

**2023 Spirit of America Foundation Award Recipients (by municipality):
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Androscoggin County

Greene

Sherry Lavoie established Fire Dept. Auxiliary & is President, has aided Women's Club 25+ yrs.

Suzanne Rousseau has been assisting the Allen Pond Improvement Association for over 35 years

Lewiston

The Store Next Door assists homeless Lewiston youths with food, clothing, educational support.

Lisbon

John Curtis has volunteered for years at MTM Center, Annual Winterfest, After School Program

Livermore

Robert & Ruby St. Pierre have done so much to help their community over span of many years.

Livermore Falls

The Soap 'N More Store assists those in need by providing them food, towels & other essentials

Mechanic Falls

Eriks Petersons has served as President of Historical Society, on Appeals Board and has coached

Nancy Petersons has served as town librarian, with elections, on the Community Day Committee

Minot

Daniel Callahan Jr has served many years on SelectBoard, Planning Board, Budget Committee.

Poland

Poland Fire Rescue Benevolent Association raises a lot of money to assist Poland Fire Rescue.

Turner

Touch of Glass Campaign Committee raised \$10,000+ to replace Community Center windows.

Wales

Timothy Leighton has been involved with soccer programs, creates & funds soccer opportunities

Aroostook County

Allagash

Susan Gardner & Cheril Turner have coordinated annual spring roadside cleanup past 9 years.

Caribou

Keith Brown has dedicated much time/energy to make Caribou Recreational Trail so pleasurable.

Gary Cook has devoted many hours to assisting the Caribou United Baptist Church Food Pantry.

Castle Hill, Chapman, Mapleton

David Dunlavey served as a Selectman, town attorney, on Boards of Rotary and Visiting Nurses.

Easton

Cheryl Clark has served as Town Clerk (30+ years) & also on many municipal and civic boards.

Fort Kent

Donald Raymond has volunteered for Historical Society, Senior College, Senior Citizens Center.

Frenchville

Le Club Du Bonheur provides hot meals once/month for senior citizens residing in Frenchville.

Limestone

Elmer Morin has volunteered his services for many years, trims grass in prominent town areas.

Littleton

Sandra Wotton has served many years as a Town Clerk, has helped numerous charitable causes.

Merrill & Smyrna

John Merrill has served as Animal Control Officer, puts up flags in community, gives to causes.

Portage Lake

James Dumond has served as a Volunteer Firefighter, Ice Out Officiant, Acadian Council Repr.

Presque Isle

Rotary Club of Presque Isle has served its community 100 years, done so much to help people.

Stockholm

Susie Anderson has been a key part of Midsommer Festival; her sweet rolls are a signature treat.

Van Buren

Peter Madore has played a pivotal role in revitalizing crucial aspects of the town's infrastructure

Wade & Washburn

Washburn Memorial Library features book clubs, toddler story time, wellness programs, more

Wallagrass

Thomas Pinette is Community Center janitor, helps each town event, brings holiday toys to kids.

Weston

Dennis Clark & John Ribe have served their town on elected and volunteer boards over years.

Cumberland County

Baldwin

Norma Haines has assisted Historical Society, Library, her Congregational church, and grange.

Cape Elizabeth

Kenneth Berry has helped Elections, Historical Society, Cemetery Corporation and his church.

Casco

Casco Day Fair Association organizes annual Casco Days; epitomizes volunteerism, community

Cumberland

Cumberland Historical Society conscientiously preserves town's history, awards scholarships.

Gray

Lisa Lehne-Gilmore has done so much to contribute to success of Gray Wild Blueberry Festival.

Naples

Naples Lions Club has raised and contributed over \$120,000 to charitable causes last 20 years.

North Yarmouth

Waste Reduction Committee has organized a number of activities to help town recycle things.

Sebago

Maple Grove Grange #148 has been committed to helping Sebago's residents for 140+ years.

Westbrook

Clifford & Vicki McKinley have done so much over 15 years to assist the Open Door Kitchen.

Franklin County

Chesterville

Glenda Barker has helped Homemakers Extension, Grange, Farmington Fair, and other causes.

Jay

Paper Mill Workers have done a lot of things to help their community over a span of many yrs.

New Sharon

Nora Thombs has served Girl Scouts 50 years, was principal & coach at local elementary school.

Phillips

Dorrie White has given years of dedicated and selfless service to the Phillips Area Food Pantry.

Rangeley

Beth Bruswick led fundraising efforts to build Rangeley Family Medicine & Wellness Pavilion.

