

The Maine Equal Justice Center is a small non-profit with nine employees. We work to provide legal services and advocacy for low-income Mainers by working in public policy and utilizing administrative agencies within the state. Our budget is comprised of a patchwork quilt of funding sources. Even though our database is fairly small, the old software we were using wasn't designed as a donor database, so it wasn't meeting our needs. Consequently, our funding sources had never been tracked very well.

When we were beginning to hunt for a new database, a colleague attended a workshop run by Karen Schaller through the National Association of Non-Profits. She was impressed by Karen's presentation and we followed up with Karen from there.

We completed the fall appeal using our old software, and with started meeting with Karen in early 2009. Karen understood what our system was at the time, what it wasn't, and made suggestions. We decided that Giftworks was the right choice for our database needs.

Karen made the conversion for us in the winter and spring of 2009. She took the time to understand the nuances of our organization and database: she made it her business to understand our business, and as a result, the Giftworks Product has really worked for us. We can record new information that our old database didn't accommodate, and we can now track foundations instead of limiting our campaigns to private donors. We're better equipped for our biannual appeals.

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