

## Waterville Police Department

10 Colby Street Waterville, Maine 04901-6699

Joseph P. Massey Chief of Police William L. Bonney

Deputy Chief

August 13, 2018

Rotary Club of Waterville Waterville, Maine

Dear Rotary Club Members:

On behalf of the Waterville Police Department I would like to thank you for the generous donation of \$5500 to benefit the Waterville Police Department - Operation HOPE Program. HOPE stands for Heroin Opiate Prevention Effort and the programs fundamental operating philosophy focuses on enforcement, education and treatment. Deputy Chief Bill Bonney is the primary architect of the Operation HOPE program and working diligently with the Police Assisted Addiction Recovery Initiative (PAARI) and our local partners KVCAP, Discover House of Central Maine, Maine General Medical Center and Healthy Northern Kennebec rolled out the program in January of 2017.

Since the implementation of HOPE, we have placed approximately 75 addicts into treatment facilities for rehabilitation. While enforcement and education are important aspects of the program, treatment is the primary focus that helps those that are addicted to opioids take back their life. Individuals that come to the police department seeking help for their opiate addiction will be place into one of 300 PAARI partnered rehabilitation facilities around the country. Of course, paying for their initial 30-day treatment, travel, housing and other necessities can cost upwards of three thousand dollars for one individual. That is why donations such as yours are so important if we are going to sustain this vital program that gives opiate addicts a second chance at life. A testament to the positive impact that HOPE can have on an addict's life is the recent Emily Buker story where she credits HOPE for saving her life, returning her mental and physical well-being, and most importantly allowed her to be a mom again to her 11-year-old son.

Your generous donation will allow us to continue helping those opiate addicts that find themselves in their darkest moments with no place to turn for help, except HOPE!!

With Gratitude,

Chief of Police

# WATERVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATION H.O.P.E.

#### PARTICIPANTS SINCE

JANUARY 17, 2017: 75

Total

Treatment

**Expenditures:** 

\$24,490.65

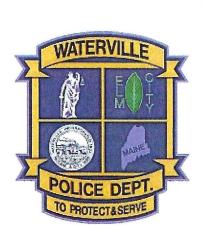


Musicians for HOPE has raised thousands of dollars in two annual concerts!

Emily Buker before and after

Operation HOPE. The light in her

eyes has returned!



Operation HOPE is entirely funded by donations!

## Waterville

### has HOPE

for you...

To recover

To live a happy, healthy, productive life

To be YOU again

FOR EVERY DOLLAR SPENT ON TREATMENT \$1.80 IN SAVINGS IS REALIZED IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.

Community support and partnerships have made this program possible! - Deputy Chief Bonney

We can not arrest our way out of this problem!

- Chief Massey



Thank you Rotarians for your continued support!