Audrey Hodge was active member of Church of the Good Shepard, Episcopal Church Women.

Edward Kafoury worked hard to create Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust & revitalize Cupsuptic.

Susan Koob excelled in teaching special education over many years to Rangeley area children.

Strong

Clyde Barker was a Selectman, County Commissioner, Mason, Elk, Lion, Granger & Fireman.

Weld

David Hutchinson has served as Mystic Tie Lodge Master, Snowmobile Club Pres., a fireman.

Jeanette Hutchins has assisted Historical Society, Weld Extension, donates flowers she grows.

Hancock County

Brooksville

Audrey Peasley has chaired historical celebrations; helped start Meals for ME, Girl Scout troop.

Bucksport

Karin Bos & Rick McHale take pictures of/publicize youths participating in a variety of sports.

Franklin

Francis Gordon coached youth basketball and baseball teams for the 1960's through the 1980's.

Gouldsboro

Dana Rice has served 40 years as town's Harbor Master and 20+ years as Chair of Select Board.

Lamoine

Amy Duym has taught school 36 yrs, plays key role with theatre productions, is youth advocate.

Mount Desert

Ellen Kappes over 30 yrs has served on many boards/committees; addresses environment issues.

Orland

Orland Comprehensive Plan Committee has worked hard to update plan last created in 1998.

Sullivan

Sullivan's Town Office Staff & Volunteers work hard to keep their town a beautiful/fun place.

Surry

Ted Fletcher has given free rides to medical apptments 10+ yrs, chaired Surry Finance Comm.

Doug Havey served 4 years as Pres. of SCIA, cooks for group's & town dinners, provides trees.

Kennebec County

Albion

Nathan Choate revitalized the Elijah Monument in a spectacular way as his Eagle Scout project.

Augusta

Augusta Warming Center is a community place where folks in need can stay warm in winter.

Belgrade

Catherine Damren has served as a ballot clerk, State Legislator, volunteer at Agricultural Fairs.

Bruce Galouch has given decades of devoted service to the town's Fire and Rescue Department.

Michael Heino has provided many years of dedicated service to Belgrade as the town's Sexton.

Maureen Milliken serves Communications Comm., edits Belgrade Bulletin, chairs library board.

Benton

Randall Raymond has served yrs as Road Commissioner, goes way beyond call of duty to help.

Chelsea

Scott & Dorothy Grady have been involved in numerous boards/committees, also help schools.

China

Ronald Breton has served China as a Selectman, on a number of other town boards/committees.

Frederick Fischer has helped local American Legion 25+ yrs & maintains Veterans' Monument.

Trishea Story has served many years as an election clerk and on the town's budget committee.

Clinton

Blair Frost is a historian who helped Hometown Heroes by identifying names of Clinton Vets.

Randall & Jodi Liberty established the Clinton Hometown Heroes Program to honor Veterans.

Farmingdale

Dana Parker has served on sewer committee, Meals for Wheels. as American Leg. Commander.

Gail Parker has served 40+ years at polls, on Planning Board & helped Maine Children's Home.

Fayette

George Joseph oversaw creation/construction of Fayette Central School; is acting superintendent

Susan Morin has served Fayette Central School 20 yrs; her dedication to kids is above & beyond

Gardiner

Gardiner's Gardeners is a volunteer group spending summers tending gardens to beautify city.

Hallowell

Granite City Park Planning Group worked hard to turn the park into a must-see destination.

Litchfield

Litchfield Youth Recreation Committee assumed responsibility, grew participation in all sports

Manchester

Alec Rogers is dedicated Manchester Community Church pastor, was KVCC Chair, a Selectman.

Carroll Whitman has served Manchester Country Riders 50+ yrs; was fireman, on School Board

Monmouth

Laurie Gifford has directed Cottrell Taylor Christmas Basket Program for 20 yrs and done more.

Mount Vernon

June Leighton has done so much to help the Mount Vernon Fire Dept. over a span of many years

Oakland

Trenton Clark is a youth who has been helping the Oakland Flower Committee for past 5+ years

Pittston

Ann Pistell has volunteered in the Recycling program for over 20 years in many different ways.

Readfield

Lydia Adelson has helped with Roadside cleanup efforts, shopping and other things for elderly.

Philip Durgin has volunteered for Readfield Library, local Food Pantry & Trek Across America.

Jason Foster has served as Asst Fire Chief; also helps Wreaths Across America, his son's school.

