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**The Maine Children’s Alliance announces the 2021 Giraffe Award Winners**

*Winners will be honored at the virtual Champions for Children Celebration event on November 4th*

AUGUSTA – The Maine Children’s Alliance is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2021 Giraffe Awards, which honor community heroes who “stick their necks out” for Maine children, youth, and families. Giraffe Award winners are individuals, organizations and businesses who routinely go above and beyond, investing precious time, energy, and talent in the well-being of Maine kids.

“We are so pleased to honor this year’s award winners, who are doing so much right now to support and improve the lives of children and families in our state,” says MCA Executive Director Stephanie Eglinton. “In the midst of the ongoing public health and economic crisis, it is more important than ever to celebrate good news and honor the heroes among us.”

The awards will be presented at MCA’s annual Champions for Children event – held virtually this year - on Thursday, November 4th, 2021. The program will begin at 9am.

The winners of the 2021 Giraffe Awards:

* **Lori Moses, Executive Director at Catherine Day Morrill School**.
* **CPort Credit Union**
* **Amber Lombardi, Owner of Mainely Teeth**
* **Victoria Siering, Student at Woodland High**
* **Wabanaki Public Health and Wellness**

The 2021 Champions for Children virtual event, featuring the Giraffe Awards, is open to the public. Tickets can be purchased at <https://mainechildrensalliance.org/events/champions-for-children/>.

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