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44th Anniversary Celebration
& 2014 Department Reports

10th April 2014



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“Serve First Those Who Suffer Most”

Agenda

h.o.m.e.'s 44th Anniversary Celebration

St. Vincent De Paul Parish Hall

Thursday, 10 April 2014

5:45 P.M.

Memorial Moments & Opening Prayer

Pot Luck Dinner

Keynote Speaker: Bill Rae,
Manna Ministries

Introduction of Board of Directors:

Entertainment

Closing Sing Along



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Emmaus International

After nearly thirty years in the Emmaus movement, home is still finding new ways to become involved. Interest in the movement and its philosophy is growing and there are several groups in north and central America who would like to join. Over the past year, H.O.M.E. has helped to facilitate the application process for groups in Bath, Guatemala and New York. It is exciting to welcome new groups and new people and to see the movement growing in the Americas.



At the last Regional Assembly in Lima, Peru we in the United States made a commitment to organize on a national level and to promote the exchange of people between Emmaus communities. We see the primary purpose of our National Organization to be three-fold: to keep people informed about and promote the movement, to facilitate the creation of new groups, and to aid in the exchange of companions between our groups and those abroad.

Last summer we had a very successful solidarity sale, raising several hundred dollars. It is important that we focus on increasing this amount, as it is pooled with other groups into the solidarity fund, which in turn provides emergency relief for groups around the world. H.O.M.E. and St. Francis were grateful to receive \$10,000 from this fund to mitigate the damages cause by the unusually harsh winter. It is very important that H.O.M.E. does all it can to support this fund so that it might help provide relief for other groups facing similar emergencies. The nature of our emergency echoes loudly with the 60th anniversary of Abbe Pierre's radio appeal to ask for assistance for those freezing in the streets.

It's an exciting time to be a part of the Emmaus movement. Let's all keep the spirit of Abbe Pierre's appeal alive in the years to come.

— Josh, Prochaska, Emmaus Delegate



The gang saying "Farewell" at the Good-bye party for Tracey at the h.o.m.e.'s Market Stand

Farewell, Tracey, and Good Luck

After a decade of dedicated work as a very effective fundraiser and editor of our newsletter, *This Time*, not to mention her barn and animal chores at the farm, Tracey Hair has moved on to the *Emmaus House of Harlem*, NYC. We miss her and wish her lots of success with her new community. Check out h.o.m.e.'s facebook page for more information and links to other h.o.m.e. activities.

"This Time"

We need your stories and pictures of your experiences at h.o.m.e. in past years! Send us stuff to use for the next issue!

You can read the current and many past issues of *This Time* on our web page, follow the link from <http://www.homemmausa.org>.

— Tracey Hair, Editor Emeritus

For all of you on our newsletter mailing list: Please check out the web edition with pictures in color and please let us know if that works for you and we can save the expense of mailing you the printed edition.

Craft Store

Volunteers from Rhode Island worked hard in renovating the side porch of the craft store. They also dug up the burdocks and planted beautiful flowers. Then they put the grass seed in the yard. Home is thankful for their hard work. Also it is wonderful to have new lighting in the craft store thanks to another group. We had a very harsh winter so sales were down but over all we were happy to see an increase in revenues for the year. We were thankful for churches hosting craft fairs throughout the year. We hope to increase the number of craft fairs we hold by asking more churches and communities to participate.

— Eunice

I'd like to send out a BIG "Thank You" to all volunteer groups from the past years for all of your help. You have stacked firewood, rebuilt the porch floor and railing, cleaned the windows, and been great customers of the store.

I want to thank you again for STACKING THE FIREWOOD!

— Jim

Leather Studio

I have been working on getting the shop ready to start fixing shoes, boots, and pocketbooks. I have been using a lot of recycled leather that I have found in the Craft Barn. I have had a few classes in beginning leather crafting. My hours are Monday & Wednesday, 8-4, and Friday 8-12, but if you can't make it then you can call and I can change my hours. I will continuously strive to make different crafts with recycled leather.

Bill Leach *[Editor's note: Bill has also been our most productive and dedicated wreath decorator.]*

Small Motors Report

Have been doing a lot of repairs this spring, summer and fall. Some repairs included, H.O.M.E.'s lawn and garden equipment, weed cutters, and other miscellaneous equipment that is brought in to be worked on. Would like to work on getting more tools to work with, which would help me with my work around H.O.M.E.

Thank you!

