



h.o.m.e., Inc.

48th Anniversary Celebration

& 2018 Department Reports

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*Volunteer group from
St. Anselm College*

h.o.m.e.'s 48th Anniversary Celebration
St. Vincent De Paul Parish Hall
Thursday, 19 April 2018
5:45 P.M.

Agenda:

Memorial Moments & Opening Prayer
Introductory Comments

Pot Luck Dinner

Executive Director Report

Introduction to H.O.M.E.
— Sharon Bray, board member

Introduction of Board of Directors
Board Member Elections

Keynote Speaker: **Donna Clendenning**
- former student at H.O.M.E., graduated 1979 -

Closing Remarks

Closing Circle & Sing Along



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*Ralph, Claudia,
Arthur, Millie, Mary,
Ruth, Eunice,
Shannon, Jerry,
Sheila, and Rosa*



Executive Director

The cause of poverty is not the people who live in it. Try to "fix" them and you will quickly find, they are amazing but living in broken communities with little or no access to their basic human needs. Fix the poverty. The people will thrive and give back! — Donna Beegle

H.O.M.E.'s programs continue to meet real needs experienced by very real people, and we continue to learn from the people we serve. Predictably, this past year brought high points and low. Including an award won by H.O.M.E., along with four other organizations in Hancock County, from the Opportunity Fund of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Castine. This award of \$20,000 provides down payment assistance for three low-income families in our midst. The award also created collaboration between the organizations for continued work on poverty in our area.

As I write this report on the first day of Spring, I am excited about the progress made reviving H.O.M.E.'s craft studios. H.O.M.E.'s rich history in handcrafts inspired new artists and crafters in our midst as well as artists who have been at H.O.M.E. for more than a decade. This year, adding to the mix of existing shops, pottery, stained glass and weaving, we have added a



creative art studio. Residents in our shelters and the community are invited to visit these spaces, attend classes and participate in travelling exhibits and craft fairs. Today, several of H.O.M.E. artists work is on display at the Belfast Food Co-op. These artists include homeless residents, formerly homeless residents, volunteers as well as staff. Stay tuned for more opportunities to see the work of our hands.

Being homeless and living in poverty is an isolating experience, and while H.O.M.E.'S resources over the past decade have required more response to peoples basic needs of food and shelter, we continue to fundraise to devote resources to maintaining our physical structures, as well as reviving the mills and craft store. Last Fall we set aside \$10,000 and spent it to keep our homeless shelters and transitional housing spaces warm. We also completed substantial renovations at two of our shelter locations.

We do this work in tough terrain, where threats to the lives of people in poverty continue to emanate from government at both the state and federal levels. Essential programs designed to help people living in poverty, are not

supported and there is a lot of messaging blaming poor people for their poverty. We must talk about poverty because people lose sight of it. The culture of blaming the person in poverty trickles down to groups working on the ground like H.O.M.E.

As a percent of cost, federal and state financial support is much less than 15 years ago. And expectations have risen about administering the work. There are major consequences resulting from being directed to expend more time and effort on data collection and reporting, too much of the government support we receive is directed to activities that don't represent direct service to people in need, and we are beginning to institutionalize homeless providers.

I am grateful for the legacy of our founders and the dedication of our staff as we balance the growing number of people needing our help, with the growing administrative burden required to provide such help. All of our basic support services have responded to an increase in need and in some cases that need has doubled as more and more families hit hard times.

Finally, I note the spirit of our crew, the spirit of the people who come for help, the spirit of our volunteers and supporters and the spirit of our founder, Lucy Poulin who translated her compassion for the poor into our work. H.O.M.E. is now completing its 48th consecutive year of service and for that we thank you!

— Tracey Hair, Executive Director

Board of Directors

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Bargain Barn

Our first full year open at the Bargain Barn has been quite successful. Together, our team has managed to find a place between operating as a business and being an asset for the low-income community. We had an income of \$32,731.82 and were able to give over \$1000 worth of goods to residents coming into and leaving our shelters, as well as to other departments within H.O.M.E. Not bad for the first year I'd say.



