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Pursuant to 13-B MRSA §403, the undersigned, acting as incorporator(s) of a corporation, adopt(s) the following Articles of Incorporation:

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_____ Deputy Secretary of State
A True Copy Whom Attested By Signature
_____ Deputy Secretary of State

FIRST: The name of the corporation is Preble Street Resource Center

SECOND: The corporation is organized for all purposes permitted under Title 13-B, MRSA, or, if not for all such purposes, then for the following purpose or purposes:

THIRD: The name of its Registered Agent and address of registered office: (The Registered Agent must be a Maine resident, whose business office is identical with the registered office of a corporation, domestic or foreign, profit or nonprofit, having an office identical with such registered office.)

Name Joseph D. Kreisler
Street & Number 96 Falmouth Street
City Portland, Maine 04103
(zip code)

FOURTH: The number of directors (not less than 3) constituting the initial board of directors of the corporation, if they have been designated or elected, is 7.

The minimum number of directors (not less than 3) shall be 7 and the maximum number of directors shall be 20.

FIFTH: Members: ☒ There shall be no members.
("X" one box only) ☐ There shall be one or more classes of members, and the information required by §402 is as follows:

SIXTH: ☐ (Check if this article is to apply)

No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

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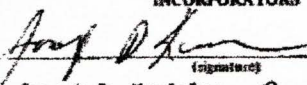
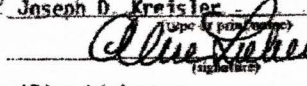
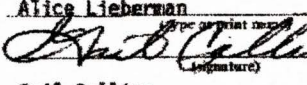
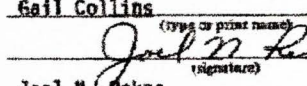
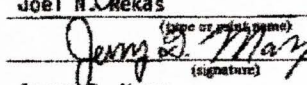
SEVENTH: ☐ (Check if this article is to apply. Then fill in reference number of Section 501(c) ?) in first paragraph below.)

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation or the termination of its activities, the assets of the Corporation remaining after the payment of all its liabilities shall be distributed exclusively to one or more organizations organized and operated exclusively for such purposes as shall then qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)() of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, and as a charitable, religious, eleemosynary, benevolent or educational corporation within the meaning of Title 13B, of the Maine Revised Statutes as amended.

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member, director, or officer of the Corporation, or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the Corporation in carrying out one or more of its purposes), and no member, director, or officer of the Corporation, or any private individual, shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the Corporation.

EIGHTH: Other provisions of these articles, if any, including provisions for the regulation of the internal affairs of the corporation, and distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation:

Dated: 3-4-85

INCORPORATORS	ADDRESSES
 (signature) Joseph D. Kreisler (type or print name)	Street <u>9 MATTHEW ST</u> <u>PORTLAND, ME 04103</u> (city, state and zip code)
 (signature) Alice Lieberman (type or print name)	Street <u>33 High Street</u> <u>Yarmouth, ME 04096</u> (city, state and zip code)
 (signature) Gail Collins (type or print name)	Street <u>27 State Street</u> <u>Portland, ME 04101</u> (city, state and zip code)
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4 messages

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To: wachholz@usm.maine.edu, wachholz@maine.edu

Tue, Jan 24, 2017 at 1:52 PM

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here's a few dates/times that work for me to do just that:

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Wednesday, 2/1 anytime from 11 - 3
Friday, 2/3 anytime from 2 - 4
Monday, 2/6 anytime from 10 - 4

let me know as soon as you can if any of these times work as my calendar gets filled up quickly these days. thanks

swannie

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Mark R. Swann, MSPA
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Great to hear
Joe's legacy
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Tue, Jan 24, 2017 at 4:13 PM

To: Sandra Wachholz <wachholz@maine.edu>

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Sandra Wachholz <wachholz@maine.edu>
To: Mark Swann <mswann@preblestreet.org>

Tue, Jan 24, 2017 at 5:04 PM

Hi Mark: Thanks for this detail. He must have been a very special person. Best, Sandy

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Mark Swann <mswann@preblestreet.org>
To: Sandra Wachholz <wachholz@maine.edu>

Mon, Jan 30, 2017 at 12:34 PM

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Sandra Wachholz <wachholz@maine.edu>
To: Mark Swann <mswann@preblestreet.org>

Wed, Feb 1, 2017 at 8:23 PM

Hi Mark: Say, quick request: Would you kindly pass on Florence's email address? Thank you so much, Sandy Wachholz

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Mark Swann <mswann@preblestreet.org>
To: Sandra Wachholz <wachholz@maine.edu>, Florence Young <fyoung@unitedwaygp.org>

Thu, Feb 2, 2017 at 9:23 AM

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Sandy,

she's at fyoung@unitedwaygp.org i'll let her know you might be in touch,

swannie

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Sandra Wachholz <wachholz@maine.edu>
To: Mark Swann <mswann@preblestreet.org>

Thu, Feb 2, 2017 at 7:24 PM

Hi Mark: Ah, thanks so much! Sandy

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Breakfast at Preble Street

I see you there
And the sound
of your voice
and the surprise
in your eyes
and the torrent
of words
and the wonder
of their lives
and we are forever
In that room
where the sun dances
through the shadows
above the place
where love stops
and stays
with them and us
for yet awhile
and they and you
and me
and all of us
with bagel and coffee
celebrate the mass.

—Joe Kreisler
(Preble Street founder)

Maine Sunday Telegram

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Resourceful? Joe Kreisler wrote the book

● The Preble Street Resource Center's founder, at 79, is still an unstoppable force for good works.

By ABBY ZIMET
Staff Writer

On a day like any other day, Portland's Preble Street Resource Center is packed with people needing something they don't have in life: food, clothes, a phone, a sense of worth. When Joe Kreisler arrives, he raises a strong, staunch hand in greeting, again and again.

The crowd, he says, never abates. "It goes on and on," he shrugs.

And so he is still here. Kreisler - inveterate schmoozer, tireless troublemaker, founder of Preble Street, truly a mentor in his teaching and living - is what one friend calls "a natural-born humanitarian" who for 60 years has been fighting the good fight on behalf of justice as he sees it.

In that he has followed the tenets of his



Staff photo by John Ewing

Joe Kreisler and his infectious smile are a regular sight at the Preble Street Resource Center in Portland. Kreisler, a longtime social welfare professor and activist, founded the center.

Jewish immigrant father and uncle, who taught him to have a "Yiddishe kop Yiddishe hart" - to use both head and heart to be a mensch, a good person, a human being.

Radicalized by the Depression, he took that to mean an advocate, and did as he was told. At age 14, he picketed his father's soda pop factory for the buck and a quarter he felt he was owed, marching with a placard that said "My Father Unfair to Organized Labor."

He became a child welfare caseworker, a tenants' rights organizer, a professor of social welfare, a clear-eyed, straight-talking activist known for solving seemingly intractable problems. In 1974, he founded Preble Street, an alternative, accessible "little experiment" aimed at sending the poor one message: "If you can't get what you need, we're here."

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Maine Sunday Telegram, August 1, 1999

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At 79, he remains essentially unchanged: raucous laugh, sandpaper voice with a nasal New York edge, big heart that makes, in the words of one friend, "his Joe-ness shine forth." He is still an impassioned radical, his from-the-gut politics unsoftened by the passage of time. He is a professor emeritus and "wandering consultant" to Preble. He is a great-grandfather who speaks five languages, badly.

And he is a relentlessly regular guy, an intellectual who speaks plain English "so people can understand what the hell you're talking about." The disenfranchised, he says, are "treated lousy," and shouldn't be.

"I'm a human being. Part of my job, part of being alive is making sure that other people are, too," he says. "There is always some poor person out there who needs something."

Shaped by culture, times

Kreisler was shaped by genes and culture and the time in which he lived. His father's family were poor farmers in an area that is now Ukraine. Armed with a third-grade education, his father, Adolf (Abraham in English), left in 1905. He met Kreisler's mother on New York's Lower East Side, gritty home to many Jewish immigrants.

His parents were "old-country" but lenient. His mother lost two of six children, and died at 30 after childbirth. He remembers seeing her in the hospital the night before her death. He was 5.

By then his father had a small soda pop factory and grocery store in Yonkers, an industrial immigrant town where "the world was made up of Catholics and Jews." In his Orthodox family, Hebrew was a daily requisite: "I'd put the marbles away, and go to shul."

Growing up in the turbulent 1930s, he was a hell-raising kid who gave speeches about revolution "just to get the cops mad." When his rowdiness moved them to take away his football, he went to the police station and argued his 14th Amendment rights to get it back.

A cousin mentored him in radical politics, and so did the times.

After high school, Kreisler found "a different world" at the University of Oklahoma, where Jim Crow laws submitted blacks to curfews and separate drinking fountains. He studied political science, and started a secondhand bookstore after deciding the school store made unacceptably high profits.

The world was changing: the Depression, the New Deal, the Spanish Civil War. It was a time of utopian dreams, "when we believed it was possible to build a world where people respected each other."