- Eric Snow

Stained Glass Studio

The stained glass studio at h.o.m.e. is always busy. I had the opportunity to work with the volunteers making mosaic picture frames. We were able to produce many and I am pleased to report that every frame was sold in our Craft Store.



I will be giving a glass class every Tuesday from 9 am till 11 am. Materials will be provided to make a small sun catcher. The cost is \$25.00.

I would like to repair the big window in our Chapel. I need expert help in removing it and I am hoping that the right volunteer group will come along and work with me on this project.

Thanks,

Roxanne Poulin

Pottery Studio

Pottery had a successful year of sales moving into the holiday season. Over the harsh winter, the studio had a few problems with piping but repairs were successful. HOME was lucky to receive a wonderful donation of a slab roller to the pottery studio which will increase our ability to produce flat and rectangular pieces. Classes remain in demand. For the next season, we hope to renovate the shelving and bring more people into the studio.

Thanks,

Rosa

Christmas Wreaths

Our annual wreath and centerpiece business again provided employment for local wreath makers and our skilled centerpiece makers. We shipped over \$50,000 in orders. Our wreath ordering information is available on our web page: www.homecoop.net.

Fundraising

In addition to raising funds through earned income activities such as selling Christmas Wreaths, lumber from our mills and used items, the combined outreach of H.O.M.E.'s online and offline appeals generated approximately \$95,321.08 to assist with general support.

Additionally, support from private foundations such as the Boston Red Sox Foundation and the E. Rhodes and Leona. B. Carpenter Foundation provided a stable environment where men, women and children could access the support they needed. This support included shelter, access to food, education, employment and programs for children who are homeless or from low-income families.

Continued support from a Maine foundation, also made it possible for local children and children in our shelters to attend H.O.M.E.'s Summer Camp which got under way in June. The six to thirteen year olds explored sewing, pottery, healthy eating and cooking, hiking, bicycle riding, repair and safety. They tied and dyed clothing, swam and explored the history of transportation at the Owl's Head Museum and science at the Maine Discovery Museum in Bangor. In kind donations given by individuals and businesses provided opportunities for the children to participate in field trips to WERU radio station, the Humane Society in Bangor and also to a baseball game in Boston.

Here's where our support came from 2013:

Source	Total
Spring Appeal	\$28,353.38
Fall Appeal	\$62,974.70
Sweepstakes Raffle	\$3993.00
Summer Auction	\$10,256.00
Foundation Grants	\$112,000.00
In Kind Donations	\$16,000.00

Thank you

Fundraising Staff — Tracey Hair and Josh Prochaska



Ralph & Jerry displaying the Red Sox Foundation Logo

Saw Mill and Shingle Mill

Shingle Mill

We have been out of operation for the most of the winter yet have purchased stock. Since earlier this season we have reestablished our operation in the mill because of less necessity for firewood. Hopefully, our work at the shingle mill will keep our department running until we are able to reopen the saw mill.

Saw Mill



Our saw mill has been out of operation due to damage from this winter's recent ice storm. We hope to be back in operation this summer. Al Sandelli has been working on replacing the building. We have received some donated logs which we will begin to cut in the near future.

— Eric Snow

Maintenance

We have been working on unhooking electrical units in the sawmill and tearing down the old building. We have been salvaging where and when we can. It's been a busy year with the long power outage from the recent ice storm. We have continued to make improvements on the heating system and have installed new controller boxes to help save on electricity. There is always tons to do with maintenance as there are always ongoing projects to be completed along with plenty of cleanup.

— Jason Cromeenes

See the pictures in color and read this report on-line:
www.homemmausa.org

Learning Center

This year the Learning Center is proud to have supported two students who have graduated from high school. One student will continue with education through the University of Maine while another plans to attend training at job core. HOME continues to provide classes, one-on-one tutoring, and transportation services to individuals working towards higher education or job training.



In addition to supporting individuals academically, HOME continues to support people in the pursuit of personal enrichment. Painting remains a very popular class as well as stained glass and pottery. Home has recently seen an increase in requests for basic computer courses. Technology classes in general are an area in which we expect to see demand increase as use of computers and online social networking grows.



Day Camp went well in the summer of 2013. With a high number of children enrolled and lots of fun activities throughout the season. HOME is very thankful for the support of the summer lunch program at the Jewett School in Bucksport for helping to provide healthy lunches all summer. We expect to see a high demand for Day Camp again in 2014. We cannot wait for the fun to begin!

