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## Reviving The Work of Our Hands... Creativity and Community in H.O.M.E.'s Studios.

By Tracey Hair

In the beginning Craft Studios at H.O.M.E. were developed as a means for families to augment their income. Residents produced items in the studios or at their homes, to sell in H.O.M.E.'s Craft Store. As one of its first efforts toward addressing homelessness in Hancock County, H.O.M.E. opened the county's first overnight shelter in 1979, and its first transitional housing unit in 1996. More than 40 years later, H.O.M.E.'s shelters and transitional housing units provide up to 55 emergency spaces on any given night as well as transitional housing options for 20 individuals and families.

H.O.M.E.'s studios, nestled gently among the shelters, are a creativity center for homeless and low-income people. The program offers people who are homeless or living in poverty, a safe nurturing place for self-expression and encourage long-term participation as residents develop their individual voices, display their artwork, inspire each other, build healthy community together and make creativity a continuous restorative part of their lives. Since inception H.O.M.E.'s studios have built on grassroots community members' engagement as an integral resource and outlet for creativity.

Guided by volunteer artists as well as staff, the program consists of cottage industries such as a weaving and stitchery and studios for pottery and stained glass. As I write this, an art studio is opening its doors for the first time. "Souls in Motion", as it is fondly called, is the second of its kind. The first existed on the rough streets of Harlem. Now, in our little town of Orland, the art space is the newest studio at H.O.M.E. It is a place to awaken and nourish the artistic spirit within each of us. A space for painting and building sculpture, for weaving, writing, and stretching. A space for the fine art of listening, and for silence and reflection. It is a room of hospitality where each person is welcome.

Before Julia Demaree came to H.O.M.E. to volunteer, she had read a study by Susan Sheehan about a mental patient named Sylvia Frumpkin. It is called "Is There No Place On Earth for Me?" The tragic shadow of Sylvia Frumpkin's life changed Julia. She was amazed by the random chaos and downward spiral that characterized Sylvia's life.

"Is There No Place On Earth for Me?"

Yes! There is a place — right here in Orland among the craft studios.

Each day we are called to answer this plea with a resounding "Yes! There is a place — right here in Orland." In H.O.M.E.'s Art studio, Julia attempts to provide an environment where the smallest of creative impulses are encouraged to grow and take form. Julia moved to Maine after retiring from Emmaus House in Harlem, NY, bringing with her a vitality and creativity that penetrates barriers faced by underserved populations.

Across the path is the Pottery Studio where Rosa Moore sits molding her latest bowl. She began her study of sculpture as a child. At 16, Rosa was employed by Round Tree Pottery in Panama City, Florida where she developed her passion further. She has since continued her studio arts training under Hiro Tashima and, after returning to Maine to care for her siblings, she has dedicated her time at H.O.M.E. as both talented potter and witness to poverty. Rosa holds classes for underserved children and adults as well as people from the general public.

In the little red building on H.O.M.E.'s 23-acre site is the Stained Glass studio. Roxanne Poulin has

been working in the art of stained glass for more than 30 years. She began her study of stained glass while living in Friedberg Germany. Her work includes glass fusing, mosaic, and lead and copper foiling techniques. Roxanne's unique works often incorporate repurposed materials, such as sea glass and antique silverware.

On the second floor of the Craft Store, a quiet sunny space is home to the stitchery and retail departments as well as two weaving looms. Sandra Potter works to repair items brought in by the general public. She has been known to fix and resell a sewing machine or two as well. And then there's Clare who came to H.O.M.E. through the ABLE program. She collects and organizes H.O.M.E.'s craft fairs which take place throughout the winter months. There were six out of state fairs last year and more local fairs scattered throughout the year.

For forty-eight years, H.O.M.E. volunteers and staff have provided a safe haven against chaos. Our continued vision is to foster creative expression within H.O.M.E.'s shelter program and throughout the wider communities of Bucksport, Orland and surrounding towns. We are encouraged by the existence of small cottage industries that hold a place in H.O.M.E.'s history as well as its future. The Studios complement H.O.M.E.'s Learning Center which assists homeless shelter residents in exploring other creative avenues such as soap making, as well as periodic art shows aptly named "Art on the Margins".

As we work to revive the cottage industries of H.O.M.E.'s past and add new colors for H.O.M.E.'s future, creativity is taking on a broader meaning for H.O.M.E. Creativity in our relationships with each other and creativity in our relationship to poverty. Our work is coming alive under the aegis of community. Stop in sometime...

