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Lewiston-Auburn Rotary donates 700 books to Androscoggin Head Start

Lewiston, ME (October 28, 2010) - Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care was the lucky recipient of the Lewiston-Auburn Rotary Club's community focus for the month of September. Rotarians collected and donated more than 700 books, puzzles, and toys to the children in Androscoggin Head Start's seventeen classrooms, located throughout Androscoggin County. Rotarians are also volunteering their time to read to the children in Head Start classrooms.

Estelle Rubinstein, Executive Director of Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care, personally accepted the donation on behalf of all of the children in Head Start's programs. "We are so thankful for the generosity and support of the Lewiston-Auburn Rotary and its members, and for the caring and for putting that caring into action. These books will be brought into our classrooms, and the children will be so excited to have them. Literature and Early Reading are very important to a developing child, and having a large variety of books to look at and read out loud with teachers and volunteers, is a huge boost to their education."

The Lewiston-Auburn Rotary Club is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. The main objective of Rotary is service - in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world. The Lewiston-Auburn Rotary Club has committed itself to helping local organizations, especially where children are involved. For more information on Rotary, visit www.lewistonauburnrotary.org.

Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care has provided quality early care and educational services to pregnant women, families, and children for over forty-four years. Program options include Full Day Head Start pre-kindergarten and child care, Half Day Head Start pre-kindergarten, Home Based, Family Child Care, Infant and Toddler Early Head Start, and the Child and Adult Care Food Program. Services through these programs are provided annually to over four hundred children and families throughout Androscoggin County.

Applications for all programs are accepted at any time. Please call (207) 795-4040 ext. 325 for more information. Please visit our website at www.androkids.com. Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care is a United Way funded and Lewiston and Auburn CDBG supported agency.

Photo Attachment: Members of the Lewiston-Auburn Rotary Club with the 700 books they collected and donated. Left to Right: Ed Plourde, Stephanie Gelinas, Chris Martel, Shawn Wright, Don Grant, Adam Dow, Nancy Brown and Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care Executive Director Estelle Rubinstein.



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