

Inns donate to food pantry

ROCKLAND — Innkeepers from five inns in Rockland, Maine presented a \$1,500 check to Alice Dole, administrator of the Area Interfaith Outreach Food Pantry of Rockland, March 1. The donation came from proceeds collected at the Historic Inns of Rockland Pies on Parade, the Inn to Inn Pie Tour.

Once matched with a grant from the Good Shepherd Food Bank, the donation will result in \$3,000 to help feed the hungry in the Rockland area. Roughly figured, the contribution will provide more than 9.5 tons of food for those in need in the Rockland community.

"We were delighted to deliver this check, especially when we learned how far it will go," said P.J. Walter, LimeRock Inn innkeeper. "It makes the hours of pie baking so much more meaningful and, knowing this is an annual event, we look forward to making this donation each year" added Ellen Barnes of the Captain Lindsey House.

Upon learning of the donation, Jason Hall of the Good Shepherd Food Bank wrote to the Historic Inns of Rockland, saying, "This event could potentially create enough food to supply just under a hundred families in that community with essential food for a year. I don't think the town realizes the impact this event had on assisting those in need. Thank you, thank you, thank you for considering others, for the large task of planning and coordinating this event, and for being involved in caring for your neighbors."

Pies on Parade, the Inn to Inn Pie Tour celebrated National Pie Day. So great was the interest, the event was extended to a second weekend, helping to boost the donation from proceeds for the Area Interfaith Outreach Food Pantry of Rockland. Inns participating in the event included Berry Manor Inn, Captain Lindsey House, LimeRock Inn, Lakeshore Inn and Waterman Inn and Gardens.



Historic Inns of Rockland donated \$1,500 to the Area Interfaith Outreach Food Pantry of Rockland from its Pies on Parade event. Alice Dole, food pantry administrator, accepts the check.

The Historic Inns of Rockland's Chocolate March, held March 10-11 was a similar event, including a day of chocolate sampling and demonstrations in Rockland, followed by an inn to inn chocolate tour. The Chocolate March will benefit United Midcoast Charities,

which offers assistance to more than 60 Midcoast nonprofit organizations.

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