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### Kids Free to Grow Receives United Way of York County 2019 Community Investment

**March 7, 2019, Kennebunk, Maine.** Kids Free to Grow announced today that it has been awarded a two-year grant from United Way of York County totaling **\$21,060.00**. This investment will be for our Parenting Programs and School and Community Based Education Programs.

Kids Free to Grow is a non-profit agency based in Kennebunk, Maine and serves the entire York County area. Kids Free to Grow, previously called the Child Abuse Prevention Council of York County, was founded in 1978. Kids Free to Grow provides parenting classes, school based programs, professional trainings and community awareness. Our Mission is to prevent child abuse and neglect by empowering children and families in York County.

Through the mobilization of people, resources and expertise, United Way of York County works to improve lives across York County. Thanks to the continued support of dedicated individuals, businesses, and organizations across the region, this year the United Way is investing in 58 community programs that serve children, youth, adults, and families.

"Thanks to the generosity of those who support United Way's work throughout the year, we are able to provide continued and much needed support for essential and direct human services right here in our county," noted United Way of York County President & CEO Barb Wentworth. "These important programs support the best start for our youngest citizens, provide healthy foods for children and seniors, engage youth in meaningful service, and meet basic needs – all critical components of our collective efforts to build an even stronger York County."

Kids Free to Grow is located at 57 Portland Road, Unit #4, Kennebunk, Maine 207-985-5975, and continuously works to prevent child abuse and neglect through education and outreach.

#### **About United Way of York County**

United Way of York County improve lives by mobilizing people and resources. Founded in 1986, United Way of York County turns every dollar contributed back out into the community at a value of \$4.13. To learn more about United Way of York County, visit [www.buildcommunity.org](http://www.buildcommunity.org) or call 207-985-3359.

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