We also upgraded some vital equipment with the acquisition of a new 14' box truck that we use to both collect donations and dispose of items deemed unsellable. The purchase of this vehicle was made possible by a \$20,000 grant from Emmaus International's Solidarity Fund. H.O.M.E. has been a member of Emmaus International since the late 80s and one of the rights granted by membership is access to this fund. We are very grateful for this as it was almost enough for the full purchase of the truck with H.O.M.E. rounding out the final \$5,000. It is a 2014 Chevrolet with only 30,000 miles and is

quite an upgrade over our old vehicle.

As we have been growing in popularity we have also been receiving and processing more donations of goods. With this in mind, we decided to open six days a week, Sunday excluded. It has also meant that Abby's Attic has gone into hibernation for the winter and we have introduced some new staff to the Bargain Barn. Our regular volunteers have left for the winter and Kate, who helped us so much over the year, had to move back to Boston for work related reasons. We have welcomed in their absence Barbara and Gail who have been working hard here since January.



We are going to continue working to improve both our earned income and our service to the low-income community over the coming year. We also hope to be able to begin advertising, if funding will permit, as we often receive more than we can sell with the current amount of foot traffic. We look forward to continuing to improve and integrate into the local community.

— Josh Prochaska and Roxanne Poulin

Shelter

The Emergency Shelter and Housing Program (ESHAP) continued into 2017 including Maine Housing's new focus on Housing First and Rapid Rehousing models. These models focus on finding permanent housing for guests as fast as possible and without regard to any preconditions placed on residents. While MSHA funding has not fully covered the new burdens on our system, it has helped us focus on finding permanent stable housing for many families and individuals.

Over 225 people stayed in our emergency shelters in 2017. Over half of those clients stayed in our Emmaus homeless shelter in Ellsworth. While the rest of the people were spread over our other four shelters- Saint Francis Inn, Dorr House, Sister Marie Ahern House, and Mandala Farm. On any given night, we had a bed capacity of 65 people and we received about 200 more calls from people seeking help where we either referred them to another shelter or could not help.

The shelter office continued to offer a school backpack program and Christmas program. Thanks to the support of many individuals and churches, we were able to provide gifts for over 180 adults and children. About 80 children received backpacks full of school supplies. Our Emmaus Shelter also ran a Christmas program helping many in the Ellsworth area.

Beyond the emergency shelters, we manage 20 permanent and transitional housing units. The 7 units at the Hospitality House were permanent housing for all of 2017. We also managed 12 units at the Sister Barbara Hance House in Ellsworth and 4 transitional units in Dedham.

Thank you to all the people (maintenance staff, construction staff, volunteers, and all) who helped do a lot of needed work in 2017. Saint Francis Inn had new windows installed and lead paint mitigation completed. The lead paint removal will allow us to take in women with younger children. Sister Barbara Hance House (SBHH) also had major rehabilitation completed. Volunteers built a new side porch and completed other needed rehab. Contractors repaired much of the exterior, including replacing the rotting sills and trim on the outside of the building. Beyond the above examples, SBHH and the Dorr House received donations of window inserts. Thanks for all those who helped build the inserts and for the donation of the inserts.

The staff in the shelter office stayed the same: Amy as the Primary Navigator and Kathy as the general office helper (navigator, organizer, office assistant and more) with Gerald as Shelter Director.

Sincerely,
 Gerald Botta, Shelter Director
 Amy Gray, Navigator
 Kathleen Walton, assistant



Daycare

My name is Christina Witham; I have been here for about eight months and am currently the co-director of daycare. I have five beautiful boys and a wonderful husband. Jade has been training me since the beginning of my employment at H.O.M.E. towards taking over her role as director.

I will admit she has huge shoes to fill, but I feel she has taught me well. Our staff includes Jade Linscott who has been here almost four years. Hannah Bard who has been here almost a year and Denise Bevan who has been with us for six months.

This past year has been a very busy and productive year for us in the daycare department. The sad change that will be occurring very soon is Jade will be leaving us. Where to begin on all she has accomplished here...The list is unending. So many wonderful additions, changes and growth have continued this year under Jade's hands. She has made the appearance of the daycare look so warm, exciting and playful. She has painted, repaired, and updated so much of the facility. She has also made sure staff understands the importance of continuing our education, working as a team and providing high quality care for every child. We are currently looking for another employee for part time help.