He graduated in 1942, married, joined the Army, and graduated from Officers' Training School the day after the war ended. At loose ends, he returned to New York, got a master's degree in Chinese history, earned a

Fulbright scholarship, studied Chinese in Holland.

Overeducated, he returned to New York and worked loading trucks at the post office. In 1954, he found his place in the world.

Prodded by a friend, he got a job as a caseworker for the child welfare department. Living and working in the South Bronx with poor blacks and Puerto Ricans, he embarked on a life-long education.

He saw single mothers struggling to raise several children in one room, with no kitchen. He saw gangs, drugs, death at an early age. He saw a de-meaning system that made it hard to keep kids out of foster homes when their mother had a breakdown and a neighbor couldn't get the \$5 a week assistance he needed to care for them. Every fall, on the new marvel that was television, he saw the angry dawn of desegregation, and "white people yelling at black kids."

Prosperous post-war America, he says, was much like now: "Here we are, richer than hell, but absolutely stingy about poor people."

In his late 30s, he went back to school and got a degree in social work. In 1959, he came to Orono as a psychiatric social worker at a children's mental health clinic run by John Romanyszyn.

'Eternal blood friends'

Romanyszyn says he and Kreisler have been "eternal blood friends" since grade school. Kreisler, he says, is "the most talented social worker I've ever known. He has a natural affinity for people. There is no vanity. He meets everybody as an equal human being."

Kreisler returned to New York to run Mobilization for Youth, a project on the Lower East Side that was a precursor for Preble Street. With many poor people not getting what they needed, it was a determinedly low-barrier, neighborhood-based alternative.

Kreisler started out setting up a drop-in center. He was soon organizing tenant strikes and welfare rights groups, and fighting City Hall - including the welfare department where he'd started.

"I thought people had the right to decent housing, health care and employment. To be treated with respect, to be listened to. Their kids had the right to education. These were rights, not privileges."

On Aug. 15, 1964 - a day he was in Washington to hear Congress debate the Gulf of Tonkin resolution - a front-page story in The New York Times dubbed Mobilization "a hotbed of Communism." He laughs with pride, remembering.

Still, he was almost 50, with three kids. He was growing weary of his routine: "Get up in the morning, go see who's pushing who around, try to get them to stop doing it."

In 1972 he came to Portland to teach social welfare at USM. His department head was Romanyszyn; he later inherited his title.

Kreisler was, by all accounts, an informal, committed teacher who inspired many. Florence Young, who met him as an undergraduate and is

now director of social work at Preble Street, praises his ability "to let people learn in their own way, and not be judgmental."

To Barbara Rich, who taught with him, Kreisler is "the godfather of social work. He doesn't just teach it, he lives it, it's who he is."

"He makes everyone bloom; he helps bring forth everyone's best effort," she says. "If we lost all the social worker textbooks in the world, all we would need is Joe Kreisler to inspire us."

Wryly, Kreisler acknowledges that people talk of "a Joe Kreisler model of social work," but he has no idea what they mean.

"I know one guy who uses the model," he laughs, "and he's an authoritative bastard."

Kreisler was an academic whose heart was in the community. He prodded his students to intern in social service agencies, and learn from their real-life work. He marched with the homeless, picketed to support the United Farmworkers' lettuce boycott, and sang carols outside when the City Council was voting on general assistance.

To the poor and their advocates, Kreisler was an adept problem-solver, both optimist and realist. Bob Philbrook, director of the welfare rights organization We Who Care, calls him "a gentle man who was always there when you needed him."

High Street center first

In 1974 Kreisler started High Street Resource Center, staffed by student interns. In 1985 it became Preble Street. Today students still work there, along with a paid staff of about 35. Housed under one roof is a vast coalition of social service agencies trying to get up to 300 people a day what they need: breakfast, counseling, a roof.

Praised as a progressive new model of social activism, Preble Street is in fact as old as social work itself, says Mark Swann, its director since 1991. In its open-ended approach, it resembles settlement houses set up in the 1890s to help the urban poor, no stigma or strings attached.

"It's the notion of, 'There seem to be a lot of needs out there in the neighborhood. Let's open the doors and see what happens,'" he says.

Preble differed from bureaucracy-loaded agencies that stipulated they could only, Swann jokes, "help a left-handed person with a substance-abuse problem whose mother was French Canadian." Preble Street "looked at a person as whole, with strengths and weaknesses, human being to human being."

Says Mike Brennan, a legislator who has known Kreisler since the 1970s, "Joe has taken his credentials and put them on the side of people who don't normally win." Kreisler's life, he suggests, proves "you never really retire when you have a set of values you live by."

Kreisler's singular idea of retirement became clear when he was awarded the 1987 Social Worker of the Year award by his peers. His response: "There is always plenty to do."

At 79, he is still busy, still fiery, and still sounds like a longshoreman. In his fob hat, untucked shirt and "Hike For the Homeless" button, he looks like a grandfather with attitude.

He and his wife, Frances, have three grown kids, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He works, sees the kids, makes videos, dabbles in languages: He learned a bit of Malay in the Army, and speaks Yiddish, Chinese, Spanish and French, "all badly."

Omnivorous reader

And he reads. On his shelves are "Jewish Folklore," "Letters of Virginia Woolf," "An Oral History of the Civil Rights Movement," "The Life and Work of Freud," D.H. Lawrence, Maya Angelou, Steinbeck, Camus. And the Bible, which he dug out after an anti-gay letter in the newspaper quoted a passage from Matthew: "I didn't think it sounded like Jesus, so I looked it up."

His favorite book is Louis-Ferdinand Celine's "Journey to the End of Night" - though he admits he is troubled that the author of an anti-war story "turned out to be a terrible Fascist."

"He didn't turn out to be," retorts Frances. "He always was."

They debate a moment before she breezily departs with, "We've been arguing about this book for 60 years." They are clearly good friends. Her only complaint: He's sloppy and tends to "romanticism, I mean about people - the big 'R.'"

In the kitchen of their small Munjoy Hill house sits a glitzy watering can from Maine Initiatives, the "Social Landscape Artist Award" they gave Kreisler in May. "Water to the Roots and Plenty of It," it says, and he is following the dictum.

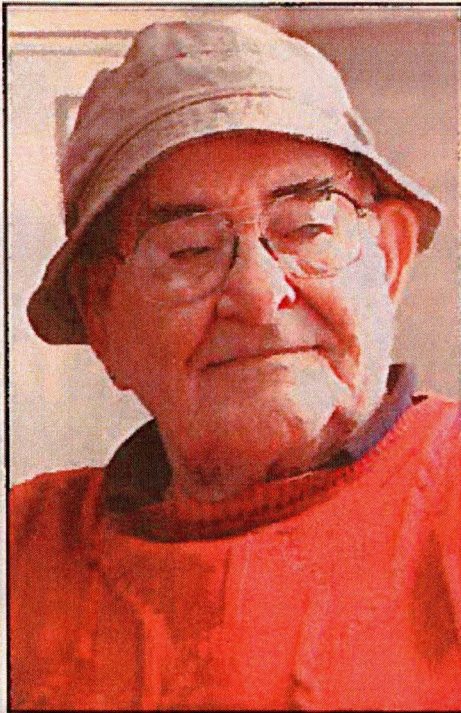
He stopped teaching in 1992, but still supervises student interns. He works at Preble Street every day, serves on the board, attends weekly staff meetings, leads training and retreats. He is on a host of other boards and committees. But he continues to focus on what he calls "a whole population that's been cast aside."

Over time he has seen Preble get better at some things, like helping the mentally ill. He has seen people go from welfare to teaching, social work, new lives.

Still, massive needs remain: housing, jobs, health care, AIDS. Looking around him, Kreisler says he "periodically feels a lot of pain - anyone halfway human has to."

Young, in New York in the 1960s, "we maybe thought, if we all did a good job, we could save the world." And today? He shrugs, Yiddish head and heart battling. Yeah, sure, within reason, why not?

"The world's complicated," he says calmly. "You do it in your own way."



'He was our inspiration': Fighter of injustice dies at 82

By JOSHUA L. WEINSTEIN
Staff Writer

Fire burned in Joe Kreisler's belly early and long.

He was a hell-raiser in the 1930s, giving speeches about revolution, he once explained, "just to get the cops mad."

He kept at it when he got older, fighting injustice wherever and whenever he saw it.

The late Joe Kreisler founded the Preble Street Resource Center in Portland in 1974. Today, the agency has 35 employees and serves about 5,000 people each year.

File photo

Over the years, he taught at the University of Southern Maine, founded the Preble Street Resource Center and inspired hundreds of people.

He only stopped raising hell on Saturday, when he died. He was 82, but had the same edge and fire he had when he was 14 and picketing his father's soda pop factory, holding a sign that said, "My Father Unfair to Organized Labor."

Hate is a strong word, but Kreisler hated injustice, hated hypocrisy. As a social worker, professor of social work and head of USM's social work department, it was his mission, his job and his crusade to help others.

Kreisler founded the Preble Street Resource Center in 1974 - two years after moving to Portland. The center began as the

High Street Resource Center. He started it as a place for social work students to gain experience.