Gardens & Greenhouses

Our 2013 garden season was a limited success—early crops did well, peas, swiss chard, etc., but excessive rain in late May and much of June delayed some plantings. We had a low yield of tomatoes and squash because of this. The summer farmers' markets were great, especially Bucksport with many new vendors and a variety of produce as well as baked goods and crafts. A winter market was held until Christmas in Bucksport and will go through April in Ellsworth. Our jams, jellies, pickles, salsa, pesto, etc. sold well in both markets. We're looking for new recipes for this season!



We hope to create more sales with perennials, herbs in containers, flowering bulbs in pots and note cards made from pressed flowers grown in our gardens. Last but certainly not least, I want to mention our flower garden near the craft store planted in memory of Sr. Marie, our unforgettable friend and colleague for so many years. It bloomed in glorious colors throughout the summer and was truly a community effort with contributions by many. We remember Marie so often and miss her every day.



Abby's Attic Thrift Shop

Route 1, East Orland, Maine

Stop here first!

Abby's Attic has been "reborn." Many displays have been changed, lighting has improved and sales are consistently increasing.

Help yourself, H.O.M.E. and the environment by buying quality used items.

If you need clothing or household items, call Abby's Attic at (207) 469-7575.

Bargain Barn

The Bargain Barn was totally rearranged in a more organized fashion. One group of hard-working volunteers helped haul out all the moldering clothing under the eaves. A rough evaluation of the barn's condition was presented to the Board of Directors.

Special Projects

In 2013 H.O.M.E. has helped and brought joy to children and adults alike. Jerry and I have organized the Christmas Party, School Backpack Program, provided winter coats and boots, and new this year, knitted mittens and socks for the children.

Christmas program provided gifts for children and needy families for approximately 250 plus. A big “THANK YOU” to Trinity Episcopal Church, Castine ME, First Congregational Church, Old Greenwich CT, Georgetown Congregational Church, Georgetown MA, Blue Hill Congregational Church, Blue Hill, ME, Unitarian Universalist Church of Worcester MA, and St. Vincent De Paul Parish in Bucksport ME.

Backpack program was a huge success this year in providing the materials needed for the first day of school. 75 Children were provided with backpacks and school supplies enabling parents to focus on food, clothing and housing needs. Trinity Episcopal Church Castine ME donated almost all the funds needed to buy the supplies and St. Joseph’s Church in Ellsworth picked up the rest. We did have two people that would like to remain anonymous that gave us money and supplies to help out. Thank you!

Summer Lunch program was started by Carl and Joan Austin from the Trinity Episcopal Church in Castine Me. Joan and Carl wanted to make sure no child went hungry during the summer vacation from school and knew many children did not have the means for good wholesome meals at noon. Through their church they provided peanut butter, jelly, juice boxes, fruit cups and cereal by the box full to be passed out to any child or family in need. We are so grateful that this community of people has continued their efforts of helping the poor, every week we receive “Cheerios” and sometimes fruit cups and juice for the hungry. Thank you Trinity Episcopal church, Joan and Carl!

Mitten and sock program we have been blessed with the product of loving hands making homemade mittens and socks for the children. Noni, Nellie, Sonia and her mother, Franklin St. Methodist Church women and a few anonymous ladies have generously donated many of these items to keep our children warm. God Bless each of you!

Winter coat program WHCA in Hancock county started a few years back with a warm winter coat program for Washington and Hancock counties. This program enlisted outside sources to gather coats and warm winter wear and have them cleaned and repaired then passed out as needed. H.O.M.E. decided to take this one step further so we set up a room that would be open 24/7 with coats, hats, mittens, scarves, warm sweaters and

some good condition winter boots. We spread the word through WHCA and local churches about our program. Anyone in need is welcome to pick out what is needed and take it no questions asked.

God Bless!
— Jerry and Jackie



Housing

This year Housing has seen some changes – good changes! We currently have 3 families residing in Sedgwick with the goal for at least two of these families to purchase their homes. A new family of 5 has moved into the home on 79 Covenant in Sedgwick. They are truly a great family and will be an asset to the community of Sedgwick. The secretary for H.O.M.E.’s board also lives in Sedgwick and her family and the new family have been working with me to try and procure some funds to implement a community garden where the entire community can be involved. Our ultimate goal is for the community is to come together and become united and work together to make their community stronger.

We have a beautiful home in Dedham for sale and listed with a local realtor – Wendy Carpenter from Ocean’s Edge Realty. She also has listed the water frontage on Harriman’s Pond for us and we hope and pray that the market picks up in the near future so that we can sell both of these properties. We also have 2 homes located in Bucksport for sale – the original Hovey homes – Yvette and Carlos Herrera would like to sell their home so anyone interested can contact me for more information. These two homes are situated on 20+ acres of land, both homes need some repairs but the location is very private yet close to downtown Bucksport.

Due to the Ice Storm and subsequent power outages H.O.M.E. has had to repair many homes with frozen pipes, water damages, etc. We are in need of funds for this and to repair and renovate our homes.

I would like to thank our Board Members for their generosity and contributions with some of our housing issues as well as the overall needs that H.O.M.E., Inc. has. Gertrud Champe, Margaret DeRivera, and Al Sandelli have been so awesome with all of their help – they are always available for consultation, talking to the media, financial assistance, and at times just a shoulder to cry on – a big thanks!

— Beth Taylor, Housing Director

Pedalin' H.O.M.E. Bicycle Center

Early in April, with the first very warm day, a handful of Pedalin' HOME kids and mentors hit the road for our first ride of the year. A pit stop at Jackie Burpee's house fueled the riders with yummy chocolate chip cookies and accolades for our efforts.

We attended the HOPE Festival at UMaine Orono and were selected to present a 10 minute DOT (do one thing) idea that we had about bicycling and community building in our area. The kids did an amazing job sharing their passion for cycling and how it could also help the environment and lead to healthier communities.

For a few weeks, the kids tuned up bikes and made plans for another TREK ACROSS MAINE. By Father's Day Weekend, the four riders and five volunteers for the event had raised \$1700 for lung health and were ready for the 180 mile weekend ride.

With financial and logistic support from Trips for Kids of Marin, CA, an organization with 80 chapters that promotes mountain biking for disadvantaged kids, we were able to hit the trails 8 times. Our kids embarked on mountain biking adventures around Downeast Maine and saw their first race.

In February, Cary Huggins, program director, and Daline St. Telise, a 14 year old Bucksport High School student were awarded a full scholarship to the Youth Bicycle Summit in New York City over Valentine's Day Weekend. The two met hundreds of other youth and youth empowerment mentors and discussed our vision of the future of cycling in our lives. Daline and Cary committed to working on some local projects to get more kids on bikes and to stay in touch with others trying to do the same thing around the country. Daline commented, "The enthusiasm of the group got



"Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass... it's about learning how to dance in the rain."

— Vivian Greene

me excited about how I can get more kids to ride bikes with me at home in Bucksport. It was so cool to be with kids who had ideas that worked in their towns, and helpful that they shared them with me." The Bicycle Coalition of Maine awarded the two the scholarship having visited Pedalin HOME and training Joe and Cary Huggins to be community "spokes" in bicycling advocacy around Downeast Maine.

The group aspires to participate in the Maine Bicycle Rally this July and to enter mountain bicycle races for the first time this summer. We would love to send representatives to the Youth Bicycle Summit in Seattle next year. We appreciate any support that will help make these dreams a reality.



Marketstand, Soup Kitchen, and Food Bank

We feed a lot of people at both the Food Bank and the Soup Kitchen. The kitchen serves a hot meal at noon time six days a week and provides coffee and tea every day. The Market stand sells food items, produce from our gardens, and h.o.m.e.-made pickles and jam..

— Sandy, Mark, and Femke.



Shelter

Shelter has had a very busy year in 2013. The shelter staff has made some changes this year with Bonnie Williams and Jackie Burpee becoming co-directors of shelter with Jerry Botta assisting them. We have added residential managers to the Dorr house men's shelter and the newly named women and children's shelter Sr. Marie Ahern house. Welcome Debbie and Ed and "Thank you" for a job well done.

We have seen a rise in families who are homeless and desperate to stay together. Unfortunately we were only able to help a fraction of those requesting shelter. The section 8 program has decreased with funding and it has become almost impossible to get help this way. The great news is that many families have been able to get permanent housing through subsidized housing, some section 8 and other programs.

Stats from H.O.M.E.'s 7 shelters for 2013

Total Bed Nights 18,901

58 Women 48 Men 43 Children 23 Families

14 People found jobs

4 Higher Education

72 Permanent housing

Thank you,

Shelter Team: Bonnie, Jackie and Jerry

Volunteers

25 groups volunteered at H.O.M.E. during 2013. Each group brought with them their talent for construction, grounds keeping, organizing, child care, painting, and cooking. Together we have built a home, repaired some decks, worked on roofs, painted, and cleaned. Amazing how much gets accomplished with all your help.

