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## BUCKSPORT HEART & SOUL HAS A NEW HOME ALL RESIDENTS INVITED TO OPEN HOUSE

[Bucksport, ME] (March 25, 2016)—The former Rosen’s Department Store on Main Street will become the new home for Bucksport Heart & Soul, Bucksport, Rich Rotella, Bucksport economic development director and Heart & Soul project coordinator announced.

Building owners Richard & Kimberly Rosen donated the space, which will serve as headquarters for the citizen led initiative focused on determining what matters most to the residents of Bucksport. The group will be moving into the building on April 1 and the public is invited to attend a celebration on April 2.

“We now have a building in the heart of downtown where people can easily stop by and share their stories while we explore our community,” Rotella said. “The outpouring of support from the community has been great. There have been 56 volunteers since the rollout of Bucksport Heart & Soul in January, but we are still looking for more volunteers with various skills whether they can contribute an hour, a week, a month or more. We have also received donations of tables, chairs, decorations and funding from local residents and businesses.”

The move comes as the project wraps up phase one, called Lay the Groundwork, which included building a Heart & Soul Team and creating a strategy for the next three phases. In the project’s next phase, residents will be asked to participate in a series of events designed to determine what matters most to everyone in the community as a foundation for future planning and action.

An Open House is planned from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., April 2, at the new Bucksport Heart & Soul Headquarters, 72 Main St. Volunteers will be handing out coupons for a free small soft serve ice cream cone good on opening day at Wahl’s Dairy Port while supplies last.

To learn more about Bucksport Heart & Soul visit us at [www.bucksportheartandsoul.com](http://www.bucksportheartandsoul.com) or on Facebook at Bucksport Heart & Soul.

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