But Kreisler kept seeing need, and the center expanded.

It now is a \$1.5-million-a-year agency with 35 employees. More important, some 5,000 people use its services each year. About 240 eat breakfast there every day and about 210 have dinner there.

"He was pivotal, absolutely pivotal, to getting this thing started," Mark Swann, the center's executive director, said Monday. "Joe is not a founder, a retired guy that we only see at board meetings or annual meetings. He

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had a daily presence here. He was here every day, he was still supervising students. He'd come here just to check in with people and show some support for the staff."

He was important at the center and important at USM, said Barbara Rich, an associate professor of social work.

"When he was our chair, he was our inspiration," she said. "He was a visionary, and he brought together the essence of social work and the

profession of social work - the academic part and the heart."

She recalled meetings where people would introduce themselves by name and title and accomplishment.

When it came Kreisler's turn to introduce himself, he'd say, with that scratchy voice that still carried around Yonkers, N.Y., "Hi. I'm Joe."

Kreisler had fancy academic credentials. After graduating from the University of Oklahoma, he enlisted in the Army. After that, he received two master's degrees, one in American history and another in Chinese history, from Columbia University. He then was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to study Chinese history

at Leiden University in Holland. He returned to the United States and got a job with the New York City Department of Child Welfare. He then got another master's degree, this one in social work, from Columbia.

He lived briefly in Bangor, where he worked as a mental health counselor at Eastern Maine Guidance Center. He returned in 1972, to teach at USM, where he remained until his retirement in 1988.

He loved Maine, his daughter, Janice Bailey, said.

"He especially loved the coast, and he and my mother would go for long drives all over the state."

He loved laughing, as well, and

used to find delight in jokes he had heard dozens of times, in movies he had seen forever.

Kreisler had a presence and an intensity that friends and colleagues say made him seem bigger than life.

"An awful lot of people have been touched by him in this town," said Leslie Richfield, whom Kreisler hired as USM's social work field coordinator. "When someone's like him, it's easy to imagine that they're just going to go on and on."

His work, at least, will.

Staff Writer Joshua L. Weinstein can be contacted at 791-6368 or at jweinstein@pressherald.com

December 12, 2012

Portland teen shelter a testament to 'average' Joe

By BILL NEMITZ

Some frigid night this winter, it will happen. One of the two dozen homeless kids at the Joe Kreisler Teen Shelter will look out at the ice, the snow, the anything-but-friendly darkness and ask, "Who was Joe Kreisler?"

"He was just a guy, really," replied David Kreisler, Joe's son, this week as workers put the finishing touches on the shelter at 38 Preble St. "But he always cared about the community."

Added Janice Bailey, Joe's daughter: "He was just the sweetest, sweetest man."

Joe Kreisler, for the record, was the founder of what is now known simply as Preble Street -- the social services agency in Portland that for more than a quarter-century has reached out and caught the poor, the homeless, the mentally ill and others whose lives are in free fall.

But to truly understand what made the man tick, consider what he said in an interview with this newspaper a few years before he died in 2002 at the age of 82.

"I'm a human being," said Kreisler. "Part of my job, part of being alive, is making sure that other people are, too. There is always some poor person out there who needs something."

These days, talk like that can set off a cyber storm of criticism from those who hear "poor people" and think "cycle of dependency," or "culture of entitlement," or some other far-right catch phrase that equates lack of resources with lack of character.

No matter. Joe Kreisler, if he were still around, would say it anyway.

He came to Portland in 1972 to teach social work at the University of Southern Maine. But he was a rabble rouser long before that.

Growing up on the streets of Yonkers in the 1930s, a son of "old-country" Jewish parents, Kreisler once stomped into a police station to demand the return of a football that police had confiscated from him and his friends during a pickup game on the street. His objection: The cops had violated his 14th Amendment right to due process.

Another time, upset at the low wages he received at his father's soda pop factory, young Joe picketed the plant with a sign proclaiming, "My Father Unfair to Organized Labor."

Actually, Joe's father was anything but anti-labor. One Saturday, on their way to get groceries and buy Joe a toy, his father came across a picket line of striking workers and, just like that, joined the line.

"Dad's over there making a fool of himself," Joe muttered to his mother. "And I'm not getting anything!"

Then there was the time in 1964 when The New York Times ran a piece about Mobilization for Youth, a program for poor people that Kreisler ran at the time on Manhattan's Lower East Side. The project, declared the Times, was "a hotbed of Communism."



Joe Kreisler
John Ewing / Staff File Photo

Joe took that as a compliment.

In short, Kreisler's life centered not just on talking about what he thought was right, but, more importantly, rolling up his sleeves and doing something about it.

Thus it made perfect sense when, upon coming to USM to teach under his longtime friend and mentor John Romanyshyn, Kreisler insisted on taking his students out of the classroom and onto the streets of Portland.

Out of that avant-garde "lab" work, the High Street Resource Center was born. Then, in 1985, it moved to and became Preble Street.

Executive Director Mark Swann, who still remembers Kreisler offering him his job via a balky answering machine in 1991, estimates that more than 400 social work students have cycled through Preble Street over the decades. Most of them, including Portland Mayor Michael Brennan, worked directly under Kreisler's tutelage.

"He was my field-placement supervisor for a year when I was at Preble Street in the early 1990s," said Brennan, who at the time was studying for his master's degree in social work at the University of New England.

"I think it was a great example of taking the ivory tower to the streets," said Brennan. "That type of rich opportunity for people who are going to school, to be able to also be involved in the community that way, I don't think you can measure the value of that."

Kreisler, according to son David, often bristled at social programs that greeted the needy with means testing and other bureaucratic hurdles before deciding whether to help them.

"Eligibility stuff was all (expletive) to him," said David Kreisler. "If people have a need, you should do what you can to meet it. The door's open."

Which brings us back to the teen shelter. Early next month, it will replace Preble Street's rickety old Lighthouse Shelter for wayward kids, on nearby Elm Street.

The Joe Kreisler Teen Shelter, promises the plaque installed Tuesday near the entrance, will be "a place where acceptance is the rule, and where people truly listen to one another. A place where love stops and stays with them awhile."

Preble Street paid \$2.5 million to buy, renovate and furnish the two-story brick building at the corner of Preble Street and Cumberland Avenue. The agency also has \$1.5 million socked away to operate the shelter for the next 10 years, and offer expanded hours at its nearby Teen Center.

Every penny came from private donations within Maine, said Swann. The low-profile fundraising effort, he said, took only four months to reach its goal.

Joe Kreisler would have stood up and cheered. Or would he?

"As much as he would have loved all the private funding, he would have been troubled about the absence of public funding," said David Kreisler, who was a social worker before he became a Portland attorney 20 years ago. "Because he would think that the community and government -- all of us -- have a role in making sure the disenfranchised have their needs met."

Tuesday evening, members of this community came together to see Preble Street's latest miracle for themselves. Many had personal memories of Joe Kreisler, while others confessed they weren't quite sure who the man was or what he'd accomplished.

All the more reason to name the place after him. As Swann noted, "It's important to honor not just people of great wealth, but also people who have done great work."

Back when she was a girl, Janice Bailey would walk with her father around the canyons of Manhattan. Invariably, he'd point up at the massive skyscraper at the intersection of 42nd Street and Lexington Avenue.

"That's the Chrysler Building," Joe Kreisler would tell his daughter. "But they spelled the name wrong!"

Not this time.

FORUM

AT PREBLE STREET

Joe Kreisler may be gone, but his smile isn't

● Resource center's founder had good words and deeds for everyone, something easily recalled at this time of year.

By MARK R. SWANN

I miss Joe Kreisler, the founder of Preble Street Resource Center. Joe died this past summer. I think about him a lot, and feel his presence at Preble Street. All of us here miss him.

MAINE VOICES

Exactly as a child who loses a parent struggles through the next holiday season, we at Preble Street feel the tug of sadness amongst the festivities this year. This time of year is always hard for the community at Preble Street, but this year feels even tougher than usual.

Joe started Preble Street in 1975 as an experiment of sorts. He could describe the beginnings of the agency as an effort to develop an organizational model which combined community organizing and activism with the training of social workers, while still meeting basic needs in a neighborhood center kind of setting.

Joe was in his 50s and a very educated and experienced social worker by the time he started Preble Street,

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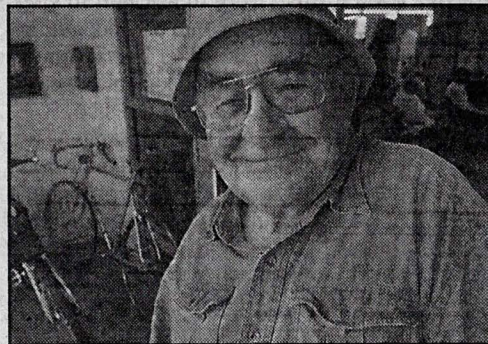
Mark K. Swann is executive director of the Preble Street Resource Center.

and he was able to articulate the model he was creating within a very compelling academic framework.

