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# *This Time*

*Orland, Maine 04472*

## Navigating the Way Out of Homelessness

By Tracey Hair

Years ago, not long after I started working at H.O.M.E., I met an elderly man walking across the front porch of the Learning Center. He was collecting items and putting them in a wheelbarrow to haul into the woods where he lived in a little shack. He had a dirt floor, a small wood stove, and was connected by extension cord to H.O.M.E.'s Woodshop. By the time I came to H.O.M.E. he had already lived in the shack for decades. He was a hermit, technically homeless if it weren't for the shack hidden in the woods on H.O.M.E.'s land.

Over the years we got used to the hermit living in the woods, leaving items on the porch and sometimes taking them too. He was a quiet man who didn't talk to many except to a staff member he had grown to trust. We all at some point in our time here hoped we could convince him to come into the men's shelter on grounds. Once there, our housing navigators would take over and connect him with permanent housing, with running water, and with a safe heat source. We were able to convince him to move into the shelter and ultimately he found an apartment near by only to pass away soon after.

When you're in this work, surrounded by overwhelming need, hearing story after story of trauma and loss, if you look too deep, and stop too long, nothing makes much sense. How is it that we don't have enough to go around? We carry hope as a wish, as a dream, a tactic to get through the day, but it's not a strategy that alone will help someone experiencing homelessness. We have the obligation to have a plan to go along with hope...

For 250 people each year in Hancock County the permanent housing journey begins at H.O.M.E.

H.O.M.E. cares for individuals and families experiencing homelessness or living with low-income. Across four locations, we shelter individuals and families and provide a range of support tailored to the needs of each person.

Every element works as a link in the chain. One that works to pull residents from the shelter to independent living. The housing navigator team is an essential link in that chain. And while their name may indicate the focus of their responsibilities, their actual work involves much more.

A navigator's job is first and foremost to move

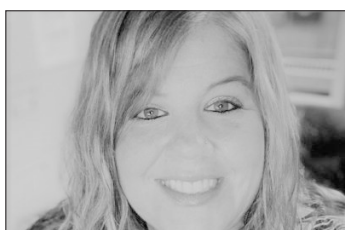
their guest out of shelter. However, that process is much more varied and complex than it appears. There is no one-size-fits-all model for permanent housing. Housing navigators must consistently adapt to each situation to be successful. For instance, one person may be ready to live on their own, while another may need to live in supportive housing. Obstacles may include lack of identification or the need for a psychiatric evaluation. It's the job of the housing navigators to ensure that these obstacles are handled with detail and care.

"I make sure my guests have all their documents," said Stacey Herrick the director of our Emmaus Homeless Shelter in Ellsworth "I'm very detail oriented and I always let the people I'm working with know that we're becoming a team on this housing journey."

"Sometimes I take guests myself to their housing interviews, so they have an advocate," added Stacey "Making sure that everything is in place ensures that we put them in a position to succeed." Because the smallest detail can mean the difference between finding housing and staying in shelter."

**MEET OUR SHELTER TEAM:**

**Stacey Herrick—Emmaus Homeless Shelter Director**



**What inspires her most about this work:** "The people we serve inspire me. Whether it be the obstacles they have to overcome, the courage it takes to get through, or the triumphs in the end. It is because of them that I do the work that I do."

**Favorite Quote:** "Keep on Keeping on" we all trip up and sometimes fall..... but we keep on keeping on."

**Lisa—Emmaus Homeless Assistant Director**



**What inspires her most about this work:** "Watching a person succeed. By saving money for security deposits, finding a job, and watching them realize their self-worth."

**Favorite Quote:** "We think sometimes that poverty is only being hungry, naked and homeless. The poverty of being unwanted, unloved and uncared for is the greatest poverty." - Mother Teresa.

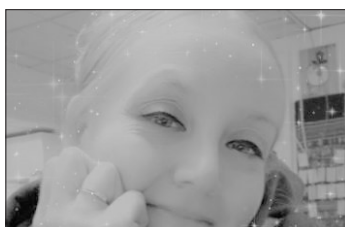
**Olivia—Emmaus Homeless Shelter Resident Aide**



**What inspires her most about this work:** "Contributing to the community."

**Favorite Quote:** "Let's be better humans."

**Amy—Shelter Resident Aide, Orland**



**What inspires her most about this work:** "What inspires me the most about being in shelter dept. is the fact that I was once in their shoes and know how hard it can be. H.O.M.E helped me and I want to do the same for people who are suffering and just need that one person to say its ok."

