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***Biddeford Agency Receives Grant  
For Community Inclusion & Diversity Training***

Community Partners, a Biddeford based non-profit serving individuals with developmental disabilities, was the recent recipient of a \$1,000 grant from the TD Banknorth Charitable Foundation. The funds were designated for training costs toward sending three staff to the Toronto Summer Institute - Inclusion, Community and Diversity, July 12-17 hosted by Ryerson University.

The focus of this training is to help staff provide effective support so individuals with developmental disabilities can be empowered and actively engaged in their communities. The annual event is a source of inspiration, an opportunity to connect to the leaders in the field of disabilities services, and a source of valuable tools and resources.

Community Partners currently provides services to some 200 adults in four counties. Of those, more than half live in residential programs based in the Biddeford/Saco area; and 45 are actively engaged in community endeavors such as volunteering; club memberships; working part-time; self-advocacy initiatives, Special Olympics, recreational and cultural activities.

Community Partners is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit offering residential and day program supports for adults in York, Cumberland, Androscoggin and Kennebec Counties. Their mission to support people with developmental disabilities to live valued lives in their communities. For further information visit [www.cpime.org](http://www.cpime.org) or call (207) 282-7113.

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