



Newsletter No. 4

Hello! Welcome to An Angel's Wing Newsletter. As an organization, we are always utilizing new ways to reach individuals looking to help in their community by donating their time or resources to local organizations. Our newsletters are used to provide current substance use trends in our community and share what we are doing as an organization to provide resources to individuals in need.

We have plenty of exciting news in this upcoming newsletter. Please feel free to reach out to us for any questions or inquiries regarding our work and mission!

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RECAP ON SNOWDEO

We were able to have our first ever Snowdeo where surrounding community members were able to come together and appreciate the Maine weather!

CITY COMMITTEE DEDICATED TO SUD

A new Lewiston committee has been assembled to address the barriers and stigma surrounding SUD in the area.

NEW STORE IN THE AUBURN MALL

We are so excited to announce the opening of our new store in the Auburn Mall, May 1st!

Snowdeo

This last March, we were able to hold a very successful fundraising event at Lost Valley Ski Area in Auburn, ME. The event couldn't have happened without the support of the REST Center, Hawkeye Fiber Optics, Saroteen, Rems Realty, Gray Woodworking LLC, and Meadowfield farms!

As an organization, we love being able to raise money for our mission but also kickback and have some fun with our dedicated community! Snowdeo allowed us to do just that, and we look forward to holding more fundraising events in the future!

To be up to date on all future events, please stop by our <u>Facebook</u> page! Make sure to check us out at the upcoming 28th Great Falls Balloon Festival in August. More information can be found here.

"We need to educate ourselves and others so that we can come to understand substance use disorder as a disease rather than a choice" Stephanie Gelinas





New Lewiston Committee Dedicated to SUD

This last March, the city of Lewiston took a massive step in improving their recovery infrastructure for people in need. The assembled group consists of our very own, Debra York. The group is tasked with addressing the barriers aggrieving the recovery process in Lewiston. Individuals seeking recovery often are outsourced to non-local agencies due to the limited resources Lewiston has to offer.

One of the goals of the agency is to better address the stigma surrounding substance use disorder and to better educate individuals on its effects. One of the committee's first steps is for individuals and institutions to start treating SUD as a disease versus an individual's choice.

The group will be giving regular updates to the city council throughout the year as they work on creating a more sustainable recovery process in Lewiston.

A link to the article can be found here.





Thank you, John Loftus!

We wanted to give a warm and sincere thank you to Bates student, John Loftus! All the photos used for this newsletter are from his senior thesis and continued work throughout this year. It was a pleasure working with you, John. We wish you all the best in your endeavors.

Thank you for your continued support in our organization! If you would like to get more involved, please reach out to us @anangelswing@yahoo.com.

New Store in the Auburn Mall

We are so excited to announce that we will be adding a new store in the Auburn Mall May 7th! This will provide our organization with yet another revenue stream to continue our efforts in supporting individuals in recovery.

The store will be focused on name brand items from LL Bean, Patagonia, Polo, and so much more!

Our current store in Lewiston will continue to stay open as we now plan to expand our customer network.

Any new information regarding the opening of our new store can be found at our <u>Facebook</u>.