**Favorite Quote:** "Everything happens for a reason, we may not know why and may not seem fair, but it just means there are bigger and better things waiting for you, and just have to keep faith and keep moving forward!"

**Karen—Shelter Navigator, Orland**



**My inspiration is my favorite quote:** "Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on its self and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is, life is good when you are happy; but much better when others are happy because of you." -Pope Francis

**Gerald—Shelter Administrator, Orland**



**What inspires him most about this work:** "Sr Lucy, Sr Marie, and Jeb have inspired me in my work. If it was not for those 3 great women, I would not be working here. But, a few years ago we had a resident in our shelter that continues to inspire and humble me in my work. Her family came to us homeless and fleeing domestic violence. I explained to her that finding housing can take a while and she should not let that frustration slow her down. She took my words as inspiration and found housing within 2 months mostly on her own. I believed I was trying to "help" her with my words but instead she helped me to see the strength of the human spirit."

**Favorite Quote:** "The nine most terrifying words in the English language are: I'm from the government and I'm here to help."



## Letters

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

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

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### !!!CORRECTION!!!

In the last issue of This Time (Spring 2020) Cathy Tracy, early outreach worker for H.O.M.E., was listed in the "In Memoriam" section. We are happy to report that that was an error and Cathy Tracy is alive and well. We apologize for the mistake and are thankful to the family members who reached out to inform us of the error.

With Sincere Apologies,  
Julie Ream

### This Time

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<http://www.homemmausa.org>

Dear Tracey Hair and all the good people at H.O.M.E.,

It's a huge blessing that warm air and sunshine have finally arrived, it is every year. We can all be grateful for that, and I am grateful for all that H.O.M.E. does for my neighbors in so many ways. When the newsletter, "In This Time" arrives in my mailbox, I am happy and I read it from cover to cover. So much good is accomplished by you, your staff and volunteers it is a truly inspiring thing to see.

Please find enclosed my donation of \$50 in recognition of your 50th Anniversary. I wish I could send more-but I know my dollars will be used wisely.

Best,  
Kathryn Calhoun

Dear h.o.m.e. staff,

I received your letter concerning the issue with your problems with the Christmas wreaths. I'm truly saddened about this situation. Since I don't live in Maine, I thought I would at least mail you a donation that might help a worker or someone's ability to pay for their fuel this winter. I hope it helps.

Sincerely,  
Jeanne Spencer

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Dear Julie,

I was saddened to hear that the Maine wreaths had to be cancelled this year. Please use this donation in whatever way it is most needed. Perhaps you could have wreaths made to donate to families who need some Christmas cheer. Or please just use as you see fit. Thanks for the lovely wreaths over the years.

Elizabeth Beach

Dear H.O.M.E.,

Thanks for all that you do for the people of Maine. We are grateful and blessed to have you work on our behalf to help those in need.

Terry & Karen Lindblom

## H.O.M.E. Inc. Fall Appeal 2020



"Serve First Those Who Suffer Most"

Dear Friend,

A couple of weeks ago, I ran into Frank at Tozier's Market in Bucksport, and the first thing he asked me was when H.O.M.E. was going to open full swing again. Frank's a thoughtful man, a constant presence at our community events and holiday dinners. In addition to facing serious health challenges of his own, he has recently watched a loved one pass and experienced deep loneliness because of the pandemic. Who would have ever thought that we'd find ourselves weeks and weeks away from each other? It hasn't been easy, has it?

The good news is our work is not cancelled! Because of you, we have pivoted in near-miraculous ways to offer: curbside pick-up and food delivery from our Food Pantry, safe emergency shelter in line with COVID safety guidelines and a hardship fund to prevent more families from falling into homelessness.

Because of you, our doors are swinging wide open in creative ways. We're learning new ways of "being together while we're apart." One of those new ways is inspired by my talk with Frank, and the increasing disconnection people feel during this challenging time. We're excited to begin hosting a safe socially distanced DROP IN space which will find its home by the woodstove in the current craft store building, supported by our studio artists and crafters.

