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2002 MWF Grants
$105,000

The Maine Women's Fund is proud to announce grant allocations totaling $105,000 for 2002, with an additional $45,000 allocated to second year support for six of the funded initiatives in 2003. This is the first year the Fund has made two-year grants, in response to the expressed needs of current and previous grantees to build stronger organizational capacity for social change through multi-year grant commitments. The 16 grant recipients are:

Alternatives to Violence Project
Statewide, $2,000 to support workshops for women in the Cumberland County Jail to empower them to lead non-violent lives and to inspire others to transform their lives towards non-violence.

Avena Institute
Midcoast Maine, $1,000 to support the Garden Girls Program, an earth-focused social action program for girls aged 12 to 17.

Coastal Enterprises, Inc.
Lewiston-Auburn, $7,500 for Women Starting Smart, a collaborative economic empowerment project partnering CEI's Start Smart program with Somali women in Lewiston-Auburn who seek self-sufficiency through business development.

Downeast AIDS Network
Statewide, $5,000 for Women Battling AIDS Together, a series of statewide retreats for women who are HIV positive, providing opportunities to learn, relax, and develop advocacy skills.

Family Crisis Services
Cumberland and Sagadahoc Counties, $12,000 over two years to develop and pilot an anti-bullying program for elementary level students as an extension of the Young Adult Abuse Prevention Program.

Happy Dance Productions
Statewide and Beyond, $6,000 for Zoey's Room, a safe and supportive interactive, web-based forum for girls to question, explore, and discover issues and topics of interest to them.

Hardy Girls, Healthy Women
Kennebec and Somerset Counties, $7,000 for general operating support for this new organization dedicated to creating "hardiness zones" for girls and women in central Maine where they can experience equality, independence, and safety in their everyday lives.

Maine Centers for Women, Work and Community
Statewide, $13,000 over two years for the Steps to Economic Security Initiative to integrate financial management training, resources, and support throughout the Centers' program areas.

Maine Equal Justice Partners
Statewide, $15,000 over two years to increase enrollment in Parents as Scholars through outreach and advocacy.

Maine Women's Policy Center
Statewide, $20,000 over two years for general support to optimize women's and girls' lives through public policy, research, education, outreach, leadership, and legislative action.

The Next Step Domestic Violence Project
Hancock County, $7,500 for general support to serve the needs of women affected by domestic violence while striving to end the cycle of violence through education and social change.

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"The very least you can do in your life is to figure out what you hope for.
And the most you can do is live inside that hope."

Barbara Kingsolver
Maine Women's Fund

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PLANNED PARENTOOD OF
NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND
Cumberland and York Counties, $6,500 to support the Student Net­work Organization to ensure women’s reproductive freedom con­tinues into the future.

SPRUCE RUN
Greater Bangor, $9,500 for a collaborative outreach project with the Penobscot Nation to develop a coor­dinated community response on Indian Island to domestic violence.

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE COOPERA­TIVE EXTENSION GENDER PROJECT
Statewide, $15,000 over two years for “Turning Beauty Inside Out, Maine,” to expand girls’ and society’s understanding of beauty, focusing on compassion, action, and good inten­tion rather than physical appearance.

“YOU THE MAN”
Penobscot County, $8,000 to support a collaboration between Add Verb Productions and Spruce Run to use a theatrical piece in area high schools to address teen dating violence and modeling for young women – and young men – how to combat abusive or violent situations.

YWCA OF GREATER PORTLAND
Southern Maine, $15,000 over two years to support Maine Leap’s “Healthy Image, Healthy Spirit” pro­ject to address disability discrimina­tion, confront paternalism within exist­ing health systems, and challenge gender and disability bias in society.

VERIZON UNDERWRITES THE
MWF INTEGRATED
COMMUNICATIONS INITIATIVE
Verizon is underwriting the Fund’s Integrated Communications Initiative totaling $20,000.

This initiative will expand the Fund’s current internet capability and launch a web-based technical assistance program for grant recipients.