But, beyond the jargon and the descriptors needed in grant applications, Joe knew that Preble Street Resource Center at its essence was all about people caring for one another. He wanted Preble Street to be a safe place for people, where judgments would be set aside, where acceptance was the rule, and where people truly listened to one another.

Joe was a great listener. He didn't just hear the words coming out of someone's mouth, he heard the person, felt the person, learned the person. While doing so, he also shared himself. Joe was a special person, and he wanted to create a special organization.

Last week Preble Street hosted its annual holiday party. More than 400 people showed up for a hot meal, a small present, caroling and tables full of Christmas cookies. A lot of different kinds of people were there: homeless people, senior citizens, mentally ill people, refugees, unemployed people, alcoholics and drug addicts, disabled people and people in recovery. Joining us also were dozens of



Staff file photo

Joe Kreisler met everyone just like this.

volunteers: bank employees, church members, retired executives, a middle school band and families.

Joe would have loved to have been there. He would have greeted the retired UnumProvident executive with the same warmth and the same big smile as he would the scared teenager trying to get off the streets.

He would have spent time with the homeless Vietnam veteran struggling with alcoholism with the same focus as he would with the church minister helping out in the kitchen. Joe would have walked through the place with his biggest smile and with his biggest wave to all.

As I was thinking about this at the party, and missing Joe, a client joined me in my favorite leaning spot against the dining room wall.

"Mike" came over to say hello and fill me in on what was happening with his life. He told me that he had a place to live, a truck to drive, some

part-time work, and a full belly at night. He doesn't come to Preble Street very much any more, he explained, but wanted to stop by at the party to wish everybody a happy holiday.

Mike was in a great mood, very upbeat and positive. After sharing his situation with me, he asked about my family, my children. He wanted to know how a former staff person, Florence, was making out in her new job. And then, out of the blue, Mike told me how sad it was that Joe wasn't around.

I told him I was thinking the same thing. We then stood in comfortable silence for a few minutes watching the crowd and listening to the carolers. I saw Preble Street staff talking with clients. I watched a friendly volunteer crew hand out presents to a patient line of people. I heard Santa share a laugh with a few small children. I leaned against the wall with Mike and had a wonderful experience. It felt as if Joe was right there with all of us.

I started to think how corny that was, when Mike said, "It's like Joe's still here with us." My jaw dropped. I said, "Mike, I just had the same exact thought. It must be true. He must be here."

His face broke into a big, wide grin. A big smile – just like Joe's.

— Special to the Press Herald

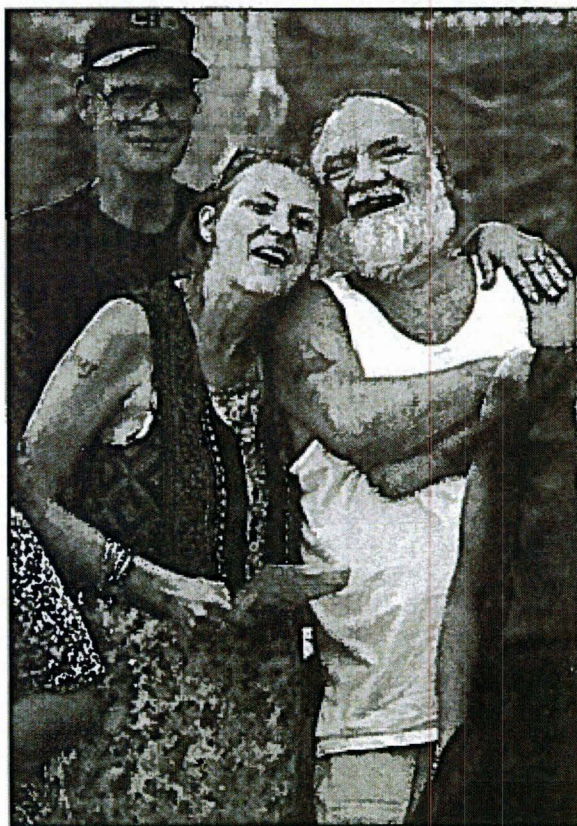


Founder's day

They were powerful, like U.S. Rep. Tom Allen, and not-so-powerful, like Connie Hunter and her friend "Ducky," but Monday they were all the same: mourners. Several hundred people gathered at the parking lot of the Preble Street Resource Center in Portland on Monday afternoon to remember the center's founder, Joe Kreisler, who died Aug. 17.

From 3 until about 5:30 p.m., speaker after speaker offered memories of Kreisler, tributes to Kreisler, and smiles for Kreisler. At the podium in the top photo, Elizabeth Szatkowski, an educational coordinator who worked at the center for 10 years, read a poem in memory of Kreisler, who was 82 when he died. Hunter and Ducky, singing "Amazing Grace" in the photo at right, have used the center's services. Hunter said she met Kreisler only once, but that was enough to show her what kind of man he was. "I was having a bad day," she said, "and he made me smile."

Staff photos by Gregory Rec



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OBITUARIES

Kreisler leaves behind rich legacy of helping others to live better

● The founder of Preble Street Resource Center brought his talents to bear on the problems of others.

With his smarts, his organizational skills and a pocket full of advanced degrees, Joe Kreisler could have been one of the richest guys in town.

He could have assembled a real estate empire – with no money down, mind you. He could have taken a good idea or invention and built a factory, a name brand and a fortune. He could have run any of the large companies in Maine, inspiring workers to overachieve and stockholders to lavish him with praise and options.

Kreisler chose, instead, to become a social worker. He then taught others how to help the needy at the University of Southern Maine and later founded what is today the Preble Street Resource Center in Portland.

In so doing, he helped thousands of people



File photo

Kreisler chose a better life for others.

to a better life. Preble Street is now an important part of this city's social service infrastructure, employing 35 people and assisting more than 5,000 needy folks each year.

He never stopped working, right up until his death Saturday at age 82. He left behind a vast network of people trained to give hope to others. He touched and improved the lives of thousands of Mainers.

A rich man by any measure.

Joe Kreisler

“There is always some poor person out there who needs something.”

More than an observation, Joe dedicated his professional life to doing something about the needs of the poor and disenfranchised. In 1972, after a decade of social work practice on the Lower East Side in New York City, Joe became a social work educator at the University of Southern Maine.

He started the High Street Resource Center in 1974. From the beginning High Street provided a place for social work students to put the values of the profession into practice, and a place for Portland’s poor to go if only because they needed something.

In 1985 the agency became the Preble Street Resource Center. From its founding until his death in 2002, Joe was a member of the Board of Directors and a daily fixture at Preble Street. More than that, he was the embodiment of the agency’s mission, its philosophy, its spirit and its dedication to meeting everyone as an equal human being.

For which rules are cages, my grandfather crosses out. Walking down Congress Street the men call his name. His face opens a city block, his face is a braid against the hours spent searching for loose change. His face is a cup of coffee and a place to smoke. A place to smoke is not much to ask from the world for a man’s life. My grandfather worked his life to create rooms of light and smoke and bread. To lean into them against the splintered wind.

~ Sean Thomas Dougherty, Joe’s grandson

“The Dark Soul of the Accordion”
from Broken Hallelujahs, Boa Press

Streets of Portland

Have you seen the couple at the farmers market
Searching for bottles, wearing worn out shoes?
In their eyes you see their pride with their children at their side
Yesterday's heartache never makes today's news

Chorus: So how can you tell me you're lonely
And say for you that the sun don't shine?
Let me take you by the hand and lead you through the streets of Portland
I'll show you something to make you change your mind

Have you seen the woman who walks the streets of Portland
Unsteady gait, her layered clothes in rags?
She's no time for talking, she just keeps right on walking
Carrying her home in two carrier bags (Chorus)

In the dark at Tommy's Park at a quarter past eleven
One young girl sitting there all alone
Looking for affection wherever she can find it
Walking off with strangers, no family of her own (Chorus)

Have you seen our friend Tom who lived on the streets of Portland
Tattooed arms and open heart, gave all he owned away
In our winter city, the rain cries little pity
For those who fight with demons in their struggle day to day (Chorus)

Years ago a man named Joe reached out his gifted hand
Saying "Listen to each person, and you will find their strength"
He taught us how to care and when to take a stand
He said "all good change will come in this way." (Chorus)

Adapted from "Streets of London" by Ralph McTell
(New lyrics by Nate Nickerson, Lisa Derman, Shoshana Hoose & Phil Hoose)

Welcome - Michael Brennan

"Breakfast at Preble Street" - poem by Joe Kreisler read by Mark Swann

Speakers:

Leslie Richfield, USM School of Social Work
Lucky Hollander, Cumberland County Child Abuse & Neglect Council
Mark Swann, Preble Street Resource Center
Chrissy Cason, consumer

The Kreisler Family Shares Their Thoughts & a Collection of Joe's Favorite Songs

"words from the curbs at preble street resource center"
- read by Elizabeth Szatkowski

Shared stories, poetry and music by all now welcome

"Save You" - sung by Tommy Abate (a.k.a. Poverty)

More sharing by all

"Streets of Portland" - music by Nate Nickerson, Shoshana Hoose & Phil Hoose

More sharing

Please join us in closing with "Amazing Grace" - led by Christine O'Leary

Refreshments will be served in the Preble Street Day Shelter

way that we should have said that we have fulfilled all promises," he said.

