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### Major Announcement!

We are **THRILLED** to announce that Morrison Center has been officially accredited by the Council on Accreditation (COA)!

This is quite an honor for nonprofit organizations and is the culmination of hard work and dedication from our Quality Assurance Department (led by Mackenzie Anderson, Director of Children's Res), Board of Directors, Leadership Team, and wonderful STAFF!



## Introducing Davis Cottage

Our newest Children's Residential Program opens with support from Davis Family Foundation

Morrison Center is pleased to announce the opening of our state-of-the-art children's residential facility, adjacent to our Special Purpose Private School in Scarborough.

Thanks to several generous donations from Davis Family Foundation over the years, we were able to complete the renovation of this space, and add capacity to our children's residential program. In recognition of Davis Family Foundation's support of this project and other Morrison Center efforts, we have named the wing Davis Cottage.

We are excited for what this program has to offer Maine children in need and for the exciting collaboration between residential and school programs it affords.



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*Morrison Center provides services throughout the State of Maine*



# New Leadership



**Chad Strout**

**Senior Director of  
Educational Services**

"I am grateful for the opportunity to work at the Morrison Center. There is no bigger satisfaction than providing our kids with the best education services available. We truly believe every kid is special and deserves our very best. I am privileged to lead the Morrison Center and will continue to honor the great tradition of the school.

"I have been in the public education realm for about seventeen years. I started as a high school social studies teacher and have since held the positions of: Dean of Students, Assistant Principal and Principal. I am also a US Army Veteran. I hold a Bachelor of Science from the University of Maine at Orono (Secondary Education and History) and a Master of Arts from the University of Denver (Educational Administration and Policy Studies).

"I am married and have a wonderful six-year-old that fills up my life. We like to go to the movies, go on hikes and try to be as active as possible. Family is important to us all and each moment should be cherished."

John attended Univ. of Maine and achieved an undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice and later a degree in Recreation Park Management with a minor in Management graduating Cum Laude. Later, at the University of Maine he received a Master of Education degree in Sciences, graduating with High Honors. John also did additional graduate studies in Public Administration.

John has held varying positions over the years from being the director of a drug, alcohol and tobacco prevention collaborative in Vermont, to being the director of a locked secured residential mental health treatment center for youth. In 2000 and four years following John implemented Maine's first state-wide adult drug treatment court. More recently John worked as a Practice Administrator for Maine General and Maine Dartmouth Family Medicine Residency, operating multiple outpatient practices, specialty clinics and teaching facilities for physician residents and medical students.

Seven years prior to coming to Morrison, John served as the executive director for a nonprofit serving the homeless and the hungry, with multiple homeless shelters, case management services, soup kitchen, community outreach, benevolence services and 83 units of low to moderate income housing.

He is looking forward to working at Morrison and seeing what ways he can be of service to our staff and most importantly to help ensure the best quality care and services for our clients.



**John Richardson**

**Senior Director of  
Adult Services**



# Employees of the Month!

**July:**

**Tabitha Connors**  
Team Lead DSP  
(Pictured right)



**October:**

**Madelyn Regner-Gaiewski**  
Children's Residential  
Team Lead



**Jesse Robinson**

Assistant Director of  
Adult Case Management  
(not pictured)

**November:**

**August:**

**Emily Drake-Michaud**  
Assistant Director of  
Children's Case  
Management  
(pictured left)



**Kassidi McPherson**  
Agency Social Worker



**Melissa Bell**  
Assistant Director of  
Shared Living

**September:**



**Dwight Whitney**  
Admin Assistant, Case  
Management/Shared  
Living Department



**Barbara Kelly**  
Adult Residential DSP

**December:**



**Nicole Foote**  
Community Case  
Manager



**Tiffany Richardson**  
Adult Residential DSP





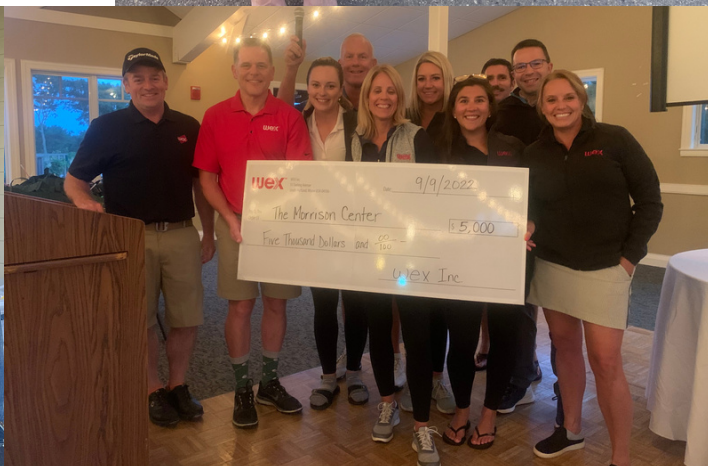
# Golf Tournament Success!

Morrison Center's 28th Annual "Shot in the Dark" Golf Tournament took place at Purpoodock Club in September. Our most successful tournament to date, proceeds from this event go directly to our programs and services. We are forever grateful for everyone that made this event so fun and successful!

Thank you to our generous sponsors: WEX, Pape Chevrolet, Modern Woodman, Janney Montgomery Scott LLC, Drummond Woodsum, ADP, Unum, Maine Properties LLC, Lanman Rayne Nelson, Reade, Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare, Partner's Bank, Consolidated Communications, and CSOne Benefit Solutions.

Thank you to all who attended, donated auction items and prizes, and bid on all the fun items and experiences up for grabs in our live auction.

A special thank you to Golf Committee members from our Board of Directors. Co-chairs Tim Thompson and Daniel Honan, along with Ed Krusec and Dean Alofs, really go the extra mile to make this event memorable. Thank you all! Can't wait for next year!



## JOHN T. GORMAN FOUNDATION

Many thanks to the John T Gorman Foundation for their recent grant to Morrison Center! JTG has been a long-time supporter of the agency and we are grateful for their continued recognition and sponsorship of our services.