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## **Hospice of Southern Maine honored with Community Partner Award at Preble Street Annual Celebration**

**PORTLAND, ME (June 19, 2019)** — At the 44<sup>th</sup> Preble Street Annual Celebration on Tuesday, June 18 at Holiday Inn By the Bay in Portland, Preble Street highlighted the work of its 13 programs operating throughout Maine to meet immediate needs and create programs and public policies that solve the problems of homelessness, hunger, and poverty.

In addition to honoring the 222 staff and conducting the business of the Board of Directors, the Annual Celebration recognizes individuals, thousands of volunteers, and scores of community partners who work hand-in-hand with various Preble Street programs to help Mainers move forward.

The **Community Partner Award** was presented to **Hospice of Southern Maine** in honor of its work to provide choice, power, dignity and respect to tenants in Preble Street Housing First programs in their end-of-life care. "It has been incredible for Preble Street staff to work alongside the staff of Hospice of Southern Maine as they care for members of our community and partner with us to empower and steadfastly protect the dignity of the tenants we serve," said Preble Street Senior Director of Residential Services Ali Lovejoy. "What a gift, to see the tenants, beloved members of our community, peaceful, comfortable, and surrounded by love in their last days."

**Janice R. Bosse** was honored with the **Joseph D. Kreisler Community Impact Award**. Bosse has worked for Portland Housing Authority for 15 years, and before that at Avesta Housing and the San Antonio Housing Authority. She is deeply committed to working with people experiencing homelessness and in her time off volunteers with Habitat for Humanity to build houses. Preble Street Deputy Director Donna Yellen said, "Jan is dedicated to the clients Portland Housing Authority and Preble Street serve; she wants to get to know them, and always roots for them to be successful. Jan, the ripple effects of your unconditional regard for tenants you have worked with over the years have impacts you could barely imagine."

**Tyler Technologies** was honored with the **Leon Gorman Volunteer of the Year Award**, presented by Leon's daughter Jennifer Wilson. This was the fourth award given in honor of the late L.L.Bean president and chairman, who spent one morning each week for 13 years serving in the Resource Center soup kitchen. Tyler Technologies was selected for their consistent commitment to serving their neighbors in need. Every other month a group from Tyler Technologies arrives at the Resource Center soup kitchen and leaps into action, prepping and serving a hot meal to Preble Street guests. Since 2006, they have also donated thousands of

pounds of food and over 8,900 pairs of socks, one of the most-needed items for people experiencing homelessness.

**Preble Street** is a nonprofit social work agency serving the most vulnerable people in Maine since 1975 through innovative, best-practice, client-centered programs that respond to and prevent hunger and homelessness. In addition to the largest emergency food service program in northern New England, Preble Street operates 13 low-barrier programs throughout Maine providing 24/365 services for individuals and families living in poverty, including homeless youth, women, veterans, and victims of human trafficking, driven by its mission to meet urgent needs, empower people to move beyond the crises in their lives, and advocate for solutions to homelessness, hunger, and poverty. [www.preblestreet.org](http://www.preblestreet.org)

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