In March, the fund's board of directors will sit down with their annual report and discuss whether the latest fund drive and gift-giving was satisfactory or if changes need to be made.

One change that is planned for next year is to feed the data into a computer.

"That should make it so much easier," one of the principal volunteers said.

The project has grown tremendously since it got its start in 1949 with donations totaling \$2,913. Last year the contributions amounted to more than \$100,000.

In April or May, planning for the 1988 Christmas season will get under way, Davis said. Planning has to start early to determine the amount of the toys and other gifts that will need to be bought in the late summer.

So some phase of the operation is going on nearly throughout the year, he said.

Typical of the people who are helped is one mother of three girls, 5, 6 and 8 years old.

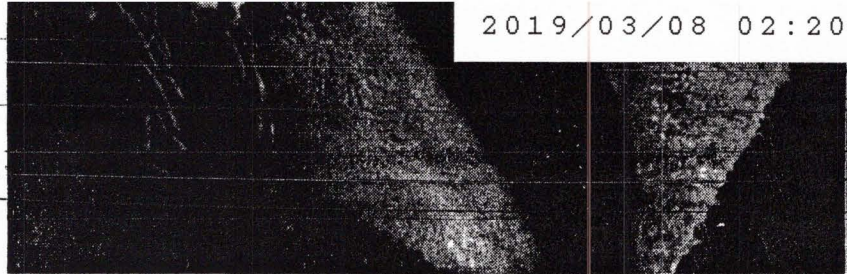
She wrote, "It would be very much appreciated if you could help us with some Christmas gifts this year."

"We don't have much income and what we do get goes on the rent and bills with about \$20 or \$30 left over. And that usually goes on food because the food stamps that we get are not enough for the month."

Special thanks today go to the L.L. Bean Telemarketing Department for its contribution of \$1,110.

Arbor Rentals of Falmouth made a donation of \$500; employees of National Semiconductor (formerly Fairchild) Training Department, Building 10, \$225; in memory of Aunt Mary, \$200; F.P. & C.H. Murray Inc., \$150; New England

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Staff photo by Gordon Chibroski

The big chill

A muffler and some music take the edge off this morning's bitter cold for Dennis E. Gary of Portland as he walks to work along Congress Street. Temperatures, adjusted for the wind chill, ranged from zero to minus 15 and should be even

lower tomorrow when Maine is expected to get a dusting of snow from the near-miss of an intense winter storm. Art Lester of the National Weather Service said the big storm is expected to miss Maine, but "we're keeping an eye on it."

Palestinian riots mark g

By THOMAS L. FRIEDMAN
The New York Times

JERUSALEM — Behind the Palestinian riots of the last few weeks is a story

Analysis

about fathers and sons — Palestinian fathers and the sons over whom they may have lost control.

The recent Palestinian demonstrations against Israel, which left at least 21 Palestinian youths dead, may one day be

remembered as the changing of the guard among the Palestinians.

The Palestinian fathers grew up in the West Bank under Jordanian rule, or in Gaza under Egyptian rule. After Israel captured those territories in 1967, they more or less came to terms with the situation, got to know a few Jews, worked

in their Hebrew month, with a Jewish state

But those who at Israel's hands have known the Israeli Jewish interroga

Homeless housing plan wins funding

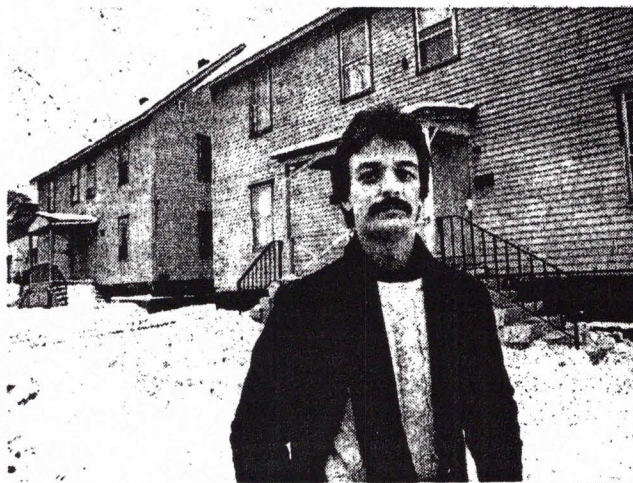
By GEORGE WEIR
Staff Writer

The Preble Street Resource Center's annual Christmas party for the homeless was reaching its peak when the word came: The federal government had approved a \$505,755 grant for a five-year program designed to help the celebrants and others sharing their plight.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development is providing money to the center and the Portland West Neighborhood Planning Council to rehabilitate two buildings and establish a program of social services for the people who will live in them.

The buildings are at 98-104 Bell St., in the vicinity of Morrill's Corner, according to council staff member Ed Rosenthal.

The HUD grant is a matching grant that will be balanced by financial help from state, local and other sources over the next five years, Rosenthal stressed.



Staff photo by Jack Milton

Joel Rekas, director of the Preble Street Resource Center, is shown with the Bell Street buildings to be renovated under a homeless-housing plan.

Most of the grant money, he said, will be used to pay off an interim state loan that allowed the planning council to buy the buildings at 98-104 Bell St., each of which now contains four units.

The council then plans to enlist students from the Southern Maine Vocational Technical Institute carpentry program to rehabilitate and convert the buildings to six apartments each.

Rosenthal estimates that will be a \$175,000 job.

"Basically, we'll just act as developer and landlord," he said.

Joel Rekas, executive director of the Preble Street Resource Center, said he was "thrilled to death" to hear about the grant, because it guarantees five years of federal support for the fastest-growing of all needy groups: "the young, low-income, single-parent families that have been homeless more than once."

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Award-winning student h

By JULIE HANAU
Staff Writer

YARMOUTH — Sam the unicorn character from the pages of a color book because he can't find any of his

If only he was more organized, Intermediate School Principal children just like Sam all around teaching six years ago.

To combat "I lost my home" designed a program called Get dywisse, which was chosen recently most creative curriculums in the Executive Educator magazine.

Superintendent Frank Harris curriculum in the Executive Educator test last spring. Jones heard in Jur first cut, when the field was whittled than 1,000 entries to about 150.

She learned two weeks ago that one of the 100 winners. All others have been published.

Since then, Jones has received other school systems, including one in North Carolina, which are interested in her plan.

"It was always, 'Where is that? They wouldn't have any place' said of her students.

"Why not start kids out with (real early and later let them add finding a lot of kids were having trouble

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Stepping Out

Ongoing

Thomas Memorial Library, Cape Elizabeth, mixed media by Thomas Stenquist and Jack Welch, through tomorrow. 799-1720.

Portland Public Library, "Illustrators Illustrated: The Works and Techniques of 11 Portland Area Artists," through Wednesday. 773-4761.

Afternoon Gallery, 49 Dartmouth St., drawings and paintings by Warren Spaulding, through Thursday. 871-9235.

Area Gallery, University of Southern Maine Campus Center, Portland, "Inside/Outside: Private Art," through Thursday. 780-4090.

Art Gallery at Six Deering, recent paintings by Stephen Howard and J. Philip Richards, through Thursday. 772-9605.

Barrioff Galleries, 26 Free St., recent works by Paul Heroux and John Laurent, through Thursday. 772-5011.

Bayview Gallery, 75 Market St., photographs by Neal Parent and watercolors by Carol Sebold, through Thursday. 773-3007.

Fretz & Young, 4 City Center, watercolors by Carl Schmalz, through Thursday. 761-4550.

Maine Audubon Society, Falmouth, photographs by Rand Raabe and others, through Thursday.

Posters Plus Galleries, 146 Middle St., woodcuts and etchings by Neil Welliver, and other selections, through Thursday. 772-2693.

South Portland Public Library, paintings and photographs by John Bailey, through Thursday. 799-2204.

Stein Glass Gallery, 20 Milk St., blown and sandblasted vessels by Peter Andres, through Thursday. 772-9072.

Baxter Gallery, Portland School of Art, 619 Congress St., paintings by Howard Clifford, through Sunday. 775-5152.

Congress Square Gallery, 594 Congress St., "Holiday Group Show" to benefit The Bridge, through Sunday. 774-3369.

Dean Valentgas Gallery, 60 Hampshire St., clay sculpture by Abby Huntoon, Nancy Nevergole and Sharon Townshend, through Sunday. 772-2042.

Maple Hill Gallery, 367 Fore St., "Christmas Show" of jewelry, through Jan. 5. 775-3822.

Gallery 127, 127 Middle St., "Nudes" show of paintings and drawings by Walt Kuhn, through Jan. 8. 773-3317.

Thomas Moser Cabinetmakers, 415 Cumberland Ave., drawings, paintings and calligraphy by Bonnie Spiegel, through Jan. 9. 774-3791.

Hitchcock Art Dealers, 602 Congress St., new works by Harold Garde, through Jan. 10. 774-8919.