We're working to adapt, with attention to caring for individuals in our community who are isolated or experiencing homelessness as well individuals who have lost access to public spaces such as libraries and computer labs. There'll be coffee in the morning, opportunities to share stories with craft store staff and studio volunteers, opportunities to learn pottery or learn to sew a potholder upstairs in Stitchery. Most of all, there'll be a space to sit and enjoy the company of another human being – all the while, locally made crafts will still be sold, providing income for local residents.

In year's past especially during times of recession you have rallied to help us respond to our community. And yet, in our 50-year history our community has never faced a crisis of this magnitude and scale. Food prices are going up, transportation is limited. The most immediate threat in our area is housing security and the effects of rural isolation. In the midst of all the bad news – we celebrate our 50th anniversary looking to the future – looking to the people we serve as our guide.

We know that COVID-19 has hit some of you harder than others. Whether you have lost a job, seen a significant loss in your income, or have been ill or lost a loved one, we want you to know that we are standing with you. We also know that some of you are looking for ways to make a difference. If you are able, your financial support is critical at this time. As you can imagine, because we have not been hosting volunteer groups or participating in craft fairs or fundraising events, our income is down.

Please consider giving a gift today. To make it easy, I've enclosed an envelope. You can also donate online at the website below or set up a recurring gift through your bank. Thank you for your support and until we meet face-to-face again, we wish you the best of health.

Best regards

Tracey Hair  
Executive Director





## In Memoriam



**LESLEY "ELLEN" HELEN MOORE**

Ellen passed away July 10 at Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center, Bangor. She was 72. Ellen was born on November 14, 1947 in Evanston, Illinois to Philip Wyatt Moore and Henrietta "Henny" Boal Moore, both now deceased.

Ellen was the youngest of five siblings. She is survived by two sisters and two brothers: Ayrie Moore, Chicago; Lucy Musawa Moore, Oregon; Phil Moore, Charlevoix, Michigan; and Tom Moore, Australia; as well as her eight beloved nieces and nephews, and numerous great-nieces and great-nephews. She is also survived by her life partner of many years, Lucy Poulin and adopted stepson, James Poulin. Also surviving are Geiser and Josue Tuctuc and their parents, Miguel and Gloria, who were like family.

Ellen graduated from Pitzer College in California in the late 1960s. She was a civil rights activist in Chicago. In the 1970s, she and her sister, Lucy, founded a women's land sanctuary in Oregon. In the 1980s, she settled in Maine. Ellen was a longtime leader, along with Lucy Poulin and others, in the St. Francis Community at Mandala Farm, East Orland. She managed farm operations and took care of a small herd of Norwegian Fjord horses, Kashmir goats and a variety of other animals (including peacocks!). She also worked in shelter, wrote grants, cooked community suppers every Thursday for years...and much, much more. She will surely be missed by all.

Ellen loved spending time with her family in Michigan throughout most of her life. She loved the animals and St. Francis. She loved and took a caring interest in all the members of the community.

For many years, Ellen and her sister, Ayrie, shared the care of their mother, Henny, in her long struggle with Alzheimer's. Ayrie has said, "She worked hard, but she had fun. She was the most giving person I know."

A private memorial service was held at the Wayside Chapel at H.O.M.E. for members of her community. Many of the employees of H.O.M.E. have very fond memories of Ellen and we look forward to her meeting us on the journey after this life.



## The Love Card

Dearest Tracey,

We have a program here called "Who is your Hero?" Folks anonymously nominate someone who they are grateful for, who is doing so much good in their world and who they want to feel loved and appreciated.

You, dear have been nominated by many!!

We hope this little package lights up your day and reminds you that there are many, many people appreciating all your good hard work, big heart, and incredible dedication to your family, your work and your loved ones. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts. It is people like you who help bring lots of love into the world, when we need it more than ever. You are doing so much for your community and it does not go by unnoticed.

We are a small company that began four years ago, in a small rural town in Maine. We pondered the idea...How can we spread more love into the world without it being attached to anything political, religious, commercial? And the Love Card was born. It seems the simple gesture to uplift others; to connect and bring more love into people's lives is greatly needed. We hope you will accept our small token of love and feel the appreciation behind it.

We are incredibly grateful for you. You are our HERO!

