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Dear MCS Member,

We know that we are all stronger together, that giving and receiving without exchanging money brings more value to each of our lives and creates a spirit of equality and relationship that strengthens us individually and as a community... that is the heart of time banking.

For the past few years we've had discussions about how we can be financially sustainable in an organization that operates with a complimentary currency. As you all know, last year we transitioned from being a project funded by the AmeriCorps Vista Program to an official program of the People Plus Center. This means that our operating costs are now our sole responsibility with assistance from People Plus in the form of office space, computer and phone usage, and office equipment and supplies. We assessed that it would cost \$150¹ per person each year based on costs associated with producing member directories, newsletters, and mailings as well as program coordination, which includes administrative time to enter data in our database, and regular communication and coordination with People Plus, the fundraising committee, the Kitchen Cabinet, and key community organizations.

In order to supplement our fundraising efforts and sustain and grow our network, we've concluded that it would make sense to invite all members to make a modest, annual donation of \$25+ and/or donate three hours of service per year. However, any donation is greatly appreciated. Members may also opt to donate three hours a year they can help with office work, a fundraiser, an event, phone calls, or any other way they choose or are comfortable with. All services help sustain our program, and many of you already contribute much of your time to MCS. Helping at the office will help our coordinator focus on administration, fundraising efforts, and building membership.

We know that you value what we are doing, and your involvement is what makes MCS work. It is your program, and we need your commitment. Please fill out the form below, make your check payable to MCS c/o People Plus, and mail to us at 6 Noble Street, Brunswick ME 04011. If you want to volunteer, please contact us at 729-0757, ext. 106 or via e-mail at mcs@peopleplusmaine.org.

Sincerely,

Tracy Gregoire, Finance and Fundraising Committee Chair

Merry Meeting Community Shares is an all-ages, skills-sharing program of the People Plus Center. Our mission is to create caring community, value every individual equally, and share our time, our services and community.

MERRYMEETING COMMUNITY SHARES ANNUAL DONATION FORM

NAME: _____ PHONE #: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

\$25 Annual Donation Other _____

Check _____ Money Order Credit Card (VISA/MC) _____ Exp. _____

I'd like to volunteer in the MCS office or with other events

Make checks payable to Merry Meeting Community Shares, c/o People Plus, 6 Noble Street, Brunswick ME 04011

¹ Based per person cost on \$30,000, which includes 20-hour week/coordinator

Merrymeeting Community Shares News

Welcome to our new part-time,
temporary coordinator, Kate Onos!

I am truly excited to be serving as the temporary coordinator for Merrymeeting Community Shares. I feel very fortunate to be a part of this community-building network and as wonderful an organization as People Plus.

I'm looking forward to working with everyone at People Plus to keep the MCS program thriving and our members connected. I feel my degree in business and background as an office manager/bookeeper will serve this position well.

I've been a member of MCS since 2006, and have enjoyed meeting some of you through our exchanges. Currently I own and manage Brunswick Family SkinCare and am a licensed Aesthetician.

When not at the MCS office, I can be found at my office in Senter Place in Brunswick or enjoying time with my husband, David, and our daughter Hannah.

— Kate Onos

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Next Contradance, August 17

Mark your calendars for the next Contradance, which starts at 7 p.m. for families and beginners, with more experienced contras hitting the dance floor at 8 until 11 p.m. Check the MCS Web site at www.mmcsshares.org for band details.

Next Potluck, September 27

Connect with other members during our next monthly potluck on September 27 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the People Plus Center. Monthly potlucks are held every fourth Wednesday of the month (except July and August).

NEWS:

We've been able to update our database with current contact information and service details thanks to Kate and Sharon's diligent work; our Give N' Go Volunteers Tami Palmiter and Edna Beers; and our volunteer phone callers, Maureen, Arleen Rancourt and Marga Huntington. So enjoy the enclosed up-to-date service and contact list and don't forget to check our Web site for ongoing updates.

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