Portland Museum of Art, includes selections from the



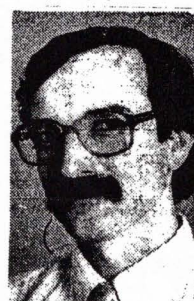
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Newspapers reorganizing ne

A number of key editors will be promoted under a reorganization of the news staff of the Guy Gannett newspapers in Portland, John K. Murphy, executive editor, has announced.

The reorganization is part of a broad program to expand and improve the news coverage by the newspapers, Murphy said.

Receiving promotions are Lou Ureneck, who moves from managing editor of the Press Herald, Evening Express and Maine Sunday Telegram to assistant executive editor; Linda White, from assistant managing editor of the Evening Express to managing editor of the Express; Andrea Philbrick, from lifestyle editor of the Press Herald and Telegram to features editor; and Joe Michaud, from assistant city editor of the Telegram to city editor of the Press Herald and Telegram.

In addition, Mike Harmon will move from assistant managing editor of the Press Herald to editor of new commentary pages in the Press Herald and Express.

Also receiving promotions were Tom

Atwell, who moves to assistant city editor of the Press Herald and Telegram, and John Willhoite, who moves to state news slot editor of the Press Herald and Telegram.

The reorganization, Murphy explained, combines the Press Herald and Telegram into a single staff. The Express news staff will operate as a separate unit.

Murphy said the changes are designed to support a number of important news initiatives in the next several years.

He said additional editors will be named to new posts in coming months and more reporters will be hired.

The news department reorganization, Murphy said, is a central part of a three-year program of expansion and enhancement of news coverage adopted by the company earlier this year.

The program, called Editorial Directions, envisions the addition of new reporter and editor positions and the adoption of a number of new programs and procedures to increase the level of service to readers.

Among the highlights of the program,

Murphy said, were these:

- Addition of reporters and editors to support increased local news coverage;

- Upgraded coverage of arts, entertainment and lifestyle topics.

- Addition of reporters to provide more reporting of specialized topics on the local level, such as science and medicine, business and education.

- A more comprehensive approach to providing information on upcoming community events.

- A fuller sports report, both local and professional.

- Improvement in the appearance of the newspaper through a review of the use of typography, photos and artwork, and the enlargement of the graphics department.

- A strong commitment to staff training.

The Editorial Directions program grew out of a year-long study of the newspaper conducted by a committee of news department employees. The committee interviewed staff members, reviewed primary and secondary market research and drew on outside critiques of the papers, including

Housing

The resource center will be developing the \$80,000-a-year program of social services that the grant will help finance.

"The reason many of these families are chronically homeless is that they lack the basic supports and skills to make it on their own," Rekas said. "We're going to try to break that cycle by providing transitional buildings and services

while we help them achieve self-sufficiency."

The services to be provided include on-premises day care, employment training, various kinds of educational programs, parenting help, individual and family counseling, and preventive health and dental services, Rekas said.

The families can remain in this housing just for a year.

"As you can see, we're not just

providing someone with an apartment," he commented.

In addition, the social services will allow the planning council to follow each resident family for a year to provide support services and see how they do, Rekas said.

Program participants also will be eligible for what Rekas calls a "graduation present" — a Portland West-subsidized apartment.

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Civilized

I began this program in my own classroom and thought it would be good for the whole school."

The program now begins in the fourth grade, although this spring it will start with third graders who will meet Civilized Sam in the pages of his coloring book.

Jones teamed up with neighbor Suzanne Coffey, the athletic director at Bates College, in producing the book. Coffey, a college art major, provided illustrations and Jones wrote the text.

The story begins with an unorganized Sam wallowing in chaos. A teacher tells him to "Get Civilized" and to bring certain tools to school, such as pencils, pens, a notebook and an assignment notebook, to keep track of homework.

At home, the teacher says, Sam must find a quiet place to study and hang up a Quiet Please sign.

As Sam became civilized, "he started to feel better about himself and his work," the book says.

Besides the coloring book, Jones sends out brochures to parents before each school year advising them what materials to buy and what to do at home. Parents should help with homework by asking children what they expect to learn from their assignments and asking for a progress report at the end of each regularly scheduled study session.

In the classroom, the program begins with daily checks of assignment notebooks and provides incentives for students to take part in the program. Students can earn "scholar dollars" for diligently taking down assignments. The scholar dollars can be turned in at designated stores for prizes such as pins.

The program continues through the sixth grade

with less and less enforcement each year. Teachers in fifth grade, for example, might not check assignment books as often, while teachers in sixth grade would hardly ever check them, Jones said.

Students say they like the program.

"I was really quite unorganized," said Carrie McGilvery, a fourth grader at the Intermediate school. "My desk was always a mess."

Scott Richardson said the program has made him neater, too.

"Last year in third grade I could never find anything," he said. "It's a lot easier. We have most of the things we need in our notebook."

Jones recommends students buy a three-ring notebook and dividers with pockets to hold papers and a plastic pouch to hold pens and pencils. Besides the assignment notebook, they also make up a monthly calendar to help with long-term planning.

McGilvery said she likes the system because "I don't have to lug around a whole bunch of stuff. And you can't forget assignments because you have them written down."

Teacher Donald L'Heureux said the program has made a difference in the amount children are able to learn in a school year and that grades improve.

"It certainly has helped their individual grades," he said. "There's an increase in their cumulative knowledge over the year. There seems to be more growth."

At the end of the coloring book, Civilized Sam has conquered the chaos around him and is blasting off in a rocketship to conquer bigger and better things.

"Civilized Sam could now learn new things, explore new places and smile at the world."

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Sales

In Los Angeles: McDonald, senior vice marketing for Broadway California, the 43-st department stores, said day was a "pretty day."

"We thought we were shopping as returns, turns seemed to be more than last year," he said. "We were obviously good values."

The Broadway store prices from 20 to 50 many items. But the were on more basic and Christmas decorations on other goods included fleece men's shirts.

In Chicago, Mars Co., the area's biggest store chain with 28 "flat" day in its Stat ship store primarily traditionally light sh in the city on a Satur ing to Philip B. Mille chairman and chief

"However, our b were very busy and p slack in the downtown said. Yesterday Mars its monthly "Super 5 and got an excell Miller said. He said t gifts appeared to be n a year ago.

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Preble Street Executive Director Mark Swann with former Preble Street caseworker Florence Young in the early 1990s.

Be A CHAMPION

BY MARK R. SWANN, MPSA

The following is an excerpt from a commencement address Preble Street Executive Director Mark Swann delivered this past spring during a graduation for Tufts University School of Medicine students completing their residency at Maine Medical Center.

This year marks my 25th anniversary as the executive director of Preble Street.

That's a long, long time. I remember my first day on the job vividly. I can't tell you who I had lunch with last week, but I can recall almost every detail of when I walked into the basement of the Preble Street chapel for the first time.

It was a dark, crowded, noisy place. A very small church dining room where we had a limited breakfast soup kitchen and drop-in center. The entire staff consisted of a wonderful social worker, Florence Young, and me.

I remember chatting with a client named Jerry. Born and bred in Portland, Jerry was a Korean War veteran who'd survived off and on the streets for many, many years. He was a bricklayer, a poet, a larger-than-life personality. And a chronic alcoholic.

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NEWS FROM PREBLE STREET

TURNING THE LIGHTS BACK ON

Preble Street and Maine Medical Center are pioneering an exciting partnership to ensure the most vulnerable underserved people in Portland have access to high quality, barrier-free healthcare.

The Maine Medical Center-Preble Street Learning Collaborative seeks to help fill the enormous void left by the closing of the City of Portland Healthcare for the Homeless Clinic in 2014; provide no-barrier access to health services, care-coordination and education; and create a new point of entry to the health system. Working together, Preble Street and Maine Medical Center hope to improve the quality of care and client access to existing providers and established medical homes, improve medical residents' understanding and education of the needs and care of homeless and other vulnerable patients, and increase understanding of health disparities.



Meredith Walley, a social worker for Maine Medical Center Homeless Health Partners works with a Preble Street client who had been struggling to access medical care.

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BOARD MEMBER PROFILE:

YEMAYA ST. CLAIR

Yemaya St. Clair has served on the Preble Street Board of directors since 2014. A graduate of the University of Washington with a bachelor of arts degree in environmental studies, she is currently studying counseling at the University of Southern Maine.

Professionally, she has managed the Student Conservation Association's Seattle-based high school program for urban teens, worked as a development manager for mental health agencies, served as a community mediator, and is a freelance writer. She co-authored the AMC Guide to Winter Hiking and Camping and is currently writing the AMC's Outdoors with Kids New England guidebook.

Yemaya lives in Portland with her husband, Lucas, and their two small children. In addition to Preble Street, she serves on the boards of SPACE Gallery and the Quimby Family Foundation.

From a reflection by Yemaya:

I first volunteered to help with a breakfast shift at Preble Street on a cold, gray March morning.