“We are delighted to partner with the Maine Women’s Fund to better connect their constituencies—and our communities—through the use of technology. This more efficient, expedi­tious way of communicating will ensure that women and girls state­wide are alerted to the numerous opportunities presented to them via the Maine Women’s Fund,” noted Celeste Viger, Community Relations Manager, Verizon.

Being a statewide organization, the Fund uses all avenues of communica­tion to reach grant applicants, grant recipients, donors, supporters, business and corporate sponsors to raise awareness of the needs of women and girls, to raise money and award grants. By moving towards a comprehensive technology-based outreach effort, the Fund’s resources will be made available to a wider au­dience of women and girls, especially those in rural areas.

The MWF has had a strong relationship with Verizon and its predeces­sors for many years. We appreciate the opportunity to broaden this relation­ship by supporting the resources generated by this initiative.

TWO IMPORTANT WELFARE REFORM REPORTS RELEASED

Maine Equal Justice Partners in collaboration with the University of Southern Maine surveyed participants in the Parents as Scholars Program, determining graduates of the program increased their wages by more than 40%.

The Maine Center for Economic Policy found nearly two thirds of 748 TANF recipients surveyed were off welfare in 2001. More than half of those who remained on welfare were confronted by chronic health problems limiting their ability to work—the MWF funded this report in 2001.
“The first problem for all us, men and women, is not to learn but to unlearn.”

Gloria Steinem

Each March, we celebrate Women’s History Month, those special 31 days each year when we acknowledge the contributions women have made and continue to make to our families, communities, and culture — contributions that have not always been recorded in history books. Many arenas can now be cited in which women’s talents and achievements are more consistently recognized: sports, executive leadership, even politics. In spite of these advancements, women continue to be challenged when it comes to one vital domain of power — money.

We are a nation both obsessed and repulsed by money. We will talk endlessly about investing, retirement planning, and property values, but money itself — that is still largely a taboo subject. We take very little time to explore our emotional connections to money, or to consider our personal money management personas. Are we spenders or hoarders? Do we think about our future financial needs, or worry only about making ends meet this week? Do we rely too regularly on credit cards to pay for living expenses? Do we have enough money? Just how much is enough?

At first glance, it may be difficult to discern how these questions apply differently to women than to men. The difference lies largely in experience, which for most women is still woefully limited. Women’s experience controlling and managing money is, in most cases, only a generation or two old, if that. A recent poll of women ages 21 to 34 revealed that 71% wish they had “greater control” of their finances. In that same poll, 54% of women said they would acquire 30 pairs of shoes before saving $30,000 for retirement.

Against this backdrop, consider the following implications:

- Women live, on average, seven years longer than men and need 20% more for retirement.
- On average, women earn 25% less than men and work 11 fewer years than men.
- Women’s lower lifetime earnings result in social security benefits that are about half of men’s.
- 53% of women are not covered by a pension plan, compared to 22% of men.
- 75% of elderly people living in poverty are women.

What can we do to empower women to take charge of their financial destinies? What is the most important achievement for women in the realm of financial literacy?

We must break the silence that surrounds money in our culture and both ask and answer the hard questions about how we treat, talk about, use, and share money. We need to learn how to develop a healthy relationship with money and to recognize that we have the power to control money, rather than continue to let it control us. We must overcome our fears, guilt, and ignorance about money so that we can make healthy, informed choices about how we spend and save it.

So, let’s make some history, starting today. Let’s start a statewide conversation among women about money. Start slowly, and talk to your easiest confidants — sisters, mothers, daughters, best friends. You’ll be amazed how hungry you — and they — are to talk about money. Pretty soon, you’ll be talking across state borders, maybe even beyond national boundaries. And the more we talk, the more confident we’ll become.

Who knows where this could lead us? Perhaps future history books will show that global gender equality grew out of a grassroots women’s movement in the early 21st century based on dialogues about money. The power — and the money — is ours to control.

Karina Anderson  
Executive Director

This article was recently featured in the Portland Press Herald/Maine Sunday Telegram.

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PROFILE OF A DONOR
KATE MOON

Kate Moon is best known as the founder (in 1984) and owner of Walkabout Comfort Shoe Store at 563 Forest Avenue, Portland. She is also one of the founding board members of Maine Businesses for Social Responsibility—MEBSR—over eleven years ago.