## Insider Outsider Art Show

By Sheila Holtz

For many years H.O.M.E. has offered an open studio for oil painting and other media in the Learning Center, with materials and support provided. This year we were able to secure gallery space in the Belfast Co-Op Cafe for an exhibit of fifteen H.O.M.E. artists. All artworks were on display throughout the month of March and were offered for sale at affordable prices to benefit H.O.M.E. Works by four participants were purchased for an amount totaling of \$65.00 minus commission.

In our artists' statement we said: "We are artists of H.O.M.E. Most of us have no formal artistic training. We meet once a week in the H.O.M.E. Learning Center because we want, we need, we like to express ourselves freely. And we do. We are blessed and fortunate to have the opportunity. H.O.M.E. provides us with materials and a warm, accepting environment in which to work in various media. We have been doing this for some years, first with Louise, then with Roxanne, and now

with Julia, who are not so much instructors, but rather facilitators and supporters. Some of us are on staff at H.O.M.E. Some of us are in Shelter. Some of us volunteer here. Others come from surrounding communities in Hancock County. We are brought together by our common pursuit. We are pleased to have the opportunity to show our work and offer it for sale to the public. All sales benefit H.O.M.E., Inc."

Wikipedia defines Outsider Art as "art by self-taught or naive art makers." It goes on to say, "Typically, those labeled as outsider artists have little or no contact with the mainstream art world or art institutions. In many cases, their work is discovered only after their deaths. Often, outsider art illustrates extreme mental states, unconventional ideas, or elaborate fantasy worlds."

"The term outsider art was coined by art critic Roger Cardinal in 1972 as an English synonym for art brut (French: raw art or rough art), a label created

by French artist Jean Dubuffet to describe art created outside the boundaries of official culture; Dubuffet focused particularly on art by those on the outside of the established art scene, using as examples psychiatric hospital patients and children.

"Dubuffet's championing of art brut — of the insane and others at the margins of society — is yet another example of avant-garde art challenging established cultural values."

While most of us are unschooled, some of us are schooled enough to know what we are!(1)

We offer our thanks to the Belfast Co-Op for allowing us to show our artwork on their monthly-rotating gallery walls, and thanks to the patrons who have purchased our offerings.

We are pleased that we will be able to continue our efforts in the newly dedicated art space now housed in the renovated Weaving Studio. Thanks to the many winter and spring volunteer groups who have helped in this endeavor, specifically those from Boston University, St. Anselm College and the University of Delaware. Thank you, thank you, thank you.



## Letters

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### H.O.M.E. wants to hear from you!

Please send your questions, comments, concerns or whatever else might be on your mind to:

H.O.M.E. Inc.  
PO Box 10  
Orland, ME 04472

Dear H.O.M.E.:

My mother and father, along with a couple they were spending time with in Maine, stopped by H.O.M.E. a number of years ago and came away impressed by the services your organization was providing and sobered by the existing extent and depth of need in the community. They toured your facilities and observed first hand work being done by those you employ. Their impressions were no doubt further informed by their separate personal histories in Maine. My mother lived in Norway, ME in a family deeply affected by the depression (she also spent a couple memorable summers on her grandfather's farm-he ran the last team of road oxen in the state); my father spent summers with his aunts in a small village on the coast with a proud ship-building history. While their experiences were different, both loved the state and decided H.O.M.E. was an organization they could support because it was making a difference in individual lives and, through them, the community.

I offer the above comments in tribute to the impression you made on my parents and their friends, as well as in tribute to your organization's commitment to those most in need.

Thank you for your time and service.

Sincerely,

Susan E. Duley  
On behalf of Contance E. Duley's Estate  
and George E. Duley, Surviving Spouse

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Dear Tracey;

It seems to me that the time between Christmas and Easter must be a slow time for \$\$ trickling in to H.O.M.E. Hopefully the enclosed will help cover some needs for a bit.

I must say that on my last few trips things were looking cheery and cared for. I hadn't seen the Daycare rooms in a few years and there certainly was an amazing new look.

Hoping you are taking care of yourself and not getting over extended in all your responsibilities.

Blessings and Prayers,  
Claire

H.O.M.E.:

I visit you every summer when I come to Maine.  
You are such wonderful advocates for justice.  
Mary Ann Corley

Thank you so much for the great bookbag you donated to me. I have moved to Presque Isle and I like it. I am making new friends. All of the school supplies are wonderful. Thanks so much.