Bangor Savings Bank was beyond generous to the daycare this past year, providing all sorts of new and educational toys. The children love everything. They also hosted a lovely Christmas party. Their generosity has been so appreciated. We are hoping this friendship will continue to flourish. An anonymous donor provided the funds for a 12-person van to be purchased that allows us to transport children during our summer program.

Enrollment was down right after Christmas, but now we have many children currently enrolled. Some days are busier than others. We definitely see an increase in enrollment based on the facility and staff improvements made over the past year and a half.



Our upcoming annual mandatory training is through a government funded program called Maine Roads to Quality. In this training we complete courses that meet the hourly annual requirement and offers a varied selection of topics that covers a wide range of the child care field. We attended an annual training for our food program (CACFP) which is a program that encourages healthy eating habits to support young, healthy minds and bodies.

In 2017, our daycare provided services to 31 families with a total of 44 children enrolled at some point during the year. This number includes 8 children from our shelters and 14 enrolled in our summer program.



I am looking forward with great enthusiasm to the upcoming year. We have exciting things planned for the children. We will continue to provide high quality care for every child! It's going to be a great year.

— Christina Witham, Daycare Director

Fundraising

I learned so much about grant writing this year from Tracey. I was very happy that a few of the grants I wrote brought in some general support monies for H.O.M.E. as well as two grants that enabled the Learning Center to purchase new computers for a computer lab. I look forward to learning more and writing well enough to help



support H.O.M.E. for another year.

— Julie Ream



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Gardens

Our 2017 gardening season began badly as we had simultaneous equipment failure with our large rototiller and two weed whackers. Our yields were much lower than usual but in July we connected with Jim, a friend and fellow gardener and harvested in his garden and greenhouse to bolster our vegetable and flower production, a practice we will continue this season. We plan to add plantings of many more flowers to sell as bouquets at the markets. These include: gladiolas and dahlias, sunflowers, zinnias and many more. In our large high tunnel greenhouse we will be growing tomatoes, cukes, herbs, flowers and, hopefully, late fall and winter crops. We'll also be enrolling a small number of people in the Senior Farmshare Program which provides seniors with fresh veggies at no cost throughout the summer season.



A work in progress is our butterfly garden here on the grounds. We are trying to help stem the terrible decline in numbers of the Monarch butterfly whose normal habitats have been wiped out by industrialization. We're planting milkweed, blazing stars, butterfly weed and others in a small garden visible in the field as you approach H.O.M.E. from Bucksport. We plan to add more butterfly-friendly plants this summer. Come and visit!

— Millie Grimes and Karen Botta

THIS TIME

I am working to be sure that what is published in “This Time” is of interest to our readers and keeps them updated on what is currently happening at H.O.M.E. Volunteers and visitors are encouraged to contribute stories about their time here or send us a little poem or a nice letter.

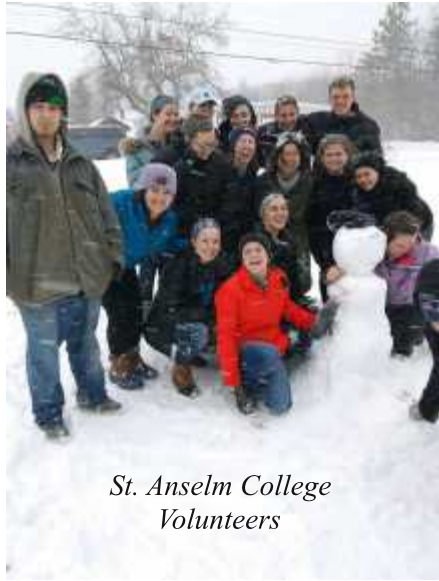
You can read the current and past issues of “This Time” from a link on our web page <http://www.homemmausa.org>.

— Julie Ream

Volunteer Program

I thoroughly enjoyed being the volunteer coordinator in 2017. The people who come to H.O.M.E. and help this community are amazing. Our summer was completely full with caring, hardworking people who at times were so quick and thorough at the work we gave them that I was running around to find more for them to do.

In 2017, volunteers put a new deck on the Sister Barbara Hance House, progress was made on the new build in Millvale, the front office, kitchen and lobby received a beautiful makeover, the Wayside Chapel was given new shingles for its roof, the Learning Center office and large classroom both received new paint for their walls.



