

**THE FIRST PRESENTS DONATION TO
COASTAL KIDS PRESCHOOL**

DAMARISCOTTA – The First has recently presented a donation in the amount of \$5,000 to Coastal Kids Preschool. Dan Daigneault, President and Chief Executive Officer of The First, presented the check to Priscilla Congdon and Martha Lynch of Coastal Kids. The donation will be added to the campaign to expand Coastal Kids Preschool.

The goal of the campaign is to expand the Coastal Kids Preschool facility so that they may offer services to 49 children per day, versus the 28 slots currently available. Approximately one third of the enrollment will be reserved for children with special needs, which is an increase of more than fifty percent for Coastal Kids.

“The First is happy to present this capital donation to Coastal Kids Preschool,” says Mr. Daigneault. “Early education is very important for the children in our communities.”

Coastal Kids Preschool is operated by Lincoln County Children’s Services, a private non-profit organization, created to provide opportunities for Lincoln County’s preschool-aged children. They are staffed by early childhood educators, specialists, and parents who believe that high quality preschool education should be available and accessible to every Lincoln County child. They serve two-and-a-half to five year old children and their families through a language-based developmentally appropriate curriculum. Priscilla Congdon of Coastal Kids stated, “We are very grateful to The First for supporting early childhood education.”

Coastal Kids is now in its fifteenth year of operation and has seen over 200 preschoolers pass through their doors. If you are interested in donating to Coastal Kids’ expansion campaign, or to find out more about them, please call 207-563-5335 or visit their website at www.coastalkidsme.com.

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