

Appreciating the opportunities we're given



It isn't often that a nonprofit gets the chance to raise the public's awareness of mental health and special education concerns through a full-page ad in a popular Sunday newspaper. But over the past 21 months, Spurwink has been fortunate enough to have had just such an opportunity.

We've used this ad space to inform *Maine Sunday Telegram* readers of the challenges and opportunities facing individuals and families who are affected by a wide range of mental and behavioral health issues, developmental disabilities, and special education needs.

By sharing our heartfelt stories, breakthrough successes, and providing a glimpse into the journey undertaken by those who benefit from the services Spurwink and other organizations provide, we hope we have helped reduce the stigma attached to mental health.

Evidence-based practices — coupled with a compassionate, intelligent approach to care — are making a difference in the quality of life experienced by children, adults and families throughout Maine. Their successes form the foundation upon which larger, community oriented achievements may be made.

As Spurwink's awareness raising campaign draws to a close, we hope you'll remember our commitment to making a difference in Maine's communities.

If you've enjoyed reading our stories, please be sure to visit Spurwink's new Web site when it launches in November. The site will provide useful tools and resources that visitors can access. Come be inspired, find hope, and join others who are making a difference in the community.

Thank you for reading and providing feedback to our ads each week.

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