## The Wilhelm Reich Museum PO Box 687 Rangeley, Maine 04970

Subject: Wilhelm Reich Infant Trust receives a Grant from the Efroymson Family

Fund

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Rangeley Maine. . . Mary Boyd Higgins, Executive Director of The Wilhelm Reich Infant Trust of Rangeley is very happy to announce its receipt of a grant from the Efroymson Family Fund of Indianapolis for \$28,450.00 to replace the sills in one of its historic buildings, (formerly the living quarters for Wilhelm Reich, and his family.)

Money has been badly needed to replace the sills in this cottage that are rotting and weakening the structural integrity of the building, and making it more vulnerable to cold and expensive to heat. Water pipes and drains freeze every winter and that creates expensive, plumbing bills. Built in sections in the 1940s, the sections could separate and we may lose it altogether which would be unfortunate because over the years so much has been done to improve it, such as a metal roof, storm windows, and insulation to name a few. The Wilhelm Reich Infant Trust relies heavily on the rental income from this cottage that is called "Tamarack". It is also used six weeks of the year for a summer home for children as directed in Wilhelm Reich's Last Will and Testament - The Trust carries out that wish by making the cabin available free of charge to adoptive, and foster children and their families who could not otherwise afford a summer vacation. Every year Adoptive and Foster Families of Maine selects six families; each family spends a week at Tamarack, which offers quiet, seclusion, access to the shores of Dodge Pond, and the opportunity to be together in the beauty of the Rangeley Lakes Region. This program has been in place for 30 years and with the receipt of this grant from the Efroymson Family Fund it will continue.

The Efroymson Family Fund, a donor-advised fund of the Central Indiana Community Foundation, continues a long legacy of charitable commitment by the Efroymson family in central Indiana. The Efroymson Family Fund was established in 1998 by Dan and Lori Efroymson to promote the viability of communities and to date has awarded more than \$100 million in grants in central Indiana and beyond. For more information about the Efroymson Family Fund, visit: efroymsonfamilyfund.org