Love, gratitude and radiant light,

Joanne LaCarrubba Steenberg, Founder-and the Love Card team.

"To be brave is to love someone unconditionally, without expecting anything in return. To just give it. That takes courage."



THE LOVE CARD clockwise from the left: Ruth from bookkeeping, Gerald from Shelter Dept., Rosalani Moore, Assistant Director display the cards shown below. <http://www.theLoveCard.org>



## A Notice Regarding Wreath Season

Dear Friends,

It is with a heavy heart that we write to inform you that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, H.O.M.E. has come to the decision to adjust Wreath Season for the year 2020. As many of you may have experienced in the last few months, package delivery has suffered delays of days and sometimes-even weeks. With the expected increase of mailing come November, we fear that we will not be able to guarantee delivery of a fresh wreath before Christmas Day to everywhere in the United States.

The Wreath Season staff met to discuss how the season would proceed. In regards to shipping wreaths, we feel that we will only be able to accommodate deliveries in our own state of Maine. If you are a yearly supporter of this fundraiser and normally purchase wreaths to be delivered in Maine, an order form has been enclosed for your convenience. If you did not receive an order form, but would like to order a wreath to be shipped to a Maine resident, please feel free to call 207-469-7961 ext. 106 to place your order over the phone. You may also email your order to [financedirector@homeincme.org](mailto:financedirector@homeincme.org).

Wreath Season is not only H.O.M.E.'s biggest fundraiser; it is also a means of extra income to local wreath makers. This helps them through Christmas and the winter heating season. H.O.M.E. will look into expanding its' Gift Shop sales and will reach out to local businesses in hopes that they will be interested in purchasing wreaths so that our wreath makers do not have a completely barren season.

We are sorry that we will not have the capacity to accommodate all our usual orders this year, but we are hopeful that we will return to shipping countrywide next year. We pray you stay safe & well through this pandemic, and look forward to hearing from you next year. We wish you a joyous holiday season!





# Caring for Our Youngest Community Members

By Christina Witham

There has been so much taking place at H.O.M.E. Daycare that I thought this would be the perfect platform to let everyone know what has been happening here.

Who could have ever imagined how our world would change in a year. Daycare was closed for about 3 months, March through June due to COVID-19. During that time, all staff completed additional training to comply with CDC and State licensing guidelines for daycares. We educated ourselves on how we can support the children emotionally, socially, and physically in this changing world. H.O.M.E. management has taken the welfare and wellbeing of the daycare children very seriously. They supplied the children with new tables, dividers, beanbags, masks, face shields and are making sure we are privy to all the latest information from the Maine CDC.

We have undergone some construction as well. We have a beautiful new back porch. Bob and Diane Nichols worked diligently to ensure it was completed before we reopened. Thank you very much Bob and Diane. The porch is beautiful! Clint, Jayme and Glenn laid out new wood chips for our playground. Clint laid out grass seed and even made a little sandbox. Thank you all for taking such great care in making the playground an amazing extension of daycare.

Every Friday during the summer, we send bags of groceries home to our daycare families. Maureen at the Market Stand did a wonderful and thoughtful job of making up the bags that the families so appreciate. It was not a small task as there were 7-9 families to shop for each week. Thank you Maureen. The families and daycare staff greatly appreciate your time and effort.

Blue Angels is also bringing our families fresh produce from local farmers every Friday. This is an amazing organization run by Deborah Corey and her volunteers. They are fighting against hunger in our communities. Fresh produce can be expensive and

our families are deeply grateful to be able to give their children fresh vegetables.

How fortunate we are to work for an organization that endlessly supports our community and families. H.O.M.E. tirelessly works to uplift, support and assist families and individuals. During these unbelievable times, H.O.M.E. has gone to great lengths to promote healthy and safe practices to keep everyone safe. We are all on the new path together and by supporting one another, we will build this new road together.



No mask could hide the smile on this young man's face.



Above: The back porch of Daycare before replacement. Below: The new layout provides more room for the children to play on the porch.



# When a Loss Becomes an Expansion

By Julie Ream

The Market Stand is home to the soup kitchen, food pantry and volunteer center. Most summers it is a gathering place. Volunteers, shelter guests, community members and H.O.M.E. employees would congregate for coffee in the morning and lunch come noontime. The pandemic of 2020 put a hold on that this summer.

