



h.o.m.e., Inc.

45th Anniversary Celebration
& 2015 Department Reports

23rd April 2015



Bonnie Smith-Williams

22 October 1946 — 26 June 2014

“Serve First Those Who Suffer Most”

Agenda

h.o.m.e.'s 45th Anniversary Celebration

St. Vincent De Paul Parish Hall

Thursday, 23 April 2015

5:45 P.M.

Memorial Moments & Opening Prayer

Pot Luck Dinner

Keynote Speaker:

**Judd Esty-Kendall,
Pine Tree Legal Assistance**

Introduction of Board of Directors:

Entertainment

Closing Sing Along



Snapshot 2014/2015

Goodness Sake Food Pantry: 294 food boxes were distributed to supplement the diet of 850 individuals in 2014.

Emergency Shelters:

Our shelter provided approximately 11,778 bed nights from January to December 2014.

The Emergency Food Truck:

325 individuals from 143 families received food boxes from the Mobile Food Truck in 2014.

Soup Kitchen:

The soup kitchen served 6,480 hot lunches from January to December 2014.

Meals Served Through the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) September through November 2014:

Mandala Farm Shelter 784 breakfasts, 471 lunches, and 792 suppers.
H.O.M.E. Daycare 42 breakfasts, 214 lunches, and 493 supplements.

Additional Program Numbers:

H.O.M.E. currently employs 40 individuals.

70 children received backpacks filled with school supplies.

Over 150 individuals received Christmas gifts in 2014.

There is a maximum of 12 daycare children year round.

15 children enrolled in Summer Camp throughout the 2014 season.

25 low-income seniors received H.O.M.E.'s organic produce weekly from July to October 2014.

Volunteer groups worked 14,200 hours.

Aspire, Able and individual volunteers worked 11,000 hours.

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Emmaus International

This year, Emmaus America held a large work/training camp in the town of Cachoeira Paulista, Brasil. H.O.M.E. was able to send three community members to participate and learn about Emmaus groups in other countries. The three people we sent were Mike, who is the chair of our board and our director of development; Rosa, who is our learning center director and potter; and Karen, who is the director of our crafter inventory. They spent their time there working together with the group and learning more about the Emmaus movement. Activities included passing out flyers, sorting donations and recyclable materials, and holding a huge yard sale to benefit the groups’ activities. They all had a good time in the sun and came back to us reinvigorated and tan.

We have been working closely with the potential group in Guatemala this year. They were accepted by Emmaus America as a trial member, which we are very excited about. Becoming a trial member opens up opportunities for them to participate in Emmaus events. In fact, they were also able to send a community member, Eduardo, to the recent Brazilian camp. One of our long time employee/collaborators, Lawrence, will be moving to Guatemala for a few months out of every year to help them further integrate themselves into the movement and gear up for becoming full members. We wish him the best luck with his endeavors.

— Josh, Prochaska, Emmaus Delegate



Leather Studio

During the year 2014 I made 286 items. I am still looking for a grant to buy a commercial sewing machine to do leather. I also need someone to show me how to run some of the machines in the leather shop. I have repaired about ten pairs of boots and shoes.

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

Craft Store

Goals: Obtain a computer.

Update craft policies.

Increase revenue by: Online selling, Organizing more craft fairs, New crafters, Reorganize displays, Increase advertising

Craft Goals by Department:

Weaving Goals:

Train a new weaver to take over weaving shop (fill position).

Focus on production (i.e. Dish towels, rag rugs tablecloths, placemats, etc.)

Reorganize, update, and clean weaving shop.

Woodworking Goals:

Fill position.

Update equipment to meet safety requirements.

Stained Glass Studio

Stained Glass Goals:

Purchase torch to begin producing glass beads.

Continue with classes and artwork.

Fix window in chapel.

Thanks,
Roxanne Poulin



Saw Mill and Shingle Mill

Our sawmill has been rebuilt thanks to our volunteers. The exhaust system has just been installed and hopefully the mill will be running soon and we can get back to work making lumber to use and sell. We would like to thank our volunteer friends from Ridgefield, CT and St. Luke's in Barrington RI for the hard work they did building our new mill. They did a really, really great job. The enclosed building will keep the snow out and enable us to work on lumber through the winter months. We are just waiting on getting the engine for the sawmill going and for a delivery of logs. Once that happens we will be going strong.

We are hoping volunteers can assist us this year with building a sawdust pit. A sawdust pit will enable us to keep the sawdust in one area and keep the wind from spreading it around.

Our construction crew has installed a heating system in our shingle mill which will enable us to continue making shingles throughout the winter. Once spring returns again we should have an ample supply of shingles for sale.

