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**WMTW Day of Caring volunteers donate to Head Start**

**Lewiston, ME (September 19, 2011)** - Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care was the beneficiary of volunteer time from staff at NEWS 8 / WMTW-TV on the United Way's Annual Day of Caring, held September 9. Peter Magee, John Gregory, Bill Greep, Amy Beveridge, Dave Guthro, Matt Earl, Donna Rideout, Raechel Gregory and Dave Abel spent their morning painting, clearing debris from the recent hurricane, and cleaning playgrounds at Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care's Early Head Start Center on Bartlett Street and the Coburn Center on Bates Street in Lewiston.

Estelle Rubinstein, Executive Director of Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care said "These nine volunteers gave their time to help the children at Head Start have safe playgrounds. With the recent destruction from Hurricane Irene, our very small facilities staff had not been able to catch up with some of the projects that needed to be finished before winter. The volunteers from NEWS 8 were wonderful help for our staff to be able to winterize the Early Head Start playground, painting, and clearing the remains of the hurricane. Every year the United Way assigns a local business team to volunteer with us, and every year the people who spend their time with us do amazing things. We are so grateful to the United Way of Androscoggin County and NEWS 8."

Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care has provided quality early care and educational services to pregnant women, families, and children for over forty-five 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.androscogginheadstart.org](http://www.androscogginheadstart.org). Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care is a United Way funded and Lewiston and Auburn CDBG supported agency.

*Photo attachment: Volunteers from NEWS 8 / WMTW-TV on the United Way's Day of Caring volunteer at Early Head Start (front, left to right) Peter Magee, Amy Beveridge, Dave Guthro, and Dave Abel. (Middle) Bill Greep, Matt Earl, and Raechel Gregory. (Back) John Gregory and Donna Rideout*



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