Many community dinners were enjoyed by our staff with the volunteers, we can't wait until this coming season to begin. We thank each of you for your continued support and hope to see you again soon.

Thank you,

— Jackie

P.S. Staff changes for Volunteer Coordinator:

Gina Kirwin 865-256-9043, volunteer@homecoop.net

<http://www.homemmausa.org/Volunteering.html>

Mandala Farm at St. Francis Community

The purpose of St. Francis Community is to provide homeless and formerly homeless people opportunities for personal growth through manual labor and community living. The community is located on farm land in East Orland. The Community's primary function is to provide food and shelter for homeless families and individuals. St. Francis Community consists of one main shelter building which houses up to 11 homeless people and five houses which are rented to formerly homeless persons at a reduced rate.

The shelter provides opportunities for homeless people to work toward providing service to others. The residents of the shelters participate in all aspects of farming ranging from working with horses and goats to harvesting and splitting firewood for the long winter months. The average length of stay for residents is 6 months; however many residents stay longer.

Wayside Chapel of St. Francis

Everyone is welcome to join us for services on Sunday at 10:30 AM. We are very thankful to have Pat Snyder as our organist.

We have had several memorial services this past year and will be having one for Charlotte Allen later in the spring.

Eucharistic Ministers: Sr. Lucy and Ralph. We miss Sr. Marie who led the services most of the time when Ralph was away.

We host AA meetings Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 12:30 PM.



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Bookkeeping

One of our major goals last year in bookkeeping was to be able to get a complete audit. We need to keep in mind that an audit is a very important tool in our daily fundraising activities. This year we will be able to do a compilation. This is a basic service that the CPA will provide regarding our financials. It is a very big task but with all the great help from Ruth and Cora I'm sure we will be able to get the job done. We will continue to provide budgets for various grants and other fundraising needs.

Bookkeeping is responsible not only for H.O.M.E.'s financials but we also do Deer Ridge Community, and the Emmaus Center's. Cora is doing a great job of learning Peach Tree Software for her banking activities. Cora also manages the St. Francis Inn shelter. So a big thanks for all her great work. Ruth has been a great asset to me in helping with important reports and reconciling, what can be crazy at times, bank accounts. She is always willing to give me a helping hand when needed. Thanks Ruth.

Looking forward to a great year ahead.

Thank You,

The Bookkeeping Staff of 2014

Mary, Ruth, & Cora

Daycare

Recently, lots of our kids have gotten old enough to enter school. We are happy to see them progress. Now most of our children are younger and we are working on a curriculum to fit their needs. We fundraise when we can and we are so thankful for the support of our donors. They provide the majority of our funding allowing us to give daycare to needy families.

Thank you, Mellissa and Betsy



Front Office

The front office staff continues to take calls, answer questions, and give directions. We are located across the street from the fire dept., in the learning center. You will recognize us by our charm, wit, and pleasant demeanor. We are Gina, Maggie, Twila,, and Pounce. We're looking forward to seeing you in the near future.



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h.o.m.e. Shingle Mill

#1 Cedar Shingles: \$75.00 per square

#2 Cedar Shingles: \$65.00 per square

(4 bundles per square)

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We are now collecting donations of great things to put in

h.o.m.e.'s Annual Giant Benefit Auction

Please plan to join us on Sunday, August 17!

*Please call us at 469-7961 if you have some
valuable stuff to donate. We can come and pick it up.*

*We also have on-going bottle and scrap metal drives and
need your continued support and donations.*

“h.o.m.e. is a place ...” (Tune: “Blue Moon”)

1. H.o.m.e. is a place
Where love sets the pace
Where people can meet
And people can eat!

2. We gotta cat
He is laying flat
And do you know what?
He is a puzzle-cat!

3. And we have goats
with very thick coats
Horses and dogs
But we don't have hogs.

4. The he-haw Josie
She is so cozy

She will not yawn
Because she'll go to the barn.

5. And on the hill
We have the Shingle Mill
And don't despair
We got the Auto Repair!

6. There's lots of shops
With lots of jobs
People hanging around
With coffee cups.

7. We work and work
And work and work
And work and work
And finish with work.

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