



# 2020 Annual Report

## Neighbors Driving Neighbors

Serving the towns of Belgrade, Fayette, Mt. Vernon, Rome and Vienna

Volunteers providing rides to those who don't drive so that they can more easily stay in their own homes.



We love our Volunteers!



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a year! We peaked at 65 rides for about 20 people in Oct of 2019, then 62 in November, dropped to about 50/month going into the new year with roughly the same number of riders and nearly 40 drivers, then crashed with COVID to 0 with the shutdown in March. We began doing a few food/prescription deliveries to homes, and by late June we were ready, with front to back seat barriers, to re-open with a few willing drivers and riders for medical appointments in July, then to a wider number of destinations in September. In October 2020 we were back up to 26 rides with 8 drivers, but with then national surge of COVID cases threatening to catch up to us here in Maine. We once again cut back on rides to just delivery in late Nov.

Staff, manager Mary Beth Paquette and coordinator Irene Goff, have struggled mightily to keep the operation going along with offering some virtual comfort to some of our isolated riders. Our fundraising committee has done a wonderful job continuing to raise money from donors like many of you, generous corporations, private and federal COVID loans and grants, and a very successful on-line auction, orchestrated by board member Peter Roderick. Our board has been incredibly helpful and diligent in these tough times. Several wonderful members have retired (Tim Pike, Ellie Andrews, Eunice Reneyske, and Dennis Keschl), and have been replaced with new, enthusiastic members (Harald Bredesen, Becky Seel, Tanna Witkin, and Kelli Burnham).

You our supporters, have been crucial to this success over

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### IRENE TO RETIRE

We aren't happy about it but she's ready to do it! Irene Goff has been a steady and active force for NDN since it's inception in 2015. She was hired as the Coordinator when it all started and has been totally immersed in all that NDN was and has grown to be.

Her skills in seeing the big picture and then getting us there have brought NDN to a place of statewide admiration. Our up-to-date computer technology, launched by Irene, will carry us through many years of continued growth.

Irene will be missed by many. She leaves a legacy of kindness, acceptance, patience and competency. She will continue to be a part of NDN as a volunteer for which we are enormously grateful. **THANK YOU, IRENE!**



# Celebrating 5 years of service to our communities!



Our riders say —

*I appreciate your organization. It has been a life saver. I can't afford to get the old car repaired so that I'd be driver-free. Thank you.*

The food box was greatly received. Thank you for thinking of us. We appreciate your kindness.

You guys are lifesavers.

*Thanks so much for all you are doing, as we are so grateful. You have no idea how grateful we are.*

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 the past year. We are unsure what the future will bring this next year. But I hope all of you, who know us or come to do so this upcoming year, continue to help us as riders, drivers, and/or donors. That will allow us to serve our 5 towns' residents of all ages, but especially the elderly, so they can age in place, thrive, and continue helping their/our communities remember the past, and thereby to plan better for the future!

Thank you, one and all! Dan Onion, President

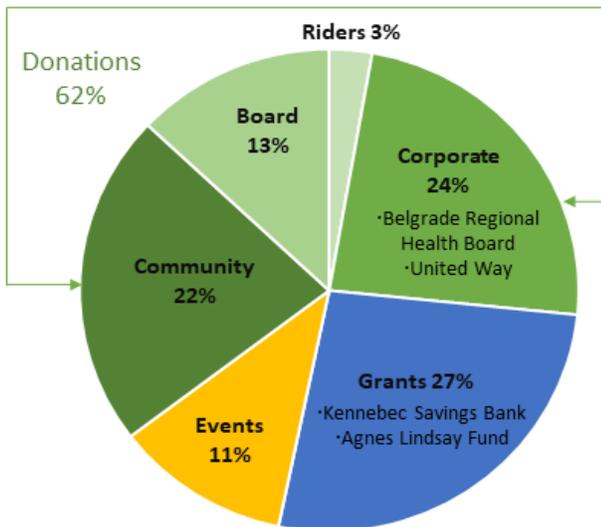
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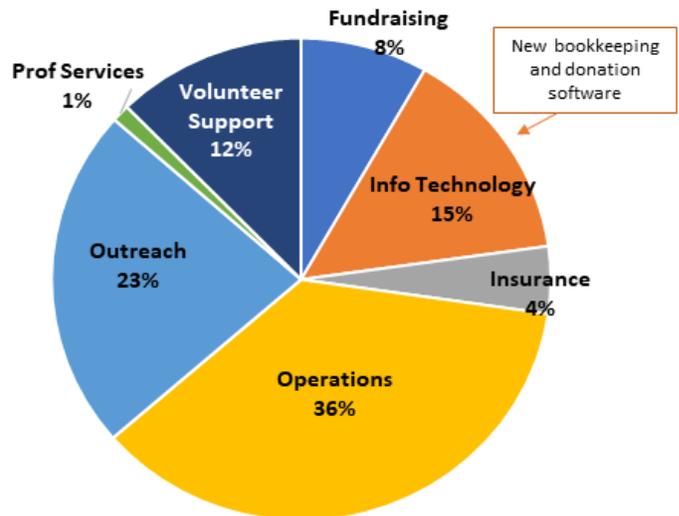
## NDN Finances

Oct. 2019 – Sept. 2020

Income



Expense



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