



# News Release

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## *Northern Maine Community College Scholarship Fund Receives Major Donation*

**Aroostook County**—Thanks to the generosity of a New Sweden family, their friends and acquaintances, a large donation has been made to a memorial scholarship fund at Northern Maine Community College.

Lynn and Alan Turnbull have donated \$10,500 to the *Livin' the Dream* scholarship fund which was established last spring. The money was raised during a benefit dance and auction held in March commemorating the life of Matthew Turnbull who died in an auto accident at age 23.

“It’s a struggle dealing with the loss every day, but working on something that was important to our son is helpful,” said Lynn Turnbull. “Matthew loved his time at NMCC; it’s where he found his niche, so our family is thrilled to have the opportunity to help students who are moving along the same career path as Matthew. We hope the scholarships will help others who strive to better themselves and contribute to our community.”

“The outpouring of support from our community has been unbelievable. From the generous contributions for our auction to the entertainment donated by Matthew’s best friends and favorite band, Common Crossing, all of it has demonstrated an incredible amount of caring and support for our dream of creating a lasting legacy to Matthew,” said Alan Turnbull, Matthew’s father.

The *Livin' the Dream* scholarship became endowed after the first fundraiser was held just over a year ago. Scholarships are awarded to two students enrolled in a Trade and Technical Occupations program who demonstrate financial need—one from Caribou High School and the other from anywhere in Aroostook County.

“We’re very grateful to the Turnbull family who is turning their tragedy into opportunities for struggling students,” said Bruce Sandstrom, NMCC Foundation chair. “Their generosity is a wonderful example of how to put enduring love to work.”

Donations can be made to the Livin’ the Dream Scholarship fund through the NMCC Foundation.



Alan and Lynn Turnbull (second and third from left) present NMCC Foundation Chair Bruce Sandstrom and NMCC President Tim Crowley with a check for \$10,500 for the “Livin’ the Dream” scholarship fund established in their son Matthew’s memory. Far left: Brian Mosher, songwriter and guitarist of *Common Crossing*, major supporter of the scholarship fundraiser.