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HAROLD ALFOND FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES GRANT TO JOBS FOR MAINE'S GRADUATES TO SUPPORT MAINE STUDENTS

Waterville, Maine - The Harold Alfond Foundation has awarded Jobs for Maine's Graduates (JMG) a \$600,000 challenge grant allowing the statewide nonprofit to expand its programs to serve more youth. JMG is a private nonprofit organization that partners with public schools to prepare students for continued education and careers. Through this challenge grant the Foundation will match, dollar-for-dollar, new contributions made to JMG up to \$600,000.

"We could not be more thrilled to be partnering with JMG, an organization whose mission and programs are in such great need statewide, with such a strong track record of success," says Greg Powell, the Foundation's Chairman. "This grant allows us to support the organization as well as the communities of Dexter and Fairfield—and to build on the successes achieved in Waterville, Oakland and many other communities statewide."

\$300,000 of the Foundation's grant will directly support JMG's general operations. The remaining \$300,000 will support the costs of opening two new programs: one at Lawrence High School in Fairfield, and the other at Dexter Regional High School in Dexter.

Craig Larrabee, President and CEO of JMG, says, "To receive this kind of investment from one of the largest and most well-respected foundations in New England is an incredible honor. We are excited to be able to bring our program to the young people of Fairfield and Dexter, and immensely grateful for the opportunity this challenge grant provides."

About the Harold Alfond Foundation

Founded in 1950, the Harold Alfond Foundation furthers the philanthropic legacy of Harold Alfond, the founder of Dexter Shoe Company and a longtime supporter of Maine communities in which he and his family worked and resided. Harold Alfond awarded matching challenge grants to organizations to build community partnerships and to inspire and leverage additional giving by others. He ensured that his philanthropy would live on by committing nearly all of his wealth to the Foundation, which continues to support charitable causes in the State of Maine.

About Jobs for Maine's Graduates

JMG is a statewide, private nonprofit working with students who face barriers to education. JMG provides 5,000 students a year with the skills and experience they will need to succeed in high school, post secondary education, and careers. JMG graduates become engaging members of their communities, productive adults in the workforce, and contributors to Maine's economy.

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