Kate lives her life with passion and in keeping with her values. She is a Mentor at the Maine Youth Center, has been a Big Sister, is an active member of MEBSR, a Master Gardener, and is a recent student of yoga and meditation. Both personally and through her business, she has supported countless organizations focusing on children's issues and the environment.

Walkabout has supported the Maine Women's Fund for several years through the Evening to Honor Maine Women and Girls and is participating in the Maine Women's Fund Mother’s Day Celebration for the second year with 10% of sales on May 10 & 11 benefiting the MWF. Thank you Kate for all of your gifts to the community!

MARY HILLAS TO RECEIVE GOLDEN GROWER PHILANTHROPIST AWARD

Mary Hillas, one of the Founding Mothers of the Maine Women's Fund, will receive Maine Initiatives' Golden Grower Philanthropist Award at their annual dinner on May 9. Mary will be recognized for her deeply held passion and support for justice, gender equity, human rights and the environment that have been the guiding force behind so many successful social change organizations and movements in Maine.

For more information, visit Maine Initiatives website at: www.maineinitiatives.org.

GREAT WEB RESOURCES

For teen girls with disabilities. The world wide web has a huge gaping hole when it comes to stuff for teen girls with disabilities. The following teen girl sites have lots of great information and links to other sites, chat and bulletin boards where you can post your own messages. They don't necessarily have information regarding disability.

www.bluejeanonline.com
www.evermag.com
www.girlzone.com
www.gURL.com
www.razzberry.com

Disabled?
This site hosts four discussion groups for women with disabilities, including teens.

www.gimpgirl.com

Young, disabled and proud
Sites for all teens with disabilities; both written by and for disabled teens.

www.disabilitycentral.com/activteen/index
www.ecentral.com/exhale

More disability e-sources
Just a sampling of some websites that have tons of interesting information on disability.

newmobility.com
icanonline.com
wemedia.com
disabilityworld.org
**The Key Financial Forum for Women**

Denise Sakal, KeyBank Marketing Manager (left), Karin Anderson, MWF Executive Director, and Kathy Underwood, President/Maine District, KeyBank.

The Maine Women's Fund was thrilled to receive an $8,000 check from KeyBank at the recent financial forum for women in South Portland—$3,000 from event registration fees plus a $5,000 gift!

"Controlling Your Financial Destiny" was hosted by KeyBank, and featured Jane Bryant Quinn, the syndicated columnist and nation's leading commentator on personal finance. She gave concise ideas and tips on money management and smart investing in a changing economy.

"There are differences between how women and men invest," said Jane Bryant Quinn. "But money isn't pink or blue—Money is green!"

Workshops followed the keynote, providing expertise in smart investing through mutual funds, charting a course for a successful retirement and growing your small business.

"This was a terrific event," said Karin Anderson, Executive Director of the Maine Women's Fund, "Our partnership with Key has been most rewarding—we have raised lots of money and advanced women's education and comfort in talking about money—two important aspects in the work of the Maine Women's Fund."

The event was sponsored by KeyBank, News Radio WMTW and the Portland Press Herald/Maine Sunday Telegram.

**MWF 10th Anniversary Quilt Tour Continues**

The quilt was displayed at Gorham High School during March for Women's History Month.

In April, the quilt was shown at the Cary Memorial Library in Wayne.

Maine Centers for Women, Work and Community, South Portland branch, will host the quilt in May during the Career Life Presentation class.

YWCA of Greater Portland will display the quilt through June.

Please contact Liz Anderson if you are interested in displaying the quilt in your local area—774-5513 or liz@mainewomensfund.org.

**Maine Scholarships for Women Program**

Earlier this year, the Maine Women's Fund and the University of Southern Maine's Women's Studies department distributed $9,000 in grants to eighteen women as part of the Maine Scholarships for Women Program. Seventy-two supporters donated all or part of their tax rebate in 2001 to help women across the state who are pursuing degrees in Maine. Some of the women receiving scholarships wrote to let us know how their scholarship money helped:

"Thanks for all your help in making my financial burden a little lighter... Knowing that someone really cares about education for women is gratifying."

