.”

Waitlists are long. Your investment ensures that children receive the care they need. Every child deserves to know their value and thrive.

**To learn more about how your investment changes the lives of students like Jobe, scan the QR code to the right to watch our video presented at Spurwink’s 2024 Humanitarian Awards:**



Thank you for supporting Spurwink and helping people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds, and their families lead engaged, connected, and meaningful lives in their communities.

# TOGETHER, WE ARE SPURWINK!