

Local Sustainability

HOW THE OHA IMPACTS OUR COMMUNITY

THE ORONO HEALTH ASSOCIATION

The Orono Health Association was founded in 1969. Their focus is on the health of the community and the health of those in it. At its inception, The OHA managed three programs: A dental clinic, a first aid course, and a clothing room. Today, they support over 20 local programs.

OHA MISSION STATEMENT

- 1. To serve as a source of low cost clothing and household goods for the residents of the community.**
- 2. The Thrift Shop provides the financial support for funding the health-related programs and activities of the Orono Health Association.**
- 3. Promoting the reuse and recycle initiative by reducing the items that are sent to the landfill by repurposing them into our community and beyond.**



OHA SUPPORTED PROGRAMS



Orono Thrift Store

The Orono Thrift Store is located behind the Orono Public Library on Mill Street. 9-4 on Wednesdays, and 9 - 2 on Saturdays.



Literacy Volunteers

Established in 1969, The Literacy Volunteers of Bangor offer aid with basic English skills to both native and non-native speakers in the Bangor Area.



Bangor Homeless Shelter

The BAHS is located on Hammond Street in Bangor. They provide beds and resources to those affected by homelessness. They also provide a warming room in winter months that is accessible overnight for those without beds in the shelter.



OHA Food Cupboard

The OHA Food Cupboard is located in the same building as the Orono Thrift Store. They are open from 10-1 on Wednesday's.

ORONO THRIFT STORE

- The Orono Thrift Store accepts most forms of donations, apart from items like large furniture and appliances.
- It is maintained and managed by volunteers
- Proceeds from the Orono Thrift Store are the primary support for The OHA's other programs.
- It is the only thrift store in Orono, and one of few retail stores.
- Its existence allows people to donate their clothes and keep them in the community, rather than donating to for-profit organizations



LITERACY VOLUNTEERS

- The Literacy Volunteers of Bangor aim to strengthen the community through spreading literacy.
- Literacy strengthens a community because illiteracy can be a major barrier in people's day to day lives
- Educated community members will always be more productive in their society than uneducated.



BANGOR HOMELESS SHELTER

- The homeless shelter had beds for up to 38 people, serving both men and women.
- Staff work closely with individuals to create personalized plans, helping them access housing, employment, and healthcare.
- Limited transitional housing options provide longer-term support for individuals who are working toward independent living
- It offers opportunities for volunteering and donations, engaging the community in its mission to end homelessness.



ORONO FOOD PANTRY

- The Food Cupboard operates on a regular schedule, typically offering food distributions once or twice a month.
- It is maintained and managed by volunteers
- The Food Cupboard serves anyone in need within Orono and surrounding areas. It operates on an honor system, without extensive qualification processes, ensuring low-barrier access to food assistance.
- Community members can contribute by donating food, funds, or time to keep the Food Cupboard running efficiently.



COMPETITIVE ANALYSIS

- <https://www.facebook.com/oronothrift/>
- <https://oronohealthassociation.com/>
- <https://lvbangor.org/>
- <https://www.bangorareashelter.org/>