The volunteers scheduled for the season were cancelled due to the pandemic. (They were greatly missed!) The soup kitchen had to stop serving as well. The building was closed to the public and to employees that did not work in that department. However, difficult times have never slowed down the employees of H.O.M.E. Maureen Hayden, Market Stand Manager, had the building to herself and she used the space to its' fullest.

The food pantry kept operating but like many things nowadays, in a different way. People in the community seeking a food box to stretch their grocery budget would call ahead and make an appointment. Maureen would prepare the box and Clint would bring it to the person's car. Alternatively, if Clint were busy elsewhere, she would place it on a table outside to be picked up at the appointed time. This is how they continue for now as the number of boxes distributed rises again after stimulus money has run out for most people.

While the state of Maine was in lockdown and many were out of work there was an increase in demand for food boxes which is illustrated by taking a snapshot of our numbers in March and comparing them to March 2019. In March 2019 our Ellsworth food pantry location served 58 individuals. In March 2020, Emmaus center served 106 individuals. In the Market Stand, we had an increase of 25 individuals when compared to March of last year. This shows a very significant increase in need at that time. Demand was so high at the Emmaus Center

that they increased the distribution of food boxes from twice a month to every week during the lock down.

The upside to closing the soup kitchen for the time being is that food pantry has more space than ever. Maureen and her summer assistant, Aesa Alley, are utilizing almost the entire dining area for food storage and a staging area for preparing the boxes. It shows H.O.M.E. that when we are finally able to tear down the old Dorr House and build our dream food pantry/soup kitchen/volunteer center that the food pantry will benefit from having a larger space than it does now.

Another program that the pandemic didn't stop is our weekend food program for the children in Daycare. Sponsored by Trinity Episcopal Church of Castine, the weekend food program sends a bag of

groceries home with the children every Friday. Maureen shops for nutritional foods and snacks to be packed by Aesa and sent home to assist the families stretch their food budget.

As the pandemic continues, H.O.M.E. will also continue to help those in need in our community. We look forward to returning to daily lunches together, until then; we will keep serving and never plan to slow down.



Left: Food boxes lined up to be filled and picked up. Above: Market Stand Assistant, Aesa Alley, prepares bags of food to be brought home by the children in our Daycare.



# Recrafting the Craft Store

By Julie Ream

The Craft Store could be considered the heart of H.O.M.E. village. It is located in the middle of all the other buildings and its' mission is H.O.M.E.'s very first.

Built in 1973-1974, H.O.M.E.'s gift shop enabled the homeworkers to have a local spot to sell their handcrafts. By creating the Stitchery upstairs, H.O.M.E.'s early quilters had a place all their own and close to the shop that would display their wares.

Over the years, there have been a few improvements and upgrades to the store but it had gotten a little dusty and seemingly dark. It was decided that the Craft Store needed a major overhaul.

It began with new Craft Store manager, Lisa Tenney and Living Arts Volunteer, Julia Demaree, rearranging the displays and painting the interior walls with bright, inviting colors. A local contractor was hired and replaced the dingy, old carpet with beautiful new flooring over half the shop. Lisa is currently on the lookout for new crafters with interesting products to sell.

The Craft Store was able to reopen after the Governor's shelter-in-place order was lifted and with CDC protocols regarding the pandemic in place. Lisa is pleased that she has received positive feedback from customers and crafters alike. Lisa explained that she had received compliments on the new displays and how bright and welcoming the store has become.

The Craft Store will remain open up until Christmas as long as there isn't another shelter-in-place ordered before then. If you are in the area, please visit and see what Lisa has in store for all your gift-giving needs this year. Remember to bring your mask!



Above, the Drop In Center will offer coffee, snacks and community. Below, The Craft Store will still sell quilts, artwork, wooden toys and, brand new to the shop, Birdhouses!



# Drop-Ins Welcome

By Julia Demaree

The overriding presence of Covid in our lives is asking us to define ourselves. No more business as usual. What does it mean to be a human being? Are we on earth to spin our life for our own personal gain? To consume excessively? To take refuge with those who think or look like us? To succumb to a lifestyle of isolation? To give up on our most basic need to be together?

