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Ethel's Tree of Life Receives United Way of York County 2016 Community Investment

3/2/16 South Berwick Maine, Maine. Ethel's tree of Life today announced that it has been awarded a two-year grant from United Way of York County totaling \$22,000. This investment will allow us to continue our branching out programming.

Ethel's Tree of Life, Inc. (ETL) is dedicated to working with young people who live with any disabilities and/or special needs. Special needs can be defined by anything that causes students to have difficulty learning, whether it be a disability or perhaps a situation at home (like a death in the family). ETL students learn to say "I can!" Through our many and varied learning experiences! Building Life and Work Skills assists a very vulnerable population prepare for successful adulthood.

Through the mobilization of resources, expertise, and funds that support programs focused on the essentials of education, financial stability, and health, United Way of York County advances the common good and strengthens the whole community. Thanks to the continued support of many dedicated individuals, businesses, and organizations throughout York County, this year the United Way is investing in 63 community programs that serve children, youth, adults, and families.

"Thanks to the generosity of many who support United Way's work throughout the year, we are able to provide continued and much needed support for essential human services across the region," noted United Way of York County President & CEO Barb Wentworth. "These important programs support the best start for our youngest citizens, provide healthy foods for children and seniors, engage youth in meaningful service, and meet basic needs, all critical components of our collective efforts to build an even stronger York County."

Ethel's Tree of Life has been working with the youths and young adults of Southern Maine and Seacoast New Hampshire for the last 13 Years. Founded by Linda Higgins and succeeded by Lauren Kemp the organization continues to work with young adults to get them ready for adulthood by expanding their horizons, try new things, and empower themselves with their new found confidence.

About United Way of York County

United Way of York County strengthens community conditions by bringing people and resources together to effect long-lasting changes that improve lives. Together we focus on important issues that impact Education, Income, and Health, the building blocks of a good quality life.

To learn more about United Way of York County and be a part of the change you want to see in the world, visit www.buildcommunity.org or call 207-985-3359 to learn how you can Give, Advocate, or Volunteer.