



## Giving Back

For 2019 Biddeford Pool Community Center has allocated \$2,000.00 to be divided by four students from the Biddeford High School for higher education. This is a tradition that has been in place at BPCC since the 1960's and in 1992 became the Joan Beaudry Memorial Education Fund. Joan was a teacher in the Biddeford school system for many years so the fund is for students that will be attending college with the intention of becoming a teacher.

BPCC scholarship committee is also providing three students from within our community \$1,000.00 each to further their college education. The applicants were all members or were sponsored by a member and all filed an application. According to the education committee "It was a pleasure and honor to meet and interview the 2019 candidates. All of them are engaged, interesting and intelligent young adults. The committee enthusiastically recommended all of this year's applicants."

**Biddeford Pool Volunteer Fire Department** - Organized in 1901, raised its own money to purchase land and building. New station was built in 1954. The Biddeford Pool Station has 1 District Chief, and 7 call Firefighters. The Station is equipped with (1) 500 gal. 1250 Maxim Pumper, and (1) 1000 gallon pumper. \$100.00

**Community Bicycle Center (CBC)**, [45 Granite Street, Biddeford, ME](#) - The CBC believes that every child deserves a safe place to connect and grow during the critical non-school hours. That's why, thanks to generous donors, the CBC provides year-round, community-based mentoring programs, free of charge, for hundreds of kids annually. From daily, drop-in after school programming to daylong "summer camp" adventures and more, local youth have a place to call their own, caring adults invested in their future, and a reliable "home base" to grow up with in the community. [www.communitybike.net](http://www.communitybike.net)  
\$500.00

**Engine (Propelling the Creative Community)**, **128 Main Street, Biddeford, ME** - Founded on the belief that artistic expression and creative vibrancy are the gateway to cultural, social, and economic revitalization, Engine is committed to designing, launching, and promoting community-based arts programming. Engine aspires to be a driver of artistic expression, creative industry, cultural vitality, community connections, and socially responsible practices. Engine received their 501(c) (3) status in December of 2010. <http://feedtheengine.org/> \$250.00

**Good Shepard Parish, Ester Residence, Saco ME** - A transitional program for women who are leaving an incarceration and/or treatment program. Ester provides up to seven women a safe, nurturing community that is based on safety, respect, and dignity. <http://goodshepherdparish.us/ester-residence> \$500.00

**Heart of Biddeford (a Main Street Maine Community), Biddeford, ME** - The Heart of Biddeford, in partnership with the City of Biddeford, the business community, property owners, and residents, fosters

economic development and improves the downtown and quality of life within its boundaries by supporting existing businesses, attracting new businesses, promoting the downtown through events, and working to beautify the urban core. Heart of Biddeford received their 501(c) (3) status in 2005.

<http://heartofbiddeford.org/> \$250.00

**The Maine Way, Inc. (Working to Build a Better Community), 73 South Street, Biddeford, ME** – Their goal is to provide resources and affordable housing to assist people in their transition from homelessness to independence they have seven rooms. The Maine Way is a tax exempt not-for-profit 501(c) (3) charitable organization. <http://themainewayinc.org/> \$500.00

**Seeds of Hope Neighborhood Center, 35 South Street, Biddeford, ME** – Part of a collaborative which opened a drop-in center offering hospitality and support to all who pass through their doors. They are a 501 (c) (3) non-profit charitable organization, non-sectarian and open to all people regardless of faith. <http://www.seedsofhope4me.org/> \$500.00

**Stone Soup Food Pantry, 316 Main Street, Biddeford, ME** – mostly produce and bread products. Some furniture and clothing when available. [www.facebook.com/pages/Stone-Soup-Food-Pantry/134064199979428](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Stone-Soup-Food-Pantry/134064199979428) \$500.00

**Volunteers of America Veterans Career House, West Street, Biddeford, ME** - The Veterans Career House provides safe supportive transitional housing and support services to male Veterans who are homeless. Our evidence-based programming helps Veterans gain stability and life skills to re-enter their community and the work force. This eight-room facility is in a rural setting and offers private or semi-private rooms with shared living, dining, kitchen, recreation, and bathroom areas. Heat, laundry, electricity, and hot water are included. <https://www.voanne.org/veterans-career-house> \$500.00