All winter, I had been thinking about Maine's homeless population, particularly on the frigid, snowy days when I passed someone huddled against a building for warmth, a paper cup at their feet. My heart ached the most when my three-year-old daughter, from the backseat of the car, asked me to read the sign each time we passed a person panhandling at an intersection. I had to explain that some people have no food, no money, and no shelter. Each time she asked why, I fumbled for an explanation, lost for words.

I sent emails to elected officials advocating for the city's homeless shelters. But still, I felt very detached from the day-to-day realities experienced by people on the streets.

As I pulled up a little before 7 a.m. people were already waiting outside the soup kitchen for the doors to open. Inside I got to work, setting out boxes of cereal, day-old pastries, and bowls full of generic peanut butter and jam, while fellow volunteers filled the hot tray with warm food.

When the kitchen opened at 8 a.m. the stream of people looked tired and worn. Many were obviously physically disabled. Some were old and others young.



"That moment struck me, reminding me there are people struggling around us all the time."

Most were men. Some were New Mainers. A few wore work uniforms. Though I'd heard it before, their situation hadn't struck me until then: there were working people who could not afford to meet their basic needs. Minimum wage is not enough.

When I asked one woman how she was doing, she gave me a small smile and said her day was better because I was smiling. "You don't see that much," she said. "It's nice to see someone happy." I felt a mix of emotions: on one hand, I was glad she welcomed my smile; on the other, I felt guilty about being on my side of the breakfast bar.

As I helped people fill their bowls, almost all said thank-you. But, in so many ways, I felt as though I should be thanking them for exposing their need, their vulnerability and humanness.

A few days later, I was driving past Preble Street when I noticed a man crossing the street. My first thought was that I recognized him from the soup kitchen. But then I thought I recognized him as someone who worked at the library. From his clothing, it was difficult to tell if he was homeless or not, employed or not. Perhaps he was both employed and in need of a meal.

That moment struck me, reminding me there are people struggling around us all the time. We often have no idea what is going on in people's lives unless we care to find out, to listen, and to serve.



Preble Street Board Member Yemaya St. Clair

THE TOOLS to succeed

More than a quarter of homeless adults first experienced homelessness as children or teens.

Thanks to a generous grant from the John T. Gorman Foundation, Preble Street was able to pioneer a new intensive approach to helping homeless youth break that cycle and succeed on their own.

First Place offers homeless youth a path to permanent housing, helping participants find affordable apartments and providing structure and support as young people develop the skills to live successfully on their own—from budgeting to cooking, from career planning to positive peer relationships.

First Place youth who are eligible may also enroll in the Opportunity Passport program, a financial literacy curriculum to help young people transition from foster care into independent living.

Seven First Place clients have graduated from the program, taken over the leases to their apartments, and are doing exceptionally well. Youth like:

- Ivan, an asylee from Burundi who earned his high school diploma through the Portland Street Academy, received a college scholarship, and is now working for a local social service provider
- David who grew up in foster care and suffered a major depressive episode when he was disowned by his grandparents for being gay. Now he's working, practicing good self-care, and earning straight As at Southern Maine Community College.

Others are poised to follow them in making the leap toward greater independence.

The program has been so successful, the federal government's Family and Youth Services Bureau recently awarded Preble Street \$625,000—one of only nine such awards in the entire country—to create the Maine Transitional Living Collaborative (TLC) with community partner New Beginnings in Lewiston. TLC will offer a continuum of transitional services, including rapid re-housing and supported housing, for LGBTQ youth.

First Place staff have also branched out to assist dozens of other young people at the Preble Street Teen Center with their housing goals through the TLP Plus program, using Maine State Housing Authority Home to Stay housing vouchers and providing incentives to work on life skills development.

Homeless youth are smart, talented, thoughtful, and hard-working. They have the potential to be enormous assets to the community if given the opportunity to focus their energy on building skills rather than struggling to survive on the streets.

*They have the will and the drive to succeed.
First Place gives them the tools.*



Preble Street Health Services Director Bill Burns poses with Portland Police Officer Daniel Knight after receiving his commendation.

OUTSTANDING CITIZEN AWARD

The Portland Police Department awarded Bill Burns, Preble Street Health Services Director and former Resource Center Coordinator, with an "Outstanding Citizen" commendation at its annual award breakfast in 2016.

In presenting the commendation, Major Donald Krier, who has worked closely with Resource Center staff, observed that police officers and social workers might approach things differently, but Bill has been instrumental in helping officers understand that social work values can help ensure positive community relations and fair and respectful resolution to community problems.

Here's what Portland Police Chief Michael Sauschuck had to say:

In recognition of your cooperation and unfailing commitment to the citizens of Maine, you are hereby commended and recognized as an outstanding citizen.

Bill Burns has served as the Coordinator of the Preble Street Resource Center since 2011. Upon his arrival, Bill reached out and introduced himself to all of the neighborhood stakeholder organizations. He emphasized open lines of communication and demonstrated a desire to work together on common issues rather than take separate paths.

Bill also took it upon himself to get to know officers assigned to the Bayside Neighborhood as well as officers who frequently work the soup kitchen overtime detail. This relationship facilitated greater trust between Preble Street and the Police Department and allowed employees from both organizations to better understand and appreciate each other's role and contributions. This, in turn, has improved the delivery of services in the Bayside Neighborhood.

The Portland Police Department commends you and thanks you for your assistance.



Shawna Holloway, a medical social worker embedded at Preble Street as part of the Maine Medical Center Homeless Health Partners program talks with a client who was recently outfitted with a prosthetic leg.

TURNING THE LIGHTS BACK ON

CONTINUED FROM COVER

Bill Burns, Health Services Director for Preble Street, says there have been many barriers preventing Portland's homeless community from accessing health care. "Sometimes they are not treated well in health-care settings. They may also think they don't deserve health care."

Located on site at 20 Portland Street, the Collaborative is staffed by Bill Burns, former Preble Street Resource Center coordinator, in a new role as Preble Street Health Services Director, as well as by an MMC nurse practitioner, residents from the program areas of psychiatry, family medicine, and internal medicine, medical students from the MMC Maine Track program, nursing, pharmacy, and social-work students, and MMC's Homeless Health Partners case management team, full-time medical social workers from MMC who have been embedded at Preble Street since early 2015.

"The Maine Medical Center-Preble Street Learning Collaborative combines the best of our two organization's capabilities in order to meet the unique needs of an underserved population in an effective and sustainable way, and aligns with MMC's commitment to delivering innovative population health and affordable care services, as well as our three-part mission of caring for our community, educating tomorrow's caregivers and researching new ways to provide care," said Peter Bates, M.D., Chief Academic Officer, Maine Medical Center.

Homeless Health Partners social workers have been documenting gaps in services since the program began in 2015 to help Preble Street and MMC understand what systemic issues need to be addressed to ensure people experiencing homelessness have access to care.

MMC clinical staff seek to address those gaps, including access to walk-in care, mental health services, triage, urgent, and follow-up care, wound-care, substance abuse treatment, and more.

Be a CHAMPION

CONTINUED FROM COVER

We shared a favorite poet, Charles Bukowski, and Jerry and I tried to crack each other up with different Bukowski stories and myths.

Jerry would stay at the shelter for months at a time. Then we'd find him a room somewhere, he'd last a few months, and then end up back in the shelter again. This went on for years. Until he died. His heart exploded, was how it was described to me, one night as he lay on the floor of the city shelter trying to sleep.

We had a memorial service for him in the Resource Center. We have lots and lots of memorial services there, more than two per month, on average. Balanced on some file cabinets, we have a cardboard box with the words "memorial service stuff" scrawled on the side. It's filled with candles, some plastic flowers, a clean tablecloth. We have it down to a system, how to host these sad little services in our soup kitchen dining room.

I distinctly remember thinking that day that there must be a better way. Not just that we have to do better than these sad-sack funerals in a soup kitchen. But that there must be solutions, even for hardcore, really challenging people like Jerry. Real and sustainable solutions.

So we set out to find that better way.

We opened Logan Place with Avesta Housing on March 24, 2005. The best day of my career. What we did

THE LONGEST NIGHT

In 2016, 33 lives were tragically cut short by the hardships of homelessness.

Hundreds of people came together on Wednesday, December 21, during an annual vigil to remember homeless friends in Greater Portland who have died.

Portland's Annual Homeless Persons' Memorial Vigil takes place on the winter solstice, the longest night of the year. For 22 years, Portlanders have gathered on the evening of the winter solstice to shine a light on the on the tragedy of homelessness, mourn lives that are lost, and to reaffirm a commitment to ensuring that everyone who needs a home finds one.

differently starting on that day was offer housing with no strings attached. We didn't demand sobriety. We didn't demand medication compliance. We didn't demand a psychiatric label. We didn't demand a Medicaid number for billing purposes. Instead of saying you need to deal with your mental illness and addictions first, we offered them housing first.

That very night shelter numbers went down by 10% and stayed down for the next four years until the recession hit.

Preble Street and Avesta followed up the great success of Logan Place by opening Florence House five years later.

And we're hard at work at opening our next one, on Bishop Street, where we hope to target not just chronically homeless people, but those who are medically compromised, those who are among the highest users of the health care system in the state. People like a newer Logan Place tenant who spent over 1,000 nights at the hospital.

To do this we will need lots and lots of champions.

All of us need to be saying that homelessness is not okay. It is not enough to feed people at soup kitchens and feel good about it. It's not okay for people to sleep and die on mats on the floor. It's not okay to hold makeshift memorial services, over and over again.

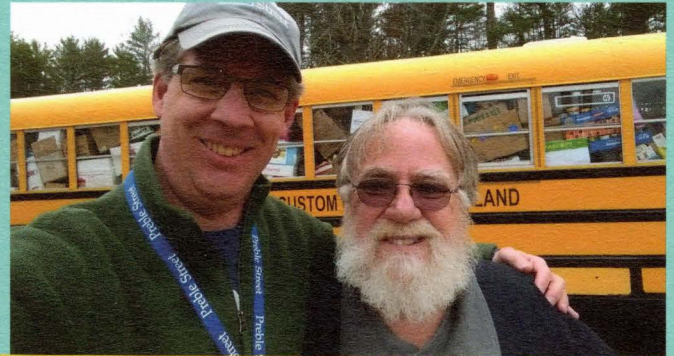
You can be a part of that.

OF HOMELESSNESS



STUFFING THE BUS

In November, hundreds of students from Portland area schools and community volunteers helped Rewind 100.9 stuff two big yellow school busses with more than 100,000 pounds of donated food for Preble Street. Over the last 11 years, morning DJ Chuck Igo has brought in over a million pounds of food through his annual "Stuff the Bus" food drive. Dozens of volunteers gather at the Resource Center Soup Kitchen each year on the day before Thanksgiving to help unload the donations, which will feed the hungry Mainers who rely on the soup kitchen and food pantry.



Preble Street Resource Development Assistant Ray Hepler and Rewind 100.9 DJ Chuck Igo hit the road to collect donations from area schools.



US Sen. Angus King and Bruce Hepler were among the dozens of volunteers who came the day before Thanksgiving to unload two school busses full of donations for hungry Mainers.



Players from the Portland Rugby Football Club loaned their muscle to the cause.



Preble Street Executive Director Mark Swann stands with former Portland Mayor Michael Brennan and area attorneys with the Maine Homeless Legal Project.

MAINE HOMELESS LEGAL PROJECT

The Gift of Respect

Each week, volunteer attorneys from the Maine Homeless Legal Project offer a free legal clinic to clients at the Preble Street Resource Center.

The project, spearheaded in 2014 by attorney David Soley, who leads the real estate litigation group at Bernstein Shur, represents a partnership of the American Bar Association, Volunteer Lawyers Project, Pine Tree Legal Assistance, and Preble Street.

MHLP attorneys from a dozen area firms offer pro bono legal services to close gaps in legal resources for people whose homelessness is caused or compounded by legal issues.

"People who are homeless often face a number of legal problems that need to be addressed or resolved before they can establish stable housing," explains Preble Street Executive Director Mark Swann. "And navigating the legal system is a daunting challenge that has been relieved by having a clinic on site at the Preble Street Resource Center. This exciting partnership connects vulnerable people with just the help they need to get them out of the shelters and back on their feet."

Built on a model—Project H.E.L.P.—introduced in 2004 by Judge Jay C. Zainey in New Orleans, which has since been implemented in 21 cities throughout the United States, the project has made a serious impact in the lives of homeless Mainers.

After clients have been prescreened by caseworkers, volunteer attorneys help clients resolve problems related to tenancy issues, drivers licenses, child support, bankruptcy, Social Security, small claims court cases, immigration, restitution, protection from abuse, acceptable identification, and other obstacles to stability. Many cases are wrapped up during the initial consultation, while others require ongoing pro bono representation.

As one Resource Center case manager reported, "I watched this morning as (a volunteer attorney) provided hundreds of dollars worth of legal advice to a guy who was homeless. He was kind, thoughtful, and respectful. He translated the vagaries of the law into very clear statements, developed a plan of action in collaboration with the client, and was altogether terrific."

But MHLP has offered some of the most vulnerable people in Maine much more than just legal advice.

Another Preble Street case manager added, "Clients are being met with respect, with active listening. They're really feeling like they have advocates and allies. Their legal needs are being met. They're being taken seriously."

And the love goes both ways.

"Preble Street's staff are amazing people," said David Soley. "They are there to help you in any way needed. They're a well-oiled machine. As an attorney, you literally don't have to bring anything but your skills and expertise."

One formerly homeless client, who worked with a volunteer lawyer in hopes of recovering money she'd been defrauded of, said the experience left her with a tremendous sense of empowerment, "I realized I'm not powerless. I do have a voice, and it's being heard. Sometimes that's all a person needs is to be heard."

VOLUNTEER PROFILE:

BETTY HAYMON

Betty Haymon is a retired educator who spent her working career as an elementary school teacher in the Gray-New Gloucester area. Teachers are heroes in their own right, educating and shaping the lives of our young people. But Betty's contributions to her community did not end with her profession.

Betty has been volunteering at Preble Street for nearly a decade, serving in both the Resource Center and Teen Center Soup Kitchens. She is in the Resource Center Soup Kitchen early every Saturday morning—a shift that is one of the hardest to fill—helping prepare breakfast for 300-400 people who rely on emergency food services for meals. Betty is a force in the kitchen. She takes care of the dishes—hundreds and hundreds of them. It's a project that typically requires four volunteers, but Betty handles it on her own.

On the first Thursday of each month—and any time when shifts are light and extra hands are needed—Betty also volunteers for the dinner shift in the Preble Street Teen Center Soup Kitchen, warming, serving, and cleaning up for dinner without the assistance of kitchen staff. Competent and reliable, when Betty is volunteering, the caseworkers know the meal is covered and they can focus on the work of getting teens housed, connected with service providers, or making sure they are safe for the night.

Kitchen work is difficult and dirty work. But Betty is always willing to jump in and help out with the least desirable tasks, shifting the spotlight and often the thanks from herself to others. Her commitment is driven only by a will to serve 'those who are often left on the fringe.

"Once I started, I really saw the need," she says of her years of service. "I saw how many people they feed and I saw how many teens they had at the Teen Center, and it just pulls at my heartstrings that so many people are in need of services. We're all one step away, one breath away, from our life changing."

"They come in and they're hungry, they're cold, they're wet, and they just want a place to sit down, get warm and have a cup of coffee."

"Every once in a while on a Saturday, I'll say to myself, 'Oh, I don't feel like getting out of bed.' And then I think, 'You know, if I were sleeping out on the street, I'd sure want someone to be there to offer me a cup of coffee.'"



Longtime volunteer, Betty Haymon



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HOW YOU CAN HELP

WHETHER IT'S A BAG OF GROCERIES, A \$5 BILL, YOUR VOICE, OR A PORTION OF AN ESTATE, YOUR GIFTS ARE VITAL TO OUR WORK.

BY VOLUNTEERING

SOUP KITCHENS: Cook, serve, and clean up at three meals a day.

FOOD PANTRY: Sort and distribute emergency groceries on Thursdays.

CLOTHING CLOSET: Help sort clothing donations.

OFFICE SUPPORT: Help in the offices with filing, phones, and mailings on a one-time or ongoing basis.

PROGRAM SUPPORT: Lead enrichment activities or help with community meals, art groups, game nights, events, etc.

WITH IN-KIND DONATIONS

FOOD: Coffee, tea, cereal, juice, cooking oil, rice, pasta, salad dressing, beans, soup, tuna, canned tomatoes, and spaghetti sauce.

CLOTHING: (for men, women, and teens). Year round: New underwear, jeans, boots, sneakers, socks, and hooded sweatshirts. Winter: Jackets, hats, gloves (large and durable), and thermal underwear.

SHELTER ESSENTIALS: Towels, backpacks, duffle bags, and laundry detergent.

PERSONAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS: Deodorant, razors, shaving cream, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, and sunscreen.

TEEN NEEDS: Sports equipment (footballs, basketballs, soccer balls, frisbees), art supplies, movie tickets, bus tickets.

GROUP SUPPLIES: Playing cards, art and craft supplies, Scrabble, chess, checkers, date books, ESL books, knitting needles, yarn, books and magazines.

WITH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

CASH, CHECKS, OR CREDIT CARDS.
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TRIBUTE GIFTS: Honor a special friend or family member. Sending a tribute card to someone will make your congratulations, love, or sympathy more meaningful. When you make a donation to Preble Street, we can send a card announcing your gift.

PLANNED GIFTS. Talk to your financial advisor about methods you can use that can provide tax benefits, meet your financial needs, fulfill your charitable intentions, and further our mission. We will be happy to work with your estate planning professional.

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CALL OR WRITE YOUR LEGISLATORS: Ask them to support solutions to homelessness, hunger, and poverty and support for our most vulnerable neighbors.

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Hello Leslie,

How are you doing? I would like to get together soon. When are you available? I heard about Sandy' project of collecting the history of the School of Social Work. I v years I was there. He was such a strong mentor for each of us though we had differer

I am sending you healing energy and lots of love.

Elizabeth



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