*St. Anselm College
Volunteers*



whom we consider friends.

— Julie Ream

A presentation at a UCC conference that Tracey, Julia and I attended in the fall has resulted in an increase in calls from new UCCs wanting to volunteer at H.O.M.E. As of now, the calendar is full for 2018 and I am looking forward to another summer of meeting new people and getting to see those who return year after year and

*University of Delaware
Alternative Spring Break*



Learning Center

HOME is continuing to provide classes, one-on-one tutoring, and transportation services to individuals working towards higher levels of education or job training. Along with supporting individuals academically, HOME continues to support people in the pursuit of personal enrichment. Painting continues to be our most popular class.



As of September 2017, we have a computer lab that is accessible for those within the community, and classes are available by appointment. Julia's class Bodies Speak, the Heart Listens, has also been popular, and she takes appointments for this class, as well.

— Shannon Carpenter

Main Office



The work of a receptionist at H.O.M.E. is often challenging yet rewarding. We are the first ones to take a call from a homeless mother desperate to find a warm place for her and her children or someone who has little to no food and frantic to put a meal on their table. We listen patiently, comfort them and direct them to the appropriate department or person. We strive to create a friendly, warm and inviting place for all who come to us. We greet everyone with dignity, love and a smile.

Peace & Light,

— Sandi & Karen Botta

Housing

H.O.M.E. is excited to announce that we have sold one of our homes in Dedham! It has been a long process with many ups and downs but with persistence and continued support from H.O.M.E. staff a family now owns their home. In the next few months H.O.M.E. anticipates the sale of two more of its houses one in Orland on Patten Pond and one in our Sedgwick subdivision. It is so wonderful to see a family finally have a place of their own to call home.

The process can be long and hard for low-income families however we are always optimistic that walls can be broken down and pathways can be created. One of the greatest barriers for low-income families in obtaining home ownership is finding the money for the closing costs and



the cost of the down payment. In addition to the struggle to save the money needed to close on a house, families tend to have a difficult time meeting the initial credit requirements in order to obtain financing. With new vigor, H.O.M.E. is reaching out to donors, banks and foundations to help find a way to meet families half way in this process. This year H.O.M.E. was blessed to be a recipient of funds from the Opportunity Fund of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Castine to help families overcome these obstacles when trying to work towards homeownership. H.O.M.E. is so thankful for this gift. This opportunity has really given H.O.M.E. the ability to support families where we might not have been able to otherwise.

H.O.M.E. recognizes that for the program to make the biggest impact, each party must make a concerted effort to reach their goals. Families feel the most connected and take the most responsibility when they take an active part in purchasing and sometimes renovating or building the house they hope to call home. Our housing department hopes to incorporate these aspects more closely into the program through connecting prospective families with first time homebuyer courses and planning ahead for future builds with families in mind before construction even begins.

This year, H.O.M.E. is still in the process of rebuilding a home that burnt down in Millvale. H.O.M.E. currently has seven houses for sale. Many of these houses are being rented by perspective homebuyers while they work on overcoming the barriers to homeownership. Day to day, H.O.M.E. is working with families on an individual basis to find financing and become educated about what it means to be a homeowner as well as part of a community.

— Rosalani Moore, Assistant Director

Sawmill & Shingle Mill

Nobody is too poor to help one another... H.O.M.E.'s sawyer Clint Claggett embodies this spirit. With a crew of two, Clint spends his days sawing and splitting firewood and dreaming of a future where our mills produce cedar shingles enough to keep up with construction demands of our area. Another dream we have is to host a booth at the Common Ground Country Fair which solicits a crowd of more than 50,000 nature lovers and potential customers each year. And another, is to collaborate with other organizations to provide a wood bank. Our 23-acre site invites industries such as a wood bank which help the poor. This type of help is needed now more than ever.



Meanwhile the daily humming of the shingle mill and the echoes of chainsaws provide a melody at our Orland campus. It provides work too, work for those who need to do something with their hands. Each year volunteers spend their days with Clint, Eric or Mike learning to split wood on H.O.M.E.'s new splitter. It's a heavy duty splitter built to split logs as large as 30 inches diameter.