For fifty years H.O.M.E. has been in the business of helping folks who have lost their footing. She has made it through many difficult challenges over the years without having to compromise her basic premise of providing hospitality for those down and out. Covid is challenging her to the core. Human beings are not created to live in isolative bubbles of safety. What to do?

H.O.M.E. is responding to our most basic human need to be together by opening a Drop In Center. It will be modified to Covid standards to keep everyone safe. We all know the protocol: mandatory masks, a limited amount of folks at one time, respectfully staying six feet apart, spraying seats, washing hands. This might sound unfriendly to some, but we can proudly say that our management team and compliant staff has kept Covid at bay so far.

Our Drop In Center will be housed in the newly renovated Craft Store. Covid kept us from having a Grand Opening to celebrate its crafts, both new and old, featured in a fresh space. So now, serendipitously, our opening will celebrate the reunion of human beings saddened by months of loss and isolation. From chairs respectfully placed on a homemade braided rug folks can be warmed by a cup of coffee and tea and the listening power of being heard. This warmth is the bare-bone basis for its reason to exist.

But besides providing a hot beverage and a muffin, H.O.M.E. has a unique advantage to offer more. Her campus is like a small village that provides many kinds of services. From its cluster of buildings many people have received the basic gifts of food, clothing, and shelter. In addition, we have four vital craft studios that can be tapped into to expand the possibilities of our Drop In Center. We can schedule folks to participate in our creative studios to make something for themselves or for those who are ailing.

On this cool windy fall day, I look outside at our drop-in center for the birds and their ground feeding friends. I see diversity, cooperation, joy, and a sense of warmth from being fed. I could wish for no less for our budding human refuge.

# No Slowing of H.O.M.E.'s Housing Rehab Projects

By Julie Ream

In 2016, H.O.M.E. management placed a hold on building any new houses. Over its' 50 year history, H.O.M.E. has constructed 55 houses for low-income families to purchase. Realizing that H.O.M.E., for one reason or another still had 12 of those houses on their books, it was decided to focus on selling those before building another.

Assistant Director, Rosalani Moore, was tasked with finding qualified families to purchase these houses. She worked with them through the house-buying process and now, four years later, there are only two houses left.

This past summer, our dynamic duo of Bob and Diane Nichols went to work rehabbing a foreclosed house that landed back into H.O.M.E.'s possession. Located in a land-trust community in Dedham, Maine, the home is a three bedroom New England cape style house that was in need of new interior doors, kitchen cabinets and countertops. Bob and Diane were diligent about getting that taken care of before they headed back to their home state. (Editor's note: due to the pandemic, we would like our readers to know that H.O.M.E. is serious about adhering to CDC guidelines regarding covid-19. Our out of state visitors stayed quarantined

in their own RV until they provided management with negative covid tests). They also replaced the bathroom vanity.

The windowsills and the base of the back porch were afflicted with wood rot and so those were replaced and fixed as well.

Local plumber, Keith Birmingham went out and installed a new water heater and a pressure tank. We are confident any new owner will be pleased with that information.

H.O.M.E. employees, Clint Clagett and Glenn Tarbox brought out a stove and refrigerator to complete the kitchen. On their way out, they brought any debris surrounding the house away for proper disposal.

Unfortunately, more rot was found along the back of the house delaying Rosa's chance to list it. For now, the plan is to winterize and attack the rot situation come spring.

As disappointing as that may be, a mere 27 miles away in Sedgwick, a three-bedroom, saltbox-styled home sits in another land trust community awaiting a new family. If you are interested, please contact Rosalani Moore at our main offices.



The 3-bedroom, New England cape style home is located in Dedham, Maine and will be listed for sale in Spring 2020.