Emily and Lindsey

Dear Julie,

We would like to sincerely thank you for making this week so special for us. Your hospitality and unconditional generosity made us all feel welcome from the second we met you and we can't believe how quickly this week flew by. No one wanted it to end.

Listening to your stories and learning more about H.O.M.E. throughout the week was really eye opening and inspiring. The fact that you are dedicating your life to the less fortunate says so much about you. You truly are an amazing person and have an amazing family. Everyone who worked with Jayme came back with nothing but great things to say about him. He is such a down to earth, genuine and kind-hearted man. Hearing you talk about how much you love him and how great he really was heartwarming. Your children are lucky to have such great parents.

We would also like to thank Maureen for her absolutely delicious meals. She is also a really sweet woman with a great heart. We all loved talking to her.

Julia truly inspired many of the people on this program. Her infinite knowledge of nature and food and healing along with a million other things really made a huge impact on many of us. We all learned so much from her and can't wait to take what we learned and bring it back home.

And thank you to all of the amazing people we were all able to meet throughout the week. This experience would not have been as special without all of them! Including but not limited to Clint, Shannon, Eunice, Denise, Mary, Glen, Tracey, Mike, James and Annabelle.

A special thank you to Robbie also, and a happy birthday too. He is such a hardworking guy and we loved talking with him this week. With his work ethic, great things are on the horizon. Tell him that he is an awesome guy and that we all love him. Also, wish him the best of luck in his classes while he is trying to get his GED!

Thanks again Julie, for being you and for making such a huge impact on the lives of 20 college students. We will never forget you and all of the great people here at H.O.M.E.

With Love,  
UDaB 2018

## H.O.M.E., Inc. Spring Appeal 2018



"Serve First Those Who Suffer Most"

"Hospitality is not to change people, but to offer them space where change can take place." – Henri Nouwen

Dear Friends of H.O.M.E.,

Today, a single mother of two young boys moves into an apartment. Her pathway into homelessness was complicated, paved with trauma and loss. During her stay, she enrolled her boys back into school, secured an income and saved up for her first month's rent. Now, H.O.M.E.'s Navigator will work with the family for up to twelve months beyond their stay. We're so passionate about the people we meet each day, the people who come for food, for shelter and others who are just passing through for a rest. Their strength and resilience provide us with daily doses of inspiration.

Our model subscribes to community as a solution to the isolation created by poverty. Our Spring Appeal coincides with the opening of our Craft Shops for the season. We've added an art studio to the mix which in addition to weaving, stained glass, woodwork and pottery, provides shelter residents with an outlet to engage creatively in community. Likewise, the creative spaces offer people who are housed and employed, an opportunity to see into the lives of people who are homeless. In that common ground, something quite remarkable is happening. Lives are changing. Relationships are forming. Community is building.

H.O.M.E. shelters up to 55 people on any given night, families with no place to live. We are mindful that you keep our doors open and our work going. We need your support and so do they. Are you willing to donate to H.O.M.E. today? Are you willing to help us provide the space where change can take place? We're grateful for your help.

With Gratitude,

Tracey Hair, Executive Director

# Meet the Staff of H.O.M.E. The Craft Store

If you have visited H.O.M.E., you know that the staff is a mixed bag of people. The high school graduates work on equal footing with the college educated. The formerly homeless work alongside those who have never wondered where they would lie their head at night. All have the desire to help others. While here you may be fortunate enough to meet many of H.O.M.E.'s staff members, but you may not have had the chance to meet us all. Or maybe it has been a long time since you have set foot on our campus and you are not sure who is still here and who is not. This Time is happy to start introducing you to them department by department. First up, in correlation with the revitalization of our arts program is The Craft Store. Whether you refer to it as The Craft Store or The Gift Shop, it is the heart of H.O.M.E.'s humble beginnings and contains much more than the lovely crafts on display. We are pleased to introduce you to it's current staff.



Clare McEwen is the Director of H.O.M.E.'s Craft Department. Hired in 2017, she is responsible for managing the gift shop, keeping track of crafters and scheduling craft fairs to name a few. Clare attended the meetings for creating H.O.M.E. back in 1970 and believes it has achieved a lot of what it was meant to be. She is happy to see us coming back to it by revitalizing the arts program.



Eunice McCarrison works as a cashier in the gift shop that occupies the first floor of the Craft Store. She came to H.O.M.E. in 2007 following her husband, Jim, who worked there at the time. She was hired to work here herself in 2012. Her favorite thing about H.O.M.E. is greeting all the people. Her happy greetings bring smiles to our faces. In the summer she loves the "tent city" that pops up for a week when volunteers visit.



