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## **OXFORD FEDERAL CREDIT UNION SUPPORTS RECOVERY EFFORTS**

[Mexico, ME, October 20, 2025] Oxford Federal Credit Union (OFCU) has partnered with Western Maine Addiction Recovery Initiative (WMARI) in Norway, Maine, and renewed its partnership with Larry Labonte Recovery Center (LLRC) in Mexico, Maine, to provide operational funding and educational support.

“At Oxford Federal Credit Union, our mission has always gone beyond providing financial services — it’s about helping everyone pursue financial security. We recognize that, at times, achieving that security begins with overcoming other significant challenges. That’s why we are proud to partner with WMARI and LLRC, because their unwavering commitment to building a collaborative, non-judgmental environment for addiction recovery helps lay an essential foundation for financial stability and overall well-being,” said OFCU’s President & CEO, Joann Bisson.

WMARI’s Executive Director, Kari Taylor shared, “We are so grateful for OFCU’s partnership. Their annual support not only helps sustain our work but also demonstrates a deep commitment to strengthening our recovery community. Along with their generous donation, which enables us to allocate resources where they are most needed, OFCU has stepped in to provide financial education groups that equip our community with the tools to budget, rebuild credit, and regain economic stability. For many individuals, active addiction leaves finances destroyed or nonexistent, and others have grown up without the opportunity to learn financial skills. This collaboration goes beyond financial contributions; it’s about empowering people in recovery with knowledge and resources that will serve them for a lifetime.”

“We are incredibly grateful for our ongoing collaboration with Oxford Federal Credit Union,” said Lonnie Labonte, the co-founder and President of LLRC. “Their financial support, along with the financial education classes they provide, has been instrumental in helping us expand our programs and offer meaningful resources to those in recovery. OFCU’s commitment goes beyond dollars—they invest in the people we serve, helping individuals build confidence, stability, and a stronger foundation for long-term recovery.”

Bisson added, “Addiction affects individuals, families, and neighborhoods across all walks of life, and addressing it requires empathy, education, and meaningful action. Through these partnerships, we hope to support the vital mission to promote recovery through education, advocacy, and compassionate community action. Together, we can help break down stigma, open doors to understanding, and build stronger, healthier communities for everyone.”