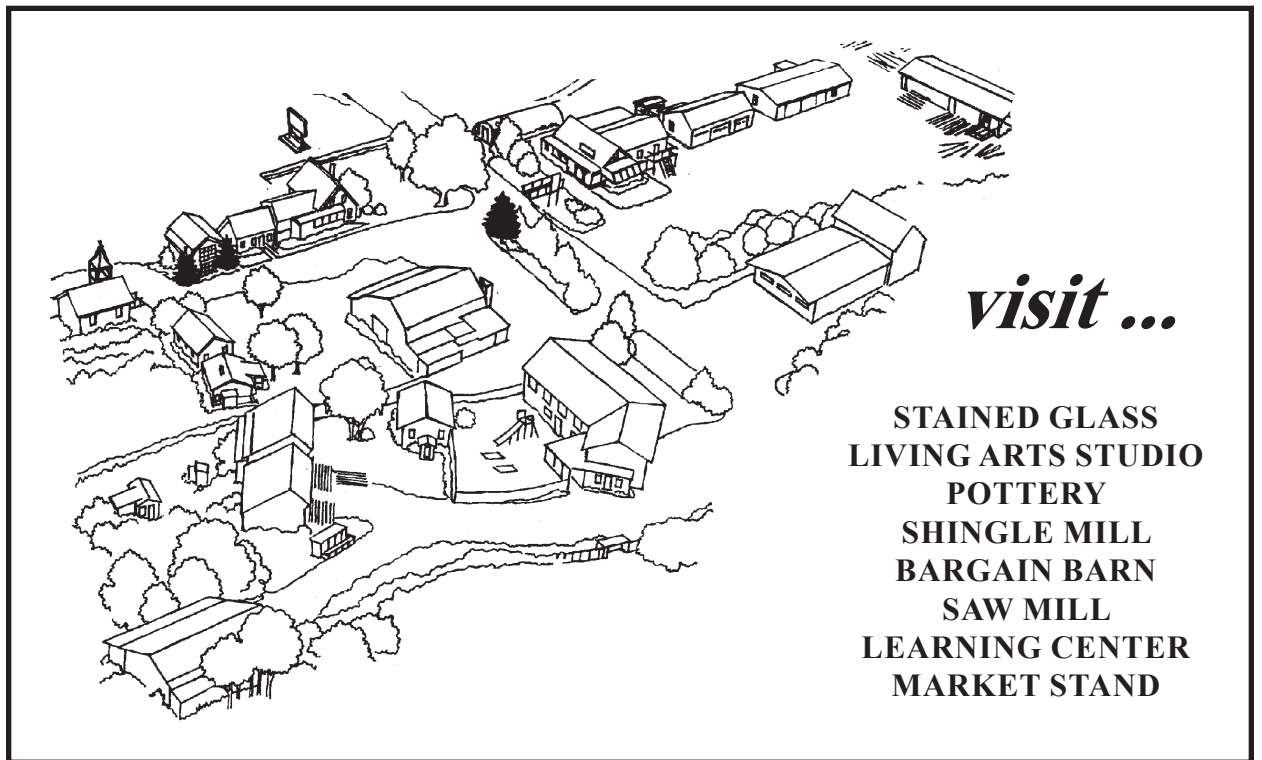


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Suncatchers-----\$25.00-\$35.00  
Candy Dish--Sm.-\$30.00/Lg-\$50.00  
Serving Tray----\$35.00  
Enamel Necklace-\$18.00-\$20.00  
Enamel Earrings--\$15.00-18.00



### DRIFTWOOD LAMPS

Each hand-crafted, working lamp is unique  
thanks to the use of driftwood and has a  
birch base. Prices vary up to \$29.00



### LIL BROWN SHACK SOUTH OF THE TRACK BIRDHOUSES

Rustic birdhouses created with recycled  
materials. Prices ranged according to size.  
\$65-\$125

Available in wall mount or pole mount designs.



### POTHOLDERS

Many Maine themes available including  
lobsters, lighthouses, blueberries, moose,  
loons and more.  
\$4.50 each



# Craft Store Catalog



## UNFINISHED WOODEN TRUCKS

Dump Trucks, Bulldozers and more. A big hit at craft fairs thanks to reasonable pricing from \$9.50-\$20.00. Great gifts as is or paint them as you please.



## HAND WOVEN BASKETS

Crafted by hand in H.O.M.E.'s Living Arts Studio, these charming little baskets are a wonderful display item or a useful vessel for holding treasures. 100% of the sale proceeds benefit H.O.M.E. programs.



## GUATEMALAN CRAFTS

Brightly colored, hand woven cotton purses and runners of many color and sizes and various prices. Made in our fellow Emmaus community in Comalapa. Prices vary.



## POTTERY

H.O.M.E.'s pottery is a big hit at our craft fairs. Bowls, cups, plates, vases and more are available. