



H.O.M.E., Inc. 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

A message for our community...

As I look back over 2020, I'm filled with gratitude for the many people involved in our work and the people we have had the privilege of meeting and helping on their journey. It certainly has been a hard year for all of you and we are honored to have helped you a little along the way.

I'm grateful for our Board of Directors that give their time to ensure that H.O.M.E.'s resources are used wisely, and consistently support us in our daily work. And I'm thankful for you. Whether you have volunteered, donated food or linens, made a financial donation, attended a zoom meeting, written a letter, shared a social media post, or cheered from the sidelines, you are an important part of our work and our hope for the future.

As I look at the growth of H.O.M.E. since our inception in 1970, I am extremely proud of what you have helped us achieve. I am even more excited to look forward to an equally promising future. We have successfully managed full operation of a large basic needs response in Hancock County which includes four homeless shelters, two food pantries, childcare, craft training and more. We have transitioned from managing challenges of poverty to gathering the support of our community and establishing strategies to END homelessness.

H.O.M.E., Inc. is committed to the community in which we do our work and as our community strengthens, each new day offers a chance for us to work together.

The following pages outline work you made happen... As we go forward in these precarious times, we will rely on your support to help us through. We hope you will take a few moments to read through this community impact report so you can see the results of your generosity.

Wishing you a 2021 full of good health, safe shelter, and food in your cupboard – we could not have moved through this year without you and are honored to be here for our community.

~ Much love,
Tracey Hair
Executive Director



LOCAL STATS

-#1 reason for homelessness in 2020 was lack of affordable housing

-26% of all renter households are extremely low income

-18% of Maine children live in poverty

-Maine is 12th in the nation for food insecurity with 1 in 5 not having enough to eat

-37% of Maine's food-insecure population doesn't qualify for public assistance

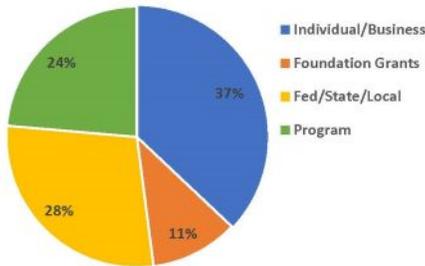
-Food costs in Maine are nearly 18% higher than the rest of the country



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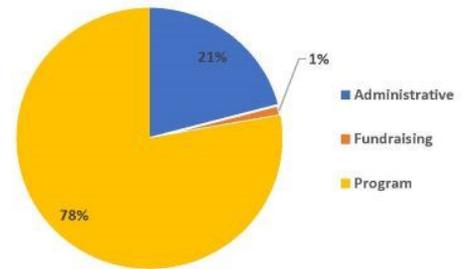
Thanks to the continued support both from individuals and foundations that believe in our mission and vision, We are empowered to provide programming with solutions we know work. We are less than 30% funded by State and Federal programs. With continued support from our community, volunteers and agency partners, we will continue to provide shelter, food, clothing, child care and community, while changing lives in Downeast Maine. H.O.M.E., Inc.'s most recent Audited Financial Statements and Form 990 can be found at www.homemmausa.org.

REVENUE 2020



Individual / Business	\$711,133	37%
Fed/State/Local	\$545,437	28%
Foundation Grants	\$209,200	11%
Program	\$453,477	24%

EXPENSES 2020



Administrative Expenses	\$435,212	21%
Fundraising Expenses	\$26,766	1%
Program	\$1,618,548	78%



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Strategic Planning has been on H.O.M.E.'s Board agenda for the last several months. While we anticipate the Strategic Plan being adopted early in 2021, here is a glimpse of the renewed Vision Statement of H.O.M.E.:

H.O.M.E., Inc. enhances the quality of life of people who have fallen on hard times by honoring their dignity, attending to such basic needs as food and shelter, supporting their long-term health and development, and fostering a vibrant and mutually supportive community.

CORE VALUES:

ACCESS – We are committed to including the people we serve in our decision-making process and eliminating barriers to substantive involvement and upward mobility.

LIVED EXPERIENCE – We are committed to engaging people with lived experience of poverty and homelessness in leadership roles for the delivery of our mission.

STEWARDSHIP – We steward our resources responsibly and take seriously our role as a community partner, acting with honesty and transparency and holding ourselves to high standards of professional competence and financial accountability.

CARING FOR OUR OWN – We care for our dedicated team of employees by providing competitive compensation and benefits and maintaining an environment where they can share their gifts and continuously grow.

FOOD PANTRY

-An average of 157 food boxes provided each month

-105 food boxes home delivered

-747 meals served in the Soup Kitchen (pre-pandemic)

-Farm to Table food boxes distributed to households:

November: 69

December: 85



DAYCARE

-January-March: 18 children enrolled from 12 families--Closed April and May due to pandemic

-June-December: 10 children enrolled from 8 families

-4 families received H.O.M.E.'s in-house subsidy

-Weekend grocery bags distributed to 6 families

-Weekly fresh produce by Blue Angels was given to 6-8 families



SHELTER

-8,916 Bed Nights---178 Guests

-54 People moved into permanent housing

-Percentage of guests who exited to permanent housing:

-Dorr House: 20%

-Sr. Marie House: 40%

-St. Francis Inn: 50%

-Emmaus Homeless Shelter: 22%



HOUSING

-Transitional: 17 people housed in 2020 with 9 individuals successfully transitioned to permanent housing

-The average length of stay in transitional housing was 8 months

-Rentals: 12 apartments rented

-8 rentals subsidized by H.O.M.E. at 30% of income level

-3 rentals subsidized by an outside program

-Ownership: 2 of 3 H.O.M.E. built houses sold in 2020

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

-93 families received a Christmas food box

-170 families received a Thanksgiving food box

-20 families were provided heat assistance (firewood or heating oil)

-8 quilts made for guests of our shelters



H.O.M.E., Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to keeping and enhancing the quality of life for low- income and homeless families. Through services, stewardship of resources, and shared responsibility, we aim to bring forth new possibilities for food, jobs, shelter, low-income housing, education and self-sufficiency.



SPECIAL PROGRAMS

-Backpack program: 75+ backpacks with supplies distributed

-Christmas Programs: 439 individuals received gifts

-Resource Room: 200+ items disbursed to 50+ families including basic hygiene supplies and warm clothing including hats, mittens and coats