Leola Dean is the weekend cashier at the gift shop. She has been a dedicated worker there since 2009. At almost 80 years of age she is grateful to still be a working-stiff for H.O.M.E.



Sandra Potter is The Craft Store's resident seamstress. Since 2007 she has been busy in the stitchery producing quilts, aprons, potholders and many other crafts to sell in the gift shop to benefit H.O.M.E. She is also quite handy at patching clothing, putting in new zippers or mending beloved teddy bears. She appreciates having a place like H.O.M.E. so close to her own home.



## In Memory of Henry Chub

Henry Chub passed away January 25, 2018 at the age of 88. He and his wife, the late Joyce Poulin supported H.O.M.E. from its inception. They donated money, autos and many truckloads of goods. They attended most of our fairs and auctions. Blessings on Henry and prayers for his family.

Be encouraged by their passing and legacy. Instead of crying, live an inspired life like they did when they were here. Live each day with encouragement knowing they are proud and smiling down on you from Heaven. -Matt Fraser

## In Memory of Virgie Betts

12/22/1921-12/18/2017



Virgie Betts lived a full and happy life. She was a wonderful mother, grandmother, great and greater grandmother as well. Virgie began working at H.O.M.E. shortly after Sister Lucy founded this loving community. Thirty-plus years Virgie enjoyed her work and fellow co-workers. She ran the Craft Store for years and eventually moved into the Stitchery Department where she made quilts and potholders to sell in the store. She sold many of her quilts all over Maine and the U.S. and as far as Denmark. Virgie thoroughly enjoyed working at H.O.M.E. and stood behind its mission. It was very inspiring to her and because of her dedication to H.O.M.E., three generations of her family followed suit to contribute their skills and hearts to make lives better for many people. Virgie is among the best heaven holds along with some very special icons that went before her. Together as angels they will continue to bless H.O.M.E. by watching over Sr. Lucy's mission from above.

# There's Enough of Us to Go Around

By Julie Ream

In this day and age of social media I've learned a bit about how the world thinks and a lot about the opinions of my circle of family, friends and acquaintances. I'm a friendly person so that circle is large. And of course, it consists of many different viewpoints on every subject that comes down the line.

There was a comment made online by a friend the other day that received support by a bunch of thumbs up. The comment basically boiled down to "why are mission groups going to other countries to help out when people in the United States need help". It is true that there are many in need in our own country. H.O.M.E. works with them every day.

I would like to assure you, there are many, many people doing mission work in the United States. As the Volunteer Coordinator at H.O.M.E. I am charged with scheduling the groups who call every fall looking to come help during the next summer. For the past two years, our Volunteer Calendar has been full by January. After that, I feel terrible that I have to turn groups away, but I know they are dedicated to helping those in need and they will keep calling other mission opportunities until they have a trip set for their work. I want to highlight that I have to **turn groups away**. There are only so many weeks in a summer and there is only so much room on our campus to accommodate volunteers. I am sure other nonprofits face similar situations. (If you are part of a nonprofit and have not faced this situation, call me! I'd love to be able to refer these wonderful, caring people to another opportunity).

I know from speaking to volunteers who come to H.O.M.E. on summer mission trips that many of them do volunteer work in their own areas year round. Some help out in soup kitchens, some rock babies who were born addicted and some work with street missions helping the homeless. I'm sure that the mission groups that travel to help out in other countries have wonderful volunteers that do good deeds in their own areas as well.

My point is that we shouldn't try to make people feel bad because they want to help out people in other countries. (Many of those countries have no access to water or simple vaccines that even the poorest of us Americans take for granted daily). Everyone feels called to help in their own way. Some are dedicated to helping the homeless, some focus on victims of domestic violence, others work with the illiterate teaching them to read. Some are on the frontlines and others help by sending a check. They are all worthy causes and there are enough of us Americans to go around the world and help. Please find your passion and dedicate some of your time to help. Trying to make others feel bad for helping in our country or abroad does not help at all.

## H.O.M.E. Inc.

### Snapshot 2017

#### Program numbers:

- 81 children received backpacks filled with school supplies.
- 190 individuals received Christmas Gifts in 2017.
- 12 Daycare children enrolled year round.
- 9 children enrolled in Summer program for the 2017 season.
- Volunteer groups worked 8256 hours.
- Aspire, Able and Individual volunteers worked 2,146 hours.

#### Food Pantry:

Goodness Sake Food Pantry in Orland - an average of 132 individuals each month.

