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Front row left to right: Julie Reddish, Heidi Arey, Julie Hammer, and Andrea Maloney. Back row left to right: Glenn Daigle, Dayton Arey, Dylan Toothaker, and Alan Toothaker.

Small Animal Clinic Captures 5th Annual EdGE Open Tennis Tournament

Bar Harbor – Small Animal Clinic, under the leadership of its captain, Alan Toothaker, captured the 5th Annual EdGE Open Tennis Tournament on Saturday, September 12, at the Causeway Club in Southwest Harbor. With strong performances from all eight of its players, Small Animal Clinic won its flight and then withstood strong challenges in the semi-finals and finals to come out on top. A total of eight teams, sponsored by businesses from Machias, Milbridge, Bangor, Ellsworth, Portland, and Bar Harbor, with 64 players from throughout Downeast Maine competed in this year's EdGE Open.

Small Animal Clinic defeated the team sponsored by Machias Business Group (Charles H. Dorr, DDS, Tom's Mini Mart, and Whitney's Originals) in a close match by the score of 19 to 13. In the semifinals, Small Animal Clinic defeated the defending champion, R.H. Foster Energy, LLC, by an identical score of 19 to 13. In the other semifinals match Machias Business Group defeated the team sponsored by Stanley Subaru and J.T. Rosborough by the score of 17 to 15. The members of the Small Animal Clinic were: Julie Reddish, Heidi Arey, Julie Hammer, Andrea Maloney, Alan Toothaker, Glenn Daigle, Dayton Arey, and Dylan Toothaker.

Each year, the EdGE Open has produced a new champion. The past champions are as follows: 2005 – Union Trust Company, 2006 – J.T. Rosborough, 2007 – Stanley Subaru, and 2008 - R H. Foster Energy, LLC. Since 2005, the EdGE Open Tennis Tournament has raised over \$65,000

for the Mission's EdGE after school and summer programs serving almost 500 children in 17 Downeast communities in Washington and Hancock Counties. The communities served by the EdGE include Addison, Harrington, Cherryfield, DeBlois, Beddington, Columbia Falls, Columbia, Milbridge, Steuben, Sullivan, Sorrento, Franklin, Winter Harbor, Corea, Gouldsboro, Jonesport, and Beals. The EdGE was selected as the #1 after school program in Maine receiving any state funding in 2006.

The businesses sponsoring a team in this year's EdGE Open included the following: Bar Harbor Bank & Trust, Dead River Company, Jasper Wyman & Son, Machias Business Group, Machias Savings Bank, R.H. Foster Energy, LLC, Small Animal Clinic, and Stanley Subaru/J.T. Rosborough. The Maine Sea Coast Mission is deeply appreciative of the continued support of these businesses for the children in rural Downeast Maine.

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