We are pleased that both buildings will be running all year long. Thank you again to our wonderful volunteers that made all this possible either through their hard work or their generous donations.

— Clint Claggett

Bookkeeping

The winter weather this year has been brutal. It is very clear that we have many homeless that are out in the cold and in need of food and shelter. "Serve first those who suffer most" is our motto.

We are in the process of doing a compilation for 2013 and we are in hopes that a full audit will be done for 2014. An audit bears a great impact on our grant writing success. It is this information that lenders and foundations look at for our financial stability.

Our goals this year are to get the windows replaced and a small work area to be constructed. We are now getting our outer office floor completed and will have the woodwork done soon.

The new year should bring many challenges and I look forward to working with my staff throughout the year.

Thank You
The Bookkeeping Staff of 2014
Mary, Ruth & Amy

“This Time”

Our newspaper is expanding! This past issue, we have moved from a twelve page layout to sixteen full pages. There is so much happening at H.O.M.E. that we couldn't fit it all into twelve pages.

As our previous editor has moved away, we have a new editor for the newspaper, Josh Prochaska. I hope to bring back some of the tone and variety that This Time had many years ago. Last issue, I published a lot of stories from previous issues and I hope to continue to do this. There is a lot of history here at H.O.M.E. and I think people deserve to read about it!

We are, as always seeking submissions of stories, poetry, letters, pictures, or anything else about H.O.M.E. Please send us something about your experiences with H.O.M.E. We would love to publish you in the paper. You can reach us via post at PO Box 10 Orland, ME 04472 or by e-mail at info@homecoop.net.

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>.

— Josh P., Editor

For all of you on our newsletter mailing list:

Please check out the web edition of This Time with the 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.



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

Fundraising

Goals:

Generate income for general support. Sources are solicited gifts by mail, telephone, major gifts, Board of Directors gifts, and unsolicited gifts such as memorial and commemorative gifts.

Objectives:

Update mailing list.

Prepare a case of support to aid in soliciting potential supporters of H.O.M.E.

Research grants for housing/building rehab.

Research grants for food pantry.

Contact donors who have not given in two years.

Investigate Hancock County Food Drive.

Explore new grants and endowments.

Raise funds for generators at St. Francis community.

Improvements:

Create a spreadsheet that customizes donors requests

Thank you

Fundraising Staff —

Grounds:

Improvements/Repairs/Goals:

Improve drainage around weaving shop.

Meet with all residents and discuss/evaluate their needs.

Evaluate and repair/replace as needed apartment behind wood shop.

Replace sliding glass door and make apartment next to pottery studio more handicap friendly.

Institute floor and do skirting of apartment attached to Dorr House.

Repair foundation under Bill's house.



Learning Center

Over the last year, the Learning Center has continued to provide classes and one-on-one support to the community. Our vision is that every individual who comes to our organization is provided with the access to the education they need to move beyond their current circumstances. Our computer class continues to be a great success for those who need a slow paced introduction to computer use. Painting class brings in many people from the surrounding community and in an almost therapeutic way provides a chance for people to talk as well as create. A recent favorite has been our Zumba class which gives people the chance to move around and kids the chance to let out some energy in the afternoons.

Yearly, the Learning Center helps to organize a trip to Guatemala to visit the Emmaus community there. We bring clothing, shoes, and school supplies as well as money to purchase corn. In this small way we are supporting education internationally.



While back home, we are gearing up for the summer and planning for another happy season of biking, hiking, swimming and so much more for kids in our Day Camp. Through connecting with the Department of Education we hope to reduce the cost of food which will allow more funds to go to providing activities for the children.

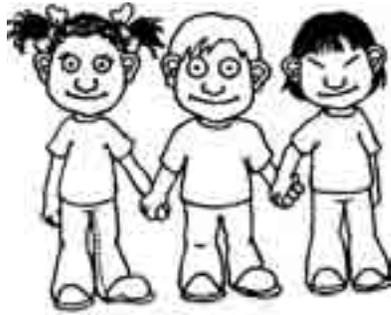


Our team works to meet the needs of the local community by providing access to educational opportunities for those most disadvantaged. Individuals may come to us through our shelter system, the local community or other routes, but all will leave empowered.



Daycare

My name is Chantae Howard and I am the new Daycare Director for H.O.M.E. Inc. I have been with H.O.M.E. Since January 2014 and became director in August 2014. I have years of experience in daycare and headstart programs. Daycare also has two new staff members who joined us last summer.



Allison Norris came to us with no childcare experience but works well with the children and has learned very quickly on the job. Jade Linscott has a 2-year-old daughter who comes to work with her and she interacts very well with the children.

We are currently working on getting our client numbers up since many of our little ones started school last fall. We provide an affordable, safe and fun environment for the children. Now that the weather is beginning to warm up we will be able to do more physical activities outdoors.