"The money made it possible for me to have some urgent car repairs done that I would not have otherwise been able to afford ... As the sole provider of my six-year-old daughter, any financial assistance I receive to help further my education is greatly appreciated. Completing my degree is my top priority right now."

"This award means a great deal to me, not simply financially, but as a recognition of my efforts to live a more fulfilling life, and then in turn being able to offer that same gift to my children and others who come into my life along the way."

The Maine Scholarships for Women Program received more than 130 applications from women of all ages and experience levels. Although the Maine Women's Fund and USM were thrilled to be able to meet the requests of so many women, we are aware that the need for funding for women pursuing higher education is vast and unending. The Fund will continue to accept donations specifically for The Maine Scholarships for Women Program – please indicate this on your contribution and send to the MWF, PO Box 5135, Portland, ME 04101.

"All the women I know feel a little like outlaws."

Marilyn French
THE NEW GIRLS NETWORK WORKS!
Nancy Ansheles

I was hesitant about joining the New Girls Network. Like many women, my plate was already full juggling work, family, and time for myself. But sometimes you’re hungry for a second helping, and the Network has turned out to add to my life in many ways.

First, it’s been great for my ego to be included in a “young” women’s group. After surviving breast cancer and turning 40, I was beginning to think I was old! Not according to the Maine Women’s Fund. (Thank you very much!)

Second, I’ve been able to connect with interesting women in the Network. I’ve enjoyed talking with them about how they use their skills and talents — like Leah Cross, who helps young girls express themselves through art at A Company of Girls, or Erica Quinn-Easter, who raises money to bring diverse entertainment to our community through the Center for Cultural Exchange.

Third, my involvement in the Network has enhanced my understanding and appreciation of the difficult job of allocating funds. It was eye-opening to attend a grantmaking committee meeting and listen to the intense conversation necessary for distributing funds. Observing the process reconfirmed my belief that they invest our money wisely.

Finally, and most rewarding, is that my involvement in the New Girls Network motivated me to volunteer to help other women. I was first introduced to the Portland Adult Education African Women’s Reading Program on a site visit by the Network last November.

During that visit, many of us were impressed with the energy and talent of the teacher, Alison Perkins and the commitment and enthusiasm for learning by the participants.

I left that visit so charged, I decided to volunteer. Now when I go in on Wednesdays I’m greeted by familiar faces. I enjoy sharing with the women the wonderful world of reading (which I love) and demonstrating the power of women helping women.

Fundraising For A Change

Grantees of the Maine Women’s Fund are invited to participate in this technical assistance day sponsored by Maine Funders for Change (MFC) and the New England Grassroots Environment Fund (NEGEF). The workshop will be held on Friday, June 7, at the Lucerne Inn in Lucerne-in-Maine.

All Maine grantees, member groups, and funded projects of the Maine Women’s Fund, MaineShare, Haymarket People’s Fund, Maine Initiatives, Genesis Community Loan Fund and the New England Grassroots Environment Fund are invited to participate. The cost for the all-day workshop is $15.

Topics to be covered include:
- Major donor cultivation and solicitation
- Building & using your donor list
- Special events
- Membership campaigns
- Board & staff roles in fundraising
- Fundraising in your community — embracing class, race, gender & ethnicity
- Positioning your organization for $$

This peer-to-peer learning day is a response to the need identified by MWF grantees and other social change groups to learn more about fundraising to achieve greater sustainability. The technical assistance day is open to staff, board, and volunteers with grantee organizations. Registration for the workshop will open May 1 — check the MWF website for details.

www.mainewomensfund.org

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WHO ARE Kindred SPIRITS?
Anyone who is a passionate, ardent and fearless advocate for the Maine Women’s Fund and wants to:
♦ Raise awareness of the MWF
♦ Meet kindred spirits through the work of the Fund
♦ Have fun

WHY Kindred SPIRITS?
We have heard from many supporters wishing to become more connected to the Maine Women’s Fund, but who do not necessarily know how. Kindred Spirits is a way for supporters of the Fund to connect with each other locally, and to find innovative and exciting ways to raise awareness about the Maine Women’s Fund and local grantee organizations.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF Kindred SPIRITS?
The expectations are simple. Let us know:
♦ You are a Kindred Spirit
♦ What you are planning and what support you need
♦ Your thoughts and feedback

WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH SUPPORT FROM THE FUND
Kindred Spirits are supporters of the MWF who are willing to raise awareness by:
♦ Organizing house parties and gatherings.
♦ Working with local libraries and other community centers to host the 10th Anniversary Commemorative Quilt.
♦ Identifying new leaders to participate in the New Girls Network – a program for women in their 20’s and 30’s to explore feminism, leadership and philanthropy.
♦ Organizing activities around your particular interests, such as an Every Woman’s Garden Tour or a book club discussion group.
♦ Inviting staff and volunteers to speak to your local civic and professional groups.
♦ Organizing a presentation of Money Talks—a play and discussion about women & money.
♦ Introducing MaineShare to your workplace—an option for charitable payroll deduction, funding non-profit organizations working to prevent and solve human and environmental problems.

HOW DO I BECOME A Kindred SPIRIT?
Sign up online at www.mainewomensfund.org or contact Liz Anderson for more details at 774-5513 or liz@mainewomensfund.org.

Kindred Spirits listed on the MWF website (as of 4/9/02)

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Deborah Simpson

Aroostook County
Elaine Briggs

Cumberland County
Lyn Ballou
Elena Brandt
Lindsay Cadwallader
Nancy Coyne
Nancy Foss
Linda Fullerton
Lynne M. Gawtry
Jill Green
Casey Heard
Mary A. Hillas
Annie Houle
Julie Jenkins
Leslie Livingston

Cumberland County (continued)
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Mary McAleney
Anne-Marie McKenzie
Pamela McNally
Nancy Baker Miller
Margot Milliken
Bridgey Mullen
Destry Oldham-Sibley
Clara Porter
Barbara Potter
Shawnee Sax
Elise Scala
Agnes Schuchert
Andrea Summers
Jessica Tomlinson
Victoria Toote
Vivian Wadas & Parkside
Women’s Counseling
Nancy Wanderer
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Hancock County
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Kimberly Hutchinson

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Penobscot County
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NEWSLETTER OF THE MAINE WOMEN’S FUND
The Shoulders We Stand On: Unmasking Our Grandmothers' Radical Roots
Sarah Standiford

"Whether you vote or not, or whether you have an abortion or not, is not the issue; it's that it's there and available. I lived when it wasn't there and I almost died when it wasn't there," conference speaker.

Planned Parenthood of Northern New England, the University of Southern Maine Women's Studies Program and the Maine Women's Fund have long understood the need to bridge the gap between women who lived under rigid governmental control, particularly when abortion and birth control were illegal, and the young women of today. Last fall our organizations collaborated to bring these two groups of women together for a day of learning and sharing at a conference entitled: The Shoulders We Stand On: Unmasking Our Grandmothers' Radical Roots.

Highlighting the conference was a panel of women who had deeply moving stories to tell about their pre-Roe abortion experiences, attaining or offering birth control illegally, working as part of the Clergy Consultation Service, and more. Their stories offered an eye-opening reminder about the complexity of personal choices, and the precariousness of reproductive rights.

Also featured was Melissa Marin-Lindamood, a young activist who shared her story about bicycling across the country to raise awareness about the shortage of abortion providers, and to raise funds for Medical Students for Choice. The day ended with an opportunity for young women to take action through organizing workshops and roundtables. As one student participant stated, the conference was "a reminder that choice equals safety, dignity, and empowerment at a time when our most basic freedoms are at risk.

Evening to Honor Maine Women and Girls

The Evening to Honor Maine Women and Girls will take place on Monday, October 7, 2002 at the Holiday Inn by the Bay in Portland.

We need your help to identify and select these honorable women and girls.

Four awards will be presented honoring women and girls whose efforts make a difference in the lives of women and girls. This year, we have reserved at least one award to recognize a girl between the ages of 14 and 20.