The sawmill, complete with its new sawdust bin and roof, greets us each morning. Large logs sit on the brow ready to be milled into lumber. The lumber is used on houses and it's also sold to the general public. In 2017 both mills combined produced \$11,447.00 in sales.

As we work toward Clint's vision we search for equipment such as a dump truck to haul firewood and a fork lift suited for unpaved surface, to move logs around the yard.

We give thanks to the loggers and arborists who donated cords of firewood to H.O.M.E. this year – heating all of our spaces relies on their generosity. We also give thanks to volunteers who assist in the mills during frigid weather.

Clint Claggett – Head Sawyer
Mike Pierce – Shingle Mill operator
Eric Snow – Shingle Mill operator

Market Stand

The Market Stand ran smoothly throughout 2017. Despite an increase in the number of food boxes going out monthly, we have, with the help of generous donors and programs, met the increased need. The same can be said about the daily lunch at the soup kitchen. We focus on making hearty, nutritious meals that help those we serve keep their bellies full.

We are pleased with our new entryway at our side door that was built by wonderful volunteers. It keeps the wind from blowing into the building as we carry the bread and produce that we receive as a donation from a local supermarket five days a week.



The Market Stand is an old building so we occasionally have had a pest problem in the past. Our maintenance department plugged all holes to the outside and we purchased storage containers to store any goodies that would attract pests. We are very happy to say that the pests have been thwarted.



The Food Pantry faced a power outage emergency at the beginning of winter and our H.O.M.E. crew pulled together to empty our fridges and freezers to distribute as much of the stored food as possible to anyone who needed it. Although they were empty for a small while, we were able to fill them rather quickly and did not have to turn anyone in need away.

— Maureen Hayden, Denise Linscott, and Twila Greene

Emmaus

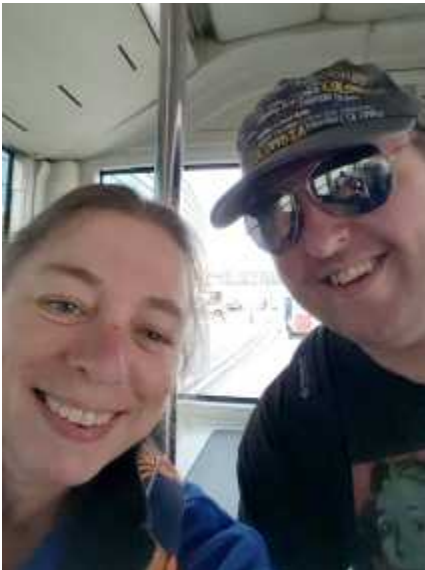
This year in our work with Emmaus International we have seen much activity and participation. H.O.M.E. has been able to participate in two training events organized by the movement as well as attending one Regional Council meeting and the recent Regional Assembly. Karen Botta, H.O.M.E.'s delegate, was able to organize a class on the movement here at H.O.M.E. which helps keep our community connected with the global movement.

H.O.M.E. was lucky to have Roxanne Poulin represent H.O.M.E.'s thrift departments at a training program in Montevideo, Uruguay. This was a wonderful experience and opportunity to learn from other groups who also run thrift stores in order to provide work for people and to help support their other programs. Topics covered include thrift management and social work as well as education. Roxanne learned good practices of thrift store management and had a chance to exchange ideas with members from groups all around the world.



Roxanne with Miguel from Emaus San Juan Comalapa, Guatemala at the training workshop in Montivideo.

Josh and Roxanne on the way to the training workshop in Montivideo.



Since then there has been one regional council meeting in which one participant from each country is able to attend. The meeting was held in September in Lima, Peru.

The topics of this meeting were varied and diverse. They included everything from practical matters to workshops on working relationships to philosophical debates.

Both H.O.M.E. and St. Francis Community had the opportunity to apply for funding from the Abbe Pierre Foundation for our work in housing low-income families. The groups will hear back in the Spring of 2018.

In early 2018, Denise Linscott was one of four representatives from the America's region to visit groups in India and participate in Agricultural training activities. Here at H.O.M.E. Denise is enthusiastic about promoting honey bees and plant fertilization. She was able to learn more about gardening practices around the world at this workshop.



Children in India greeting the participants from the training.



Denise at a protest against corporations in India.

