Bath residents host gatherings to grow community fund

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It’s been a busy season for Bath Community Fund as we continue to spread the word about this opportunity to create an enduring legacy for the people and nonprofits of our Bath community.

During the summer months, our “For Bath, Forever” campaign co-chairs — Brad & Amy Bowers, Dr. Tom & Mary Ann Jackson, and Thom & Lisa Mandel — hosted soirees in their homes to introduce their friends and neighbors to Bath Community Fund. Our generous hosts provided delicious food and beverages while sharing why they believe Bath Community Fund — and our community’s future — is worth the investment so many of our friends and neighbors have already made and continue to make.

We also hosted a Girls Night Social in September to talk about ways to celebrate women in our community who have or who are making a lasting difference. Our “200 Years – 200 Women” campaign is gaining traction as donations in honor or memory of the special women in our lives climb the ladder of our campaign pyramid, and we strive to reach the pinnacle of $250,000 with collective gifts from the women of Bath.

All of these events shared the same goal: To raise awareness about our campaign to grow Bath Community Fund to $2.018 million in celebration of Bath’s bicentennial in 2018. With an endowment of that size, Bath Community Fund will be able to permanently support local nonprofit programs with $100,000 in grants every single year.

We’re currently in the midst of our third grant cycle, and thanks to your generosity, we have about $20,000 to give away this year. Just imagine what could be done with $100,000 annually and the difference those kinds of dollars could make in our community! That is the legacy we are all working toward.

I invite you to join us at our final soiree for this year on Thursday, Oct. 11, at the Regal Beagle. I’d love to introduce you to our campaign co-chairs and advisory board members so you can understand their commitment to growing this fund. You’ll also hear from some recent grantees and see firsthand the impact Bath Community Fund is making in our community — and the potential we have to change the lives of future generations.

“For Bath, Forever” co-chairs hosted small gatherings to introduce their friends and neighbors to Bath Community Fund.