All nomination materials must be submitted together in one package. Submit your completed nomination packet by Friday, May 24, 2002 to:

Maine Women's Fund
PO Box 5135
Portland, ME 04101
Telephone: 774-5513

We are proud to feature Nance Parker's "A Painting for Betsy" in the promotional materials for the 2002 Evening to Honor Maine Women and Girls.

MaineShare—News

Record Allocations

MaineShare, an alliance of 35 statewide non-profit organizations, including the MWF, that focus on root-cause solutions to Maine's human and environmental problems, distributed a record $175,573 to its groups in 2001, a 20% increase over the $146,344 allocated in 2000. Since its inception in 1989, MaineShare has provided nearly $1 million, primarily through annual workplace giving campaigns, to its member organizations that are working for positive social and environmental change in Maine.

New Members

MaineShare has added four new members, expanding the coalition to 35 organizations. The new members include the Kids Involved Doing Service (KIDS) Consortium, Maine Initiatives, Maine Lesbian Gay Political Alliance (MLGPA) Foundation, and the Maine Women's Policy Center.

Golf Scramble Fundraiser

MaineShare's 2nd Annual Golf Scramble will be held on Saturday June 8, 2002 at the Bath Country Club in Bath, Maine. Proceeds from the event will benefit MaineShare, allowing it to sponsor more charitable giving campaigns in workplaces throughout the State. The scramble will begin at 8:00am with a shotgun start. A picnic lunch will be provided following the tournament when the raffle winners will be announced and the gift certificates for pro shop merchandise will be awarded.
“It occurred to me when I was thirteen and wearing white gloves and Mary Janes and going to dancing school, that no one should have to dance backward all their life.”

Jill Rucklehouse

Thank you to the dozens of volunteers who made our work possible in 2001!

MWF 2001 VOLUNTEERS

Connie Adler
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April 30 & May 1
Women in Management 22nd Annual USM Conference, Holiday Inn by the Bay, Portland. 8:30 a.m.—4:45 p.m. $175 for one day and $285 for both. Silent Auction will benefit The Jason Program and Voices and Choices. For more information contact wim2002@maine.rr.com.

Month of May
Maine Women’s Fund Mother’s Day Celebration! Check out the enclosed shopping insert and support the businesses supporting women and girls in Maine.

MWF’s 10th Anniversary Commemorative Quilt—Maine Centers for Women Work & Community, 175 Main Street, South Portland – FMI call 799-5025.

May 5
YWCA Race Against Racism—5K run and walk, to benefit Center for Prevention of Hate Violence. The race begins & ends at Spring Street, Portland. FMI contact PJ 874-1130, ext. 3049.

May 9

May 12
Flatbread Company—Silent auction 6—8 p.m. to benefit the Maine Women’s Fund, 72 Commercial Street, Portland.

May 18
Women in Harmony presents Sisters, A Musical Celebration of Unity, 7:00 p.m., State Street Church, Portland. Tickets at Drop Me A Line, 611 Congress Street, $12 admission, $10 in advance. FMI whmaine@hotmail.com. See $2 coupon to benefit the MWF at the hack of the Mother’s Day shopping insert.

Well Suited presents Suit Yourself, a one day sale of new and gently worn clothing for the budget-minded professional woman. 9 a.m.—1 p.m. at McAuley High School, Stevens Avenue, Portland. FMI call Michelle 780-1686.

Month of June
MWF’s 10th Anniversary Commemorative Quilt—YWCA of Greater Portland, 87 Spring Street, Portland — FMI call 874-1130.

June 1
Maine Centers for Women, Work & Community—Get a Financial Life Conference, 8 a.m.—12 p.m., Christie Building at Northern Maine Technology College, 33 Edgemont Drive, Presque Isle. FMI call Marie Wilcox, 764-0050. Cost $10.00.

June 7
Maine Funders for Change and New England Grassroots Environment Fund—Fundraising For A Change workshop at the Lucerne Inn, cost $15.00. FMI contact Patti at 774-5513 or thewomen@mainewomensfund.org.

August 11-24
Zoey’s E-Pals Camp. A technology based after school program for 7th grade girls statewide. College of the Atlantic in Bar Harbor. Cost $1,600 per person. FMI call Mary Ortear 230-0170.
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CLOSING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE.
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