Denise Linscott filled in as H.O.M.E.'s representative at the last Regional Assembly in Brazil as Karen Botta was unable to attend. It was amazing to have Denise step up to the plate at the last moment and she did a wonderful job representing our group and values by participating in the meeting.

H.O.M.E. is happy to announce that Emaus San Juan, a group that H.O.M.E. has been sponsoring for many years, was formally voted in as an Emmaus community at the Regional Assembly in March of 2018. There is one last formal ratification step for the group to pass in May of 2018. We are so happy for this group and hope to continue to build our collaborative work.

Along this line, we are still working to



gather donations and secure the funds to send a container to Emaus San Juan in Guatemala. Advertisements have gone out in local papers asking for local contributions. We are currently looking to the community to help us collect additional donations of tools including hand tools, carpentry tools, gardening tools etc. We are also looking for donations of bicycles, sewing machines, and small appliances to fill the rest of the container.

Rosalani Moore continues as the United States National Delegate and H.O.M.E.'s Group Delegate, Joshua Prochaska, who joined the board of Emmaus International, is in the second year of his four year term and is becoming more accustomed to his responsibilities. We are eagerly anticipating a visit from Gloria, another member of the Board, in May of 2018. We look forward to the coming year and the chance to contribute to an ongoing worldwide movement for peace and social justice.



Denise getting riding lessons in Brazil.

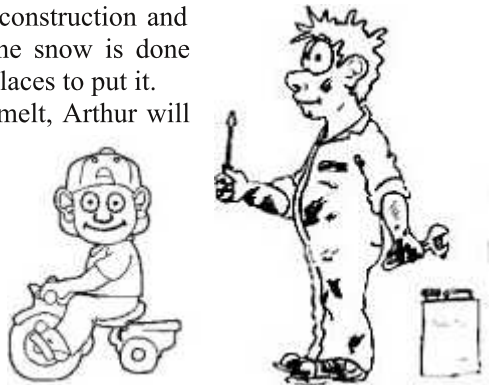
Garage/Grounds

In 2017, H.O.M.E.'s garage did not have a certified mechanic to run it and so work by assistant mechanic, Arthur Linscott was limited to repairs on H.O.M.E.'s vehicles. Arthur works to keep our vehicles in running order by attending to oil changes and tire replacement. These vehicles include two outreach vans, our newly acquired day camp van, his new plow truck, the construction van, the maintenance truck and, thanks to a grant from Emmaus International, a box truck used by the Bargain Barn to pick up donations.

The winter was busy for Arthur as he is in charge of plowing the H.O.M.E. campus as well as the shelter and apartments that are located in Bucksport, Orland and Dedham. H.O.M.E. purchased their own plow truck with a sander this year. The much needed vehicle enabled Arthur to sand the campus with less help from the construction and maintenance crews. Hopefully the snow is done for the year as he has run out of places to put it.

When the snow does finally melt, Arthur will be busy mowing the grass around campus and the shelters. Donations of yard working tools are always appreciated.

— Arthur Linscott





Beekeeping

The bees were humming and buzzing in November, keeping each other nice and warm. All huddled together gloating over their Queen, keeping her safe from harm. They ate pollen cakes all winter to keep them alive and strong.

It's been a rough, cold winter and I will be opening the hive very soon. It won't be long before dandelions are in bloom. They'll be out and about cleaning their hive when the temperature reaches forty-five.

— Denise Linscott

Bookkeeping

Wow what a year. It's been very busy for the most part. We have been organizing our system to better our operations. Plans have been made to get some repairs done to improve our atmosphere.

We have a new employee in bookkeeping, Shannon Carpenter. She is presently in school to get a bachelor's degree in accounting. Having her work in our office will give her the experience she needs to advance in her career. We are very happy to have her onboard.

2018 should be exciting. We have plans for a new storage area, new computers and printer and some beautification of our work space. We are also considering purchasing a heat pump to help regulate the temperature in the office. Have a great year.

— Mary Mahan



Crafting

The Craft Store is a place that should be visited when you have time to explore. You really don't know what is right in the next area. Quilts, pottery, knits, crochet, sewing and woodwork! There are some wonderful leather belts, honey products, jam, maple flavored coffee, and jewellery. We have old vinyl records for a \$1 representing all areas of music. We also have balsam fir products, handmade soap, weather sticks and so much more. The store is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am until 4 pm.



Art Studio - Souls in Motion H.O.M.E. -



H.O.M.E. is thrilled to announce the creation of our new art studio Souls in Motion H.O.M.E.! 2018 marks the beginning of a new phase for arts and crafts at H.O.M.E. Arts and crafts have long been a central part of our small, rural community and this is an opportunity for rejuvenation.

H.O.M.E. will be reinvestigating the old weaving studio for this purpose with a focus on the arts. With this change the space will become more accessible to a wider range of skills and creative styles. Our studio will be managed by the engaging and thoughtful Julia Demaree and Sheila Holtz. With their subtle, reassuring guidance the threads of community will be tied together in this historic, remade space.

Pottery

In the beginning of the year, Volunteers had a great time painting and decorating ceramic sculptures which were later sold in our craft store to benefit H.O.M.E.'s many programs. This is a great way to give back to the community. Towards the end of 2017, H.O.M.E. was blessed to have the skills of Steve Weslow in the studio. As a former employee of H.O.M.E., he knows the ropes in the pottery studio and decided to volunteer to help our



earned income in the studio crafts. Steve is a talented potter and working together with Rosalani Moore they were able to provide a variety of items for sale in the craft store and at craft fairs. This year while continuing to increase items of variety for earned income, we also plan to put more effort into making the studio space more accessible to a greater number of people for classes.

Stained Glass

The stained glass studio is expanding in order to accommodate a larger number of students. This spring we are removing equipment from what used to be the leather studio and Roxanne Poulin will begin using the entire space as a studio for her amazing stained glass. This will allow students better access to her studio and a larger space for classes. Roxanne plans to continue to accommodate volunteer groups in the studio who learn to create wonderful picture frames for sale in H.O.M.E.'s store and craft fairs throughout the season.



Stitchery

In addition to our art studio, pottery studio and stained glass studio H.O.M.E. also has an amazing stitchery area above our Craft Store. Sandra Potter is extraordinarily talented and is known for being able to mend almost anything. She both mends items as well as produces beautiful works for sale in the craft store and for fairs. She repairs items, replaces zippers, does minor leather repairs, cleans, oils and adjust sewing machines to try to get them running the best they can. Sandra is looking for a dedicated volunteer to help her in the stitchery. She is always willing to teach others and share the craft that she loves so much.

— Clare, Eunice, Sandra, Leola, Julia, Roxanne, Rosa, and Sheila



Maintenance

In 2017, Jayme Ream returned to H.O.M.E. as our Maintenance Supervisor. Jayme reworked the Learning Center's heating system and it has never been so warm in our administrative offices. During the reworking, a thousand-gallon water tank (that no one remembered being walled up under the stairs) sprung a leak. Thankfully it was a slow leak and we were able to drain the water out of the tank by hose to the outside. Arthur and Jayme took the tank apart with a cutting torch and the removal of the tank gave the Maintenance office more room to store Bill's paint.

Thanks to a Supportive Housing Repair loan, some much needed repairs were made to the outside of the Sister Barbara Hance House and their water tanks (which we knew were there) were replaced as well. A grant awarded by the NextGen Foundation will help with repairs at St. Francis Inn shelter for women and women with children. New windows were put in and it also received lead paint abatement which will allow children under the age of six to stay there when needed. The grant also enabled us to purchase a new stove to help heat the Learning Center.

Jayme did work on the wiring in the Learning Center and brought in certified electricians to help him replace the main electrical box for the building. He and James are working steadily on improving H.O.M.E.'s infrastructure and with their combined experience are working on prevention of problems instead of reacting to them.



*Craft store staff in 1993: Standing: Jim Whidden, Lucy Poulin, Lorraine Mooers, Pat _ , Teresa Harriman, & Velma McDonald
Seated: Virgie Betts & Cindy Wentworth*



Tim Rimositis

*...a few years ago helping at our craft and farm fair.
Tim is currently recovering from a massive stroke that he had in
March which has left him partially paralyzed.*

Wayside Chapel of St. Francis

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Eucharistic Ministers:

Sr. Lucy and Ralph.

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