Pottery Studio

At H.O.M.E.'s ceramics studio, we continue with our mission to provide the surrounding community with access to the arts. Throughout the year we have continued to renovate the studio in order to make the space more accessible for those who would like to dabble in the craft. With the help of a wonderful group of volunteers we were able to install additional shelves and reorganize the studio. Later in the year, the construction crew helped to insulate the ceiling and remove a portion of the wall that had deteriorated over the studio's thirty years. Children from our shelter and kids after school often frequent the studio in the afternoons for a chance to be creative. As well as providing classes to the general community, the pottery studio brings in income through sales in our craft store which helps H.O.M.E. continue to serve first those who suffer most. Each year the studio aims to bring new, innovative and functional styles to the shelves.



Volunteers

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



Transitions:

Pedalin' H.O.M.E. Bicycle Center: We thank the Huggins family for their dedication to our bicycle mission. They have moved away from the area and are continuing their work elsewhere. .

The Bargain Barn: Our large barn out back has been razed. We need to raise the money for a new barn-raising. Many disappointed customers have stopped by and stared sadly at the pile of rubble. Abby's Attic is doing great, but does not have the storage space.



Gardens & Greenhouses

Last summer we had our best squash crop in many years with both acorn and buttercup, also blue hubbard from the garden at the farm. Our cucumber crop was prolific, enough for lots of fresh eating, salsa, and many left over for pickles! This year we hope to have a more productive yield especially of tomatoes and peas. With all the snow and cold weather this winter, spring planting may be late.

We have received a grant for a new, larger greenhouse that should increase our market crops as well as produce for our Senior Farmshare program. We plan to at least begin preparations for a “mini-orchard” at the lower end of the new garden and plant natural mulches like comfrey to enrich the soil around fruit trees.

We also hope to plant some of our raised beds to strawberry plants this season. We need to rebuild two new garden gates and plant cover crops (“green manure”) in parts of both gardens in order to build up the soil for next year. We hope to have a bountiful harvest.

— Millie Grimes, Garden Department



Marketstand, Soup Kitchen, and Food Bank

Goals: Be more efficient with paperwork

Try to cut costs.

We would like more stock to sell.

Keep kitchen and store clean.

Continue using the EBT system.

Repairs & Improvements:

Repair floors and tiles.

Repair bathroom upstairs.

More consistent help.

Hire a full time cook.

— Sandy, Mark, and Femke



Abby's Attic Thrift Shop

Route 1, East Orland, Maine

If you need clothing or household items, call

Abby's Attic at
(207) 469-7575.



Abby's Attic

Abby's interior continues to change and be reorganized for a brighter, more modern look. We continue to hear positive comments on the changes in inventory and the way product is displayed.

Members of the H.O.M.E. Community designed, constructed and painted a beautiful new sign which should be installed this spring. It will be located closer to the road, making it visible from farther away and is expected to attract more traffic.

The parking lot at Abby's had some large potholes which were dangerous for vehicles and foot traffic. During the summer, the holes were filled in and the whole parking lot was sealed.

We look forward to increasing sales even more this year!

— Kathy Walton

Garage

Garage: Goals and Objectives 2015

Goals:

Keep Garage clean.

Abide by safety rules.

Maintain H.O.M.E. vehicles.

Keep accurate records.



Improvements:

Purchase new tools.

Purchase new tire changer
(already purchased)

Attract more paying customers.

Place an ad in the spring.

Pursue inspection license.



Donations Barn

Goals:

Finish putting in second floor and finish repairs and modifications so that the space can be more functionally utilized.

Increase income through donation pick ups and sales.

Objectives:

Be more selective in what items are accepted for donation.

Utilize upstairs space for storage

Have regular, weekly trash removal.

Arrange furniture and appliances in an organized manner.

Add to sales potential by opening to the public at selective times and having periodic yard sales.

Do routine maintenance and upkeep on the donations van.

Repairs:

Prepare an efficient sorting area.

Replace two broken windows and weather-strip all windows.

Cover hole in wall in the old tie-dye shop space.

Replace the door and lock for the tie-dye shop space.

Improvements:

Place advertising on the donations van.

Install more lighting inside the barn.

Rebuild second floor.

Install shelving.

Bakery: Goals and Objectives

Goals: Increase sales.

Repairs: Cover floor

Improvements: Purchase new pans, obtain a bigger pastry case.

Construction and Maintenance

Goals:

Finish Sawmill.

Fix heat in weaving.

Build all new construction and maintain and repair all buildings.

Repair all small electric and plumbing work as requested.

Snow removal.

Maintain and repair furnaces and water supply.

Repairs:

Rehab Millvale house.

Rehab Dyer house (New roof).

Rehab Hovey house.

Rehab William House

St. Francis Inn 2nd floor barn

Improvements:

Rebuild Bargain barn.

New roof in Dyer house.

Learning Center roof (eaves).

Fix windows on solar system.

Heat in Shingle Mill.

Heat in Jim and Eunice's rehab.

Seal and insulate 3 doors in Market Stand.

Seal doors in Learning Center.

Clean and vacuum old heating system.

— Jason Cromeenes

Christmas Wreaths

Our wreath ordering information is available on our web page:
www.homecoop.net.

Shelter and Transitional Housing

Goals:

- Pass MSHA inspection and/or correct any failures as required.
- Find resident managers as needed.
- Implement emergency plan for power outage.
- List for emergency numbers: heat, plumbing etc.
- Easier access to clothing and other items for clients (possibly a new bargain barn and/or other options for reliable supplies).
- Put answering machine in Market Stand and check regularly.

Hospitality House:

- Improvements & Repairs: Finish back of house including siding or painting as needed.
- Replace carpet or flooring in all hallways and paint hallways.
- Inspect and replace any appliances.
- Apartment 7 needs sheetrock to finish wall.
- Yard work and landscaping.

Dorr House:

- Improvements & Repairs: Make house handicap accessible.
- Analyze and replace windows as needed.
- Provide second refrigerator. (done)
- Finish providing/repairing heat to downstairs especially off kitchen.
- Replace or fix carpeting/flooring in living space on first floor.

Sister Marie Ahern House:

- Improvements & Repairs: Build second floor bathroom and fire escape.
- Play equipment and landscaping.
- Venting for dryer.
- More robust hot water system (need more hot water).
- Baby gate needs to be attached.
- Doors need sealing.
- Stair railing repaired or replaced.
- Check windows that possibly leak (kitchen and room 5) and screens on all windows.

Dedham Transitional Housing:

- Improvements & Repairs:
- Replace roof on duplex #11 and possibly #15.
- Roof on shed between duplexes.
- Vent furnace rooms.
- Clean, repair and paint laundry rooms to both duplexes.
- Repair driveway (gravel is there).

Sister Barbara Hance Transitional Housing:

Improvements & Repairs:

- Foundation and repair skirting around back office.
- Kitchen needs new cupboards, bay window, counter tops, and some flooring.
- Repair both upstairs bathroom floors.
- Replace tiles in ceiling of room 8 as it has fallen down.
- Landscaping and pruning.
- Some exterior driveway repair, side painting and siding work.

St. Francis Inn:

Goals:

- Make sure the shelter remains a safe haven and increase the rate of turnover, as measured by the rate at which residents find safe and adequate permanent housing.

Objectives:

- Ensure that the building is well maintained.
- Strict enforcement of the shelter rules.
- Have regular, weekly trash removal.
- Have regular meetings with the residents.
- Research and offer more resources for the residents, to help them reach their goals.

Repairs/Maintenance:

- Some of the gutters are separated and therefore not functional.
- Three door knobs on second floor need to be replaced.
- The second floor shower needs to be re-caulked.
- The chimney in the apartment has a bad leak that is ruining the apartment ceiling.
- There is a major leak in the roof of the apartment which runs down the wall inside the apartment.
- There are a lot of items in the apartment basement which were left by the previous tenant and need to be removed.
- There is a major rodent infestation, including flying squirrels, mice and rats, which are regularly seen in the shelter kitchen, living room, playroom, and in the resident rooms.
- The playground set needs to be tightened up and checked for safety

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Mandala Farm at St. Francis Community

Goals:

Group meetings on Saturday to discuss group dynamics and to solve problems.

Manage meals nightly.

Maintain animals.

Improvements:

Store winter supply of fire wood.

Plant and maintain gardens.

Rehab the third floor with walls and doors to make an additional shelter bed.

Finish fire escape.

Clean and arrange upstairs in the garage.

Take all miscellaneous trash to the transfer station.

Front Office

Goals:

Organize office, which will enable staff to present a more professional atmosphere as the first face the public encounters.

Discard unneeded items.

Store seasonal items.

Organize files for easy access.

Enable staff to access computer and internet, which will allow staff to perform these duties without waiting for assistance, perform quick information searches, and print information such as this report.

Improvements:

Arrange area in front lobby to sell miscellaneous items, which will bring in extra revenue.

Devise system to keep track of supplies.

Keep a written record of valuable supplies such as stamps that will enable office staff to make sure that office supplies are used for business purposes only.



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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; including one for Bonnie Williams, a vital member of h.o.m.e.'s leadership for decades.

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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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 16!

*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. Shingle Mill

**Cedar Shingles: Market price, call for details
(4 bundles per square)**

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