#### Soup Kitchen:

The soup kitchen served an average of 30 people daily.

#### Emergency Shelter:

- 55 shelter beds provided on any given night.
- 18 units of transitional housing provided year round.
- 8 units of subsidized housing provided year round.



## H.O.M.E. Craft Village

Helping other people can be a cure. Not just for those who are in need But for your soul as well.

-Marinda R. aka



- WEAVING
- STAINED GLASS
- POTTERY
- SHINGLE MILL
- SAW MILL
- SMALL ENGINE REPAIR
- LEARNING CENTER
- THE WAYSIDE CHAPEL
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If so contact Clare at 207 469 7961

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- Fire Wood
- Appliances
- Office Supplies
- Mechanic's Tools
- Building Materials
- Swamp Logs for our Mill
- Fitted twin size sheets
- Useful Trucks and/or Cars**
- Windows 7 Computers & Printers
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- Pint \$13.00
- Quart \$22.00+
- 1/2 Gallon \$36.00+
- Gallon \$69.00+
- +

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- Contains: 1/2 Pint Maine Maple Syrup
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- 2 Maine Jams (your choice)

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- Contains 8 Oz jar of each honey listed above)

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- Raspberry Blueberry/Rhubarb
- Strawberry/Rhubarb Raspberry/Rhubarb
- Blueberry/Yummy Blueberry/Raspberry
- Seedless Blackberry Seedless Raspberry
- Yummy Toast Spread (like apple pie on your toast)

### GIFT JAM PACK

- Choice of 4 Jams \$21.00



## 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 Beagle

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 handicrafts 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' have work 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 people's 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

## Annual Report 2017



### 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, Ruth Bennett and Shannon Carpenter



### Gardens/Greenhouse

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: gladioli 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

## Market Stand

The Market Stand ran smoothly throughout 2017. Despite an increase in the number of food boxes going out monthly, (an average of 114 individuals served) 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 which served approximately 30 people a day. 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, Twila Greene and Denise Linscott

## 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.

Sincerely,

Gerald Botta, Amy Gray and Kathy Walton



**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 is going to be 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 Reads 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. Daycare subsidies totaling \$2,210.86 were provided for four families. Three families benefited from Summer Program subsidies for a total of \$497.56. We are grateful for our Daycare's anonymous donor whose generosity enables H.O.M.E. to offer these subsidies.

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, Jade Linscott, Hannah Bard and Denise Bevan

**Emmaus International**

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.

H.O.M.E. was lucky to have Roxanne Poulin represent our 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.

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. 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.

Denise was H.O.M.E.'s representative at the last Regional Assembly in Brazil. 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 Emmaus 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. is currently seeking nominations for the next 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.

**Learning Center**

H.O.M.E. 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, H.O.M.E. 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.

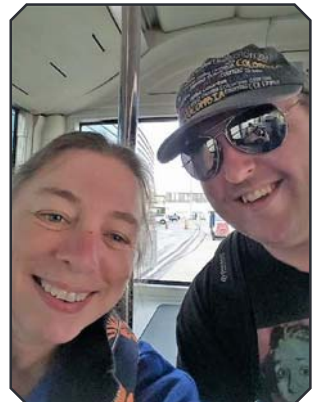
Shannon Carpenter

**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. The 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



Roxanne and Josh, smiling in Uruguay where they attended trainings with other Emmaus members who run thrift shops

**Saw and Shingle Mills**

Nobody is too poor to help one another... H.O.M.E.'s sawyer Clint Clagget 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 that 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 round.

The sawmill, complete with its new sawdust bin and roof, greets us each morning. Large logs sit on the brow ready to complete the journey into lumber. The lumber is used to work on houses and is 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 surfaces 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 Clagget - Head Sawyer  
Mike Pierce - Shingle Mill operator  
Eric Snow - Shingle Mill operator

## 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 jewelry. We have old vinyl records for a \$1 representing all areas of music. We also have balsam fir products, handmade soap, weather stickers 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 reinvigorating 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. With her 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 Rosalini 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 pictures 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.

## Front Office

The work of a receptionist at H.O.M.E. is always challenging and rewarding. Often 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 desperate to put food 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 Botta & Karen Botta

## Housing

H.O.M.E. is excited to announce that we have sold one of four 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 in the process of 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.

## Garage

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

## 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 helped 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 that 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.

Jayme Ream and James Taylor



Arthur and Christa in front of their house that they purchased from H.O.M.E. We wish them years of happiness in their new home.

## Volunteers

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 H.O.M.E. benefitted from over 8256 hours of work from volunteers. They 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.

A presentation at a UCC conference that Tracey, Julia and I attended in the fall has resulted in an increase in calls from new UCC's 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 whom we consider friends.

Julie Ream and Annabelle



## 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 in 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 unsalable. 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

## Fun at a Craft Fair

By Mary Mahan

We arrive at the church after a very long trip knowing full well that we have a lot of dragging to do to get all those boxes and bags out of the van and on display for all to see. I hope there will be helpful souls to unload?

OMG there are so many items to organize on the tables in order to catch the eye of a buyer. The tables have to be perfect, where are the tablecloths???

Hats and mittens-check, balsam-check, pottery-check. I am very particular as to where those jams and syrups go (just ask Julie). All jams must be turned so everyone can see the flavor. Organize the honey by type; wildflower, blueberry and raspberry. Maple syrup galore (I hope someone buys the gallon jugs so I don't have to carry them again). I NEED ANOTHER TABLE! Now let's work on the soaps, jewelry, stain glass oh boy. I'm running out of space!!! Where's that table? Prices are out and now we wait for the crowds.

Here they come! One person to cash out and one to wrap the glass items. Do we have more newspaper for wrapping the pottery? I'm hungry I need a Dunkin Donut iced coffee with a turbo shot. Phew that rush is done. Get ready for the next round.

Before you know it's time to pack it up there's less to drag back to H.O.M.E. Now back in the van and head back to Maine. Just a quick seven hours and we will be H.O.M.E.!



H.O.M.E. employee, Denise Linscott sorts seeds in India with some locals and other Emmaus International members

## Asia Work Camp in India with Emmaus International

By Denise Linscott

The adventure that I experienced going to France and India was simply amazing. Seeing Paris with my own eyes instead of through a television screen was paramount. Feeling the warmth of the sun and meeting the people of India was unforgettable and wonderful.

When I was asked if I would be interested in the Emmaus trip for the Asia Work Camp, I was a little scared. I was going to a country far away with a group of people that I had never met before and speaking languages I didn't know. It was very intimidating knowing that I was the only person from America in the group of 30+ and me coming from a country whose president pulled America from the Paris Climate Accord. I was going to a country where climate change has a very big impact on the land and its people. I was about to get very educated, very quickly on the struggles of the people of India.

The people of India have proven themselves resilient in their times of troubles. From drought, the mismanagement of land, to progress. The scars are deep and healing slowly. Lack of fresh water resources and the destruction of forest land due to mining and forestry have forced villages to migrate closer to the cities and has displaced thousands of people. The struggles are many.

The people are forced to buy drinking water because of lack of water or due to not having the capability to filter the water. Tap water is undrinkable. Due to the drought water levels are at an all-time low. It's the lowest it's ever been in sixty years according to the elders in the village of Valiyampatti.

Even though the caste system has been abolished the people in the isolated areas still live under this system that keeps people poor and makes the wealthy wealthier. The caste system is comprised of three levels the priests, the unclean ones and the untouchables. The Emmaus group, VCDS works a lot with the untouchables to help them get resources.

Everything that they are doing benefits the communities but there is so much waste still that is unrecyclable. The country doesn't seem to have enough transfer stations to deal with all the left over unrecyclable trash. The country is growing too quickly. Companies are destroying the environment. Government and people need to take responsibility and make a conscious effort to make a difference. For example, there was a cow eating garbage on the side of the road. Considering that in India the cow is sacred to the people it was difficult to see one eating from a trash heap.

## Green Thumbs

By Millie Grimes

### Spinach Pancakes

- 10 oz fresh spinach, stems removed
- 1 Tbsp sugar Or 10 package of frozen chopped spinach
- 1 1/2 - 2 c buttermilk or thin yogurt
- 2 c flour
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 2 Tbsp butter, melted and cooled plus butter for cooking
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 c sour cream, optional
- 1/8 tsp grated nutmeg
- 1 Tbsp lemon peeled, minced

Cook spinach in a little water, only until it wilts, just a minute. Drain, cool, squeeze dry and chop.

Heat oven to 200 degrees, heat large skillet over medium-low heat. In a medium sized bowl, mix together dry ingredients. Place 1 1/2 cups of buttermilk in another bowl. Beat eggs into buttermilk, then stir in the melted butter and stir into dry ingredients.

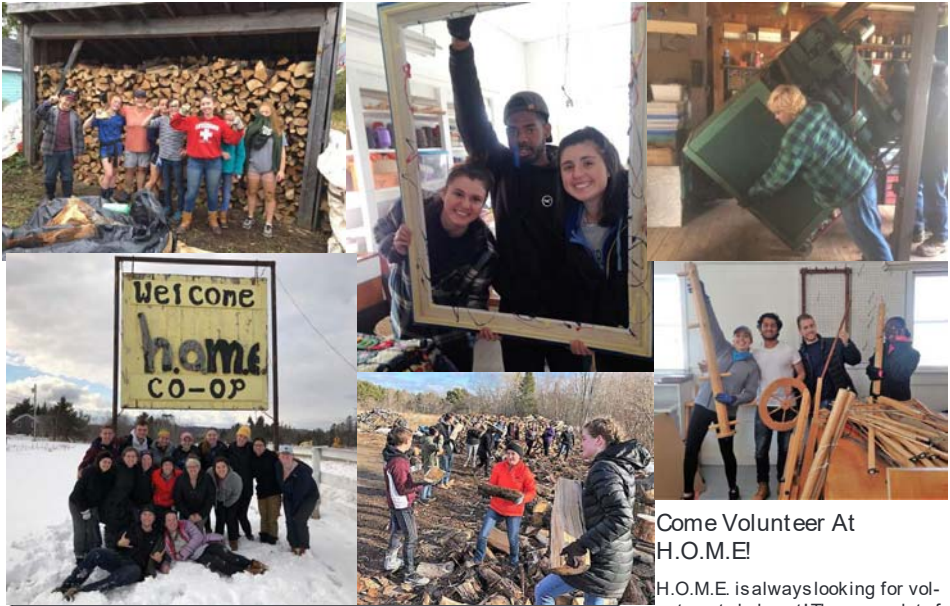
Place a teaspoon or two of butter in skillet; ladle batter into skillet; make whatever size pancake you like. First batch will need higher heat than the next ones. Add more butter to pan as necessary. Flip only when pancakes are fully cooked on bottom as they won't hold together well.

Cook until second side is lightly browned; put them on an ovenproof plate in oven for up to 15 minutes. Mix sour cream and lemon peel together and place a small dollop on each pancake.

Enjoy!



Volunteers don't get paid, not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless. --Sherry Anderson



Come Volunteer At H.O.M.E!

H.O.M.E. is always looking for volunteers to help out! There are a lot of different ways to get involved from crafting to repairing houses. Come, and bring your friendstoo! We have accommodations for individuals or groups. We would love to see you!

If you are interested, call us at 207.469.7961

# Guatemala Trip

H.O.M.E. is busy planning its next trip to Guatemala. We try to send off a group of interested individuals at least once a year with the goal of providing support to the San Juan Comalapa Emáus Group. We provide this support by buying local weavings produced by members of the group, raising funds to buy corn for families in need and working with other local nonprofits who have similar goals.

You can help by:

*Joining us on the trip*

*Helping us raise \$1000 for corn*

*Donating money for weavings*

*Collecting shoes and school supplies*



Families waiting to receive donations of corn. One bag can feed a family for up to three months.



H.O.M.E. sent a container to Guatemala once before. We hope to send another this year, if we can raise the funds.

**We Need Your Help!**  
Contact H.O.M.E.'s Learning Center at (207)469.7961 and ask for Rosa or email [rosalanimoore@gmail.com](mailto:rosalanimoore@gmail.com)

Please consider donating these items for our container:  
**Bicycles, Tools, Shoes, Sewing Machines, Kitchen Appliances, Money**



Volunteer Greeter, Annabelle, with her portrait drawn on a wall in the Volunteer Center. Thank you to the artist from St. Anselm College who did such an incredible job capturing her likeness.

