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## Maine Sea Coast Mission Salutes Bordeaux, Dimond



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BAR HARBOR — The Maine Sea Coast Mission will hold its fifth annual Sunbeam Awards Gala on Aug. 22 at the Bar Harbor Club.

This year the Mission is honoring Charlotte Bordeaux of Bar Harbor and Richard Dimond of Southwest Harbor.

Bordeaux traces her philosophy of giving to a spiritual journey she began in 1984, for sharing her wealth, she believes, is God's will. She principally supports charities or organizations that help or serve other human beings. When there is a disaster such as the earthquake in China or the cyclone in Myanmar, she funnels her contributions through organizations that are on site and can jump on board to help those in need, she said.

On a more local level, Bordeaux has been most active in supporting the Mount Desert Island Drug and Alcohol Abuse Group, the Acadia Family Center, Open Door Recovery, the YMCA, the YWCA, the Maine Sea Coast Mission and scholarships for island residents to attend the Summer Festival of the Arts.

Dimond is being honored for the role he played in organizing and ensuring the viability of the Hancock County Deferred Sentencing Project, an initiative of the Mount Desert Island Drug and Alcohol Abuse Group.

In a recent interview, Dimond stressed that he was just one person among many. With help from others, particularly District Attorney Michael Povich and retired Superior Court judge Paul Pierson, they formed a steering committee, raised money through grants and private contributions to establish the sentencing project in 2004 and maintained it for four years.

On July 1, it will become one of 16 state-operated deferred sentencing programs.

Gary A. DeLong, executive director of the Maine Sea Coast Mission, said: "The Mission is honored to have the opportunity to express our gratitude to these Sunbeam Award honorees. Like those who have gone before them, they have touched the lives of many on the margins of life who are often forgotten.

"We hope we are giving voice to their gratitude as well — all the women, men, and children who have been given another chance by the generous giving of time, talent and treasure."

For more information about purchasing tickets to the Sunbeam Awards Gala, call Sarah Clemens at 288-5097.