Rome

Andy Cook has served on RSU 18's School Board and Safety Committee, Town Rec Committee.

Sidney

Sidney Community Food Pantry has worked hard over decades to provide food to folks in need.

Vassalboro

Don & Lisa Breton have fund-raised for variety of Vassalboro causes, e.g. food pantry & school.

Wayne

Wayne Dam Committee has spent much effort conscientiously preserving the Dead River Dam.

Anne Huntington has assisted Conservation Commission and Comprehensive Plan Committee.

Donald Welsh has served on the SelectBoard, 30-MWRA, ALIC, and Memorial Day Committee.

Windsor

Ronald Brann has served as Selectman, on Windsor Educational Foundation, on Budget Comm.

Richard Gray Jr. has served as Selectman, on Budget Committee & on Cemetery Committee.

Theresa Haskell serves as Town Manager, founded Windsor Days, coached, Girl Scout leader.

Winslow

Wallace LaFountain has served as Winslow High football & wrestling coach, as KAC President.

Knox County

Rockland

Rockland Police Dept. Youth Mentoring Program is assisting children with positive activities.

St. George

Community Development Corporation Staff/Board/Volunteers help to strengthen St. George.

Thomaston

Peter Lammert has served as a Selectman 35+ years, as Cemetery Sexton and as Tree Warden.

Julia Richards chairs Planning Board, is a Thomaston Village Trustee, also involved with DAR.

Union

Robert Williams helps Aging in Place in Union Committee & was on School Board MSAD #40.

Washington

Mildred Melgard helps at fire dept. and grange dinners, solicits donations for a variety of causes.

Lincoln County

Alna

Doreen Conboy has served 20 years as Town Archivist, preserving + cataloguing key documents

Boothbay Harbor

Boothbay Harbor Fire Dept. heroically battled a recent fire & prevented significant destruction.

Dresden

Emily Hanley Clark has played a key role in the success of Bridge Academy's annual fundraiser.

Jeanine Clark has done so much to help the community of Dresden over a period of many years.

Jefferson

Judi Olson chairs local Blessings in a Backpack, provides food to Village Schools youths in need

Nobleboro

Steve Plumb has given outstanding service to the Town of Nobleboro over a period of many yrs.

Somerville

Somerville Fire Dept. Auxiliary has given many years of dedicated service to town & fire dept.

South Bristol

Thresa Mitchell has served as First Responder, EMT, local ambulance and Fire Dept. volunteer.

Southport

Donald Duncan has served many years on Planning Board + as Hendrick's Hill Museum Trustee

Westport Island

Dennis Dunbar has played key role in securing Westport Island land for preservation, recreation.

Whitefield

Michael McMorrow has volunteered for Roads, Budget, Cemetery Committees and for Library.

Wiscasset

Katharine Martin-Savage has served as Selectman, on Budget and 250th Committees, and more.

Oxford County

Bethel

Frances Head has served on Appeals Board, Budget Committee, Comp Planning, in Legislature.

Fryeburg

Theresa Shaw has given many years of dedicated to Fryeburg Town Office and folks she serves.

Greenwood

Bob Coolidge over a span of decades has given dedication, assistance to the Town of Greenwood

Hartford

Lorraine Parsons helps with cemeteries, veterans monuments and celebrations and town history.

Hiram

Lura Sawyer beautifies town, is active on Cemetery Committee, was involved with Bicentennial.

Mexico

Roland Bousquet has helped vets for years – gives them meals, socks & drives to appointments.

Norway

Brian & Sherri Otterson started group helping cancer survivors & donated land in heart of town

Peru

Gammon Family Farm sponsors bottle drives to aid folks in need, places flowers on vets graves

Porter

Ronald Silvia served a number of years as Selectman, did so much to help folks over that period.

Roxbury

Silver Lake Campowners Association runs a boat inspection program to limit invasives spread.

Rumford

Ladies of the Lake Quilters makes & donates quilts, other items to hospital & community home.

Sweden

Tommie Mckenzie serves as EMA Director, Address Officer, Masons, Firefighters Association.

Julia McQueen has served on Planning Board; Budget, Comp Plan and Fire Station Committees.

Alberta Ridlon has served as a Selectman, Town Clerk, with Fire Dept., also taught Bible School

Woodstock

Woodstock Conservation Commission preserves its local mountains, forests, lakes and streams.

Penobscot County

Bangor

Greg Edwards founded Bangor Greendrinks, has chaired Beautification Committee + done more

Carmel

Julia Pike has served years as a town clerk, as Town Meeting Moderator, as Sexton and Warden.

Corinna

Ronald Richards has coached, served on School Board & Appeals Board, also helps his church.

East Millinocket

Charles Bishop has been invaluable to East Millinocket Industrial Board to redeploy old mill site

Etna

Betty Moffet has devoted many hours and much effort to servings Etna Community Food Pantry.

Exeter

Angela Dorman revitalized Exeter's Tennis Court/Basketball Court, added pickleball to courts.

Garland

Sanford Giles has given many hours of volunteer service to his community, Town of Garland.

Victory Glenar has given many hours of volunteer service to her community, Town of Garland.

Hampden

Sue Anne Hahn has done so much to help Hampden Neighborhood Food Cupboard over 30 yrs.

Holden

Chris Greeley served as Police Chief and founded 25 Days of Kindness that helps those in need.

LaGrange

Jane Bishop helped start a town library, has served on School Board, in other local organizations.

Lincoln

Brian Hamor has served as President of Our Heroes Military Museum, promotes military history

Mattawamkeag

Monument Caretakers do a great job preserving George Smith Homestead, a national landmark.

Plymouth

Laurine Farrar has served as Plymouth's Health Officer, EMS Chief, involved in Pond Assoc.

Ardis Holt has done much to help clean & restore Plymouth cemetery graves, to honor deceased

Mike Seavey has dedicatedly served Comprehensive Plan Committee, helps town in other ways.

Piscataquis County

Brownville

Brownville Fire/EMS Dept. emergency respond, also organize many community service events.

Medford

Marie Drinkwater served 28 years as town clerk, registrar, tax collector & treasurer of Medford.

Sebec

Carol Cress served years as Sebec Town Clerk, did so much to help community over that period.

Sagadahoc County

Bath

Judith Barrington has helped Sagadahoc Preservation, Main Street Bath, and Bath Garden Club.

Bowdoinham

Julie Booty & Brigid Palmer annually run the Bowdoinham Community School Rummage Sale.

Georgetown

Georgetown Broadband LLC has worked hard to fund & construct a high-speed fiber network.

Phippsburg

Ellen Winchester has helped Community Garden Committee, Conservation Commission 15+ yrs

Richmond

Marilyn Grizkewitsch helps senior center, Richmond Rides, Richmond Days, more town events.

West Bath

Ronald Beal has given decades of dedicated service to West Bath in elected and appointed roles.

Woolwich

Dale Reno has donated time/supplies to repair Old Town House, North Fire Station, Town Office

Somerset County

Anson

Brenda Garland has served her community many years as a paramedic and also as a Selectman.

Athens

Mark Munn served a number of years as a Selectman; he was a kind soul, a person of character.

Cambridge

Arthur Packard has served as a Selectman, his church, on Fire Dept. 30+ years, Planning Board.

Cornville

Myron Moody Jr. has served many years as Road Commissioner, done so much to help people.

Detroit

Todd Burrell has maintained, repaired Town Park to ensure safety of residents & their children.

Embden

Carol Dolan has served years as President of Embden Historical Society, done so much for group

Fairfield

Nancy Marcoux has done so much over yrs to help Fairfield Interfaith Food & Essentials Pantry.

Hartland

Hadley Buker & Elmer Littlefield have done Street Flag Management for the Town of Hartland

Jackman

Charles Lumbert Jr. has been very involved with sports teams; he started a large area employer.

Madison

Freeman Buzzell has done much for his community during the 60 yrs his business has operated.

Mercer

Brian Breton saved Mercer Rescue Dept., has served as its Director & also as Cemetery Sexton.

Moscow

Darryl Fortin has served on Planning Board, as town meeting moderator, as Post 99 Commander

Norridgewock

Sherri Lewis & Abigail Clair have assisted Parks Committee, Girl Scouts and Humane Society.

Palmyra

Palmyra Library Ladies are dedicated volunteers taking care of books donated to town's library

Ripley

David Sherwood for 20+ yrs has cleaned and maintained boat launch area, restored picnic tables.

Skowhegan

MacKenzie Janna Cayford is part of many community committees & assists many local events.

Solon

Mary Lou Ridley served as Selectman, ran Solon Giving Tree for years, helps Coolidge Library.

Waldo County

Belfast

Keith Pooler has been served Fire Dept. 35+ years, Shrine, Public Works Dept., Water District.

Belmont

Maxine Harford operated daycare for 40 yrs, was a godsend for working parents and their kids.

Ronald Harford has devotedly served for years as a volunteer firefighter & helped with daycare.

Brooks

Polly Ravin has done so much to help her First Congregational Church of Brooks, Thrift Store.

Frankfort

Evelyn Adams has served 30+ years on SelectBoard, been on Planning Board & Budget Comm.

Freedom

Wilson Hess has served as Selectman, on County Broadband Coalition, & with Historical Society

Knox

Galen Larrabee was very active in his community, served many years as Knox's First Selectman

Lincolnvile

Michael Eugley has served over 40 years as a volunteer firefighter, including 14+ years as Chief.

Montville

Laurie Foy was a kind, generous person who touched many lives, bringing sunshine to everyone.

Morrill

Gary Sheldon served as a Selectman, firefighter, church elder and deacon, head of water district.

Northport

Peter Simpson has served on Fire Dept., SelectBoard, will drop what he's doing to help people.

Palermo

Anne Helm has served 18 years as Palermo Consolidated School Secretary, is heart of the school.

Searsport

Charlene Knox Farris is Searsport Town Historian, gives presentations, served years as teacher.

Stockton Springs

John Tabor serves as pastor of his church & he also is involved in his community in other ways.

Thorndike

Carolyn Wingate served many years as a local TOPS Secretary, was a past member of Rebekah's

Roger Wingate served as a member of Fire Department, as Road Commissioner, and as a Mason.

Troy

Robert Hogg has provided dedicated service to the Forestry Committee and to Recycling Center.

Unity

Unity Public Library organized a story walk, offers computer literacy classes, helps businesses.

Winterport

Stephanie Clisham led Senior to Senior Project, Big Sister volunteer, student council & mentors.

Washington County

Baileyville

David Claroni provided dedicated service to his town as a police officer, drug recognition expert.

Charles McHugh was Baileyville's Town Health Officer and school physician, active on boards.

Calais

John Monaghan volunteered 26 yrs as a crossing guard, ensuring safety of thousands of youths.

Kenneth Murphy Jr. served as a baseball coach & referee, helped start a Junior Legion program.

David Sivret was instrumental in starting Calais Community Thrift Shop, Calais Veterans Center.

Columbia Falls

Charles Herr has installed flower boxes, picks up litter, mows town land, and helps his church.

Dennysville

Wayne & Roberta Seeley both have been Dennys River Ambulance volunteers about 50 years.

East Machias

Juanita Davis served 25 years as a Foster Grandparent and was a Cub Scout Leader for 22 years.

Jonesboro

Jonesboro Grange #357 has run Blueberry Festival, Crush Cancer 5K, & Dance Fitness Project.

Machiasport

Gerald Wood has done so much to help his Machiasport community over a period of many years

Steuben

Amy Hall has helped Recreation Dept., Library and Community Center and Ella Lewis School.

York County

Biddeford

Paul Gagne volunteers with La Kermesse, Biddeford Cultural and Heritage Center, other groups.

Denis Letellier is willing to help anyone anytime, is involved with Biddeford Historical Society.

Buxton

Frank Pulsoni has served as SelectBoard Chair, a police officer, firefighter, EMT, in other roles.

Cornish

John MacIntyre has chaired Pike Hall Committee & Memorial Day Committee, helps Elections.

Hollis

Hollis Community Clothing Closet for 18 years has been providing clothing to people in need.

Paula Hodgdon has volunteered 18 yrs at Salmon Falls Library, is neatness/organizational guru.

Kennebunkport

Kathryn Leffler has served on number of town boards and committees, also assists Rotary Club

Limington

Patricia Dearborn is a volunteer who provides faithful, kind service and love to Limington folks

Lyman

Cemetery Committee has been working hard to restore and improve the appearance of cemetery.

Newfield

Wesley Stacey ensures local vets have a flag on their grave & are honored in an annual ceremony

Peter Stickney started Tiny Food Cupboard during pandemic, helped folks contribute/feel useful.

North Berwick

North Berwick Elementary School 3rd Grade Class inspired creation of anti-littering ordinance

Parsonsfield

Wesley Stacey ensures local vets have a flag on their grave & are honored in an annual ceremony

Shapleigh

Shapleigh Election Workers demonstrate exemplary citizenship, dedication to election process.

South Bewick

Emery's Bridge Community Improvement Association has strived to restore #11 Schoolhouse.

