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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### NORTHEAST BELLY DANCE ASSOCIATION DONATES FOOD TO ANDROSCOGGIN HEAD START

**Lewiston, ME (September 24, 2007)** – Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care was the beneficiary of a food donation from the Northeast Belly Dance Association. Attendees of the NBDA's recent Hafli, a celebration of music and dance held in Auburn on September 9, were asked to bring a non-perishable food item for Head Start's Crisis Closet, which is available for Head Start families in need. The food was delivered to Head Start by Chontel MacNunn, a NBDA member, and instructor of Middle Eastern belly dance. For more information on the Northeast Belly Dance Association, please visit their website, [www.nbdassociation.com/maine\\_chapter.html](http://www.nbdassociation.com/maine_chapter.html).

Androscoggin Head Start & Child Care has provided quality child development services to pregnant women, families, and children, newborn to age five, for over forty-one years. Program options include Full Day, Half Day, Home Based, Family Childcare, and Infant and Toddler Early Head Start. Services through these programs are provided annually to over four hundred children and families throughout Androscoggin County. Centers are located in Lewiston, Auburn, Lisbon Falls, Livermore Falls, Mechanic Falls and Turner.

Applications for all Head Start programs are accepted at any time. Most Head Start programs are free to eligible children. Full day childcare services are available on a sliding fee scale for parents who are working, continuing their education, or participating in job training. Please call (207) 795-4040 for more information. Please visit our website at [www.androkids.com](http://www.androkids.com). Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care is a United Way funded and Lewiston and Auburn CDBG supported agency.



*Photo attachment: Chontel MacNunn (center), a member of the Northeast Belly Dance Association, delivered donated food for Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care's Crisis Closet. Also pictured are Head Start Family Service Advocate Sue Staples (left) and Head Teacher Heidi McKay (right).*

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