# Reflections

**Dedicated to my Grandmother, Virgie Betts 12/22/21-12/18/17**  
 She had sewn her first quilt at the age of 13 she perfected this gift her quilts were fit for a queen  
 Needles and thread fabrics and floss scraps from here and from there to save on the cost.  
 She learned to create every stitch known to all and crafted some of her own as her signature call  
 From simple to grand she gave every bit of herself to friends and to family very few for herself.  
 Her quilts covered many from near and from far across the US other countries possibly Mars.  
 Time stills for no one and as she carried on with her gift her hands became older achy and stiff  
 Into her 90s her hands would continue to sew first quilts for babies her pain did not show.  
 As her life became less her own and more dependent on people heartbroken and lost she finally lay down her needle.  
 The final quilt sewn, not by her but her Lord above comes in moods of four seasons for this woman so loved.  
 A white heavy blanket with varied tracks from the wild covers her warmly when winter's cold has arrived.  
 In spring a modest blanket of blooming new growth is what He has chosen to provide her with warmth  
 Summer brings blooming of so many colors, He covers her sweetly with scents from the flowers.  
 As autumn slips in with brilliant colors on trees of reds and of yellows, some orange...less green.  
 As the air becomes cooler and this year's life must now fade, He covers her bed with earth tones and more shade.  
 She had sewn her first quilt at the age of 13, From that time on her lovely quilts were fit for a queen  
 He blessed her in life with a personality so bold kindness for all and a huge heart of gold.  
 In the wake of her homecoming He blessed her once again with a four season quilt to cover her tired loving hands.  
 I loved you throughout this life and will in eternity too. It will be a glorious day when I'm reunited with you.  
 I love you Gram, until we all meet again share my love with my mother, my brother and all other family and friends who are waiting there patiently for us to join you all in God's glorious kingdom.  
 written by granddaughter,  
 Cora Bigelow-Pusher

We must talk about poverty, because people insulated by their own comfort lose sight of it."  
 -Dorothy Day

**A Story From Lucy**  
 There was a one room schoolhouse in Orland village on the Narramissic River. It was not in use for many years. We jacked it up, put it on skids and a trailer and took it up Route 1 to the co-op (about ¼ mile). Phil Gray and another man, Chet Turner, were experienced in these things. Prior to the move we had built a foundation for the building. The move went very well and the building became our weaving studio. Many people learned to spin and weave there. Chet Turner was from Wyoming and he said he came to Maine to work but never earned enough money to get out.

**Fun With Astrology**  
**At a Job Interview**

Aries You might as well just make me a manager now, 'cos I'll be running the department in a month.

Taurus I'll need a large wooden desk and a comfy chair.

Gemini Even though I'm late for the appointment, you'll really want to interview me.

Cancer I hope you don't mind if I cover my desk with pictures of my family and all my pets.

Leo So this is a management position, right? I need to be in charge.

Virgo I hope you don't mind but I reorganized all the magazines while I was in the waiting room.

Libra take I'd love a management position with an attractive secretary. On the other hand, I would take a lesser position for a while...if necessary.

Scorpio Take my sunglasses off? If I get the job I can wear them though, right?

Sagittarius Does this job require a lot of travel? I love to travel.

Capricorn So, I plan on moving up fast in this company, and believe me, I'm worth every penny of the salary I require.

Aquarius I can have a flexible schedule here, right? By the way, that painting of a giraffe is marvelous.

Pisces My intuition always steers me in the right direction. May I repaint my office?

Poverty is not made by God, it is created by you and me when we don't share what we have.  
 -Mother Theresa

Please feel free to submit any of your own Reflections to This Time. We will be thrilled to publish them.

**Digital Reflection**  
 A blog from the Services and Solidarity Missions of Saint Anselm College

**"Curious"**  
 A poem about poverty by Donna Beegle

I find myself more late with every crisis  
 more angry with every injustice  
 more greedy with every deprivation  
 more rude with every judgement  
 more disorganized with every eviction  
 more negative with every untreated illness  
 more unstable with every insecurity

SBAMaine (Working Towards Self-Sufficiency): After lunch Wednesday, leaders Cassie DiSaia '19 and Griffin Fraser '18 called to check-in. They have had a busy week at HOME, painting, stacking wood, helping in the thrift store and more. Many of the members of this Emmaus community co-op are leaving a lasting impression on the Anselmians. Julie the volunteer coordinator shared her family's story of homelessness and addiction, and the embarrassment they felt asking for help; but now credits the community of HOME to her family's recovery and sustainability. She gives back by serving this community and coordinating volunteers like our group. Julia, an artist in her 80s, is working to reopen the Art Studio as a means to provide community members with a therapeutic way to address the challenges faced by many who experience rural poverty. And for 28 years our students have had the privilege of getting to know Clint who serves as a carpenter and guide to our student volunteers. Clint has shared with some of our group members the impact running has had on his life helping him to be more present. Clint regularly reminds the group of the value of this often indirect service. Lastly, Annabelle, a slightly overweight bulldog (Julie's dog) has provided our group with lots of love and affection.

I find myself more civil with every bite  
 more respectful with every kindness  
 more hopeful with every chance  
 more grateful with every opportunity  
 more ready to learn when I am safe  
 more motivated when there is hope  
 more happy when I am valued

I find myself like the 37 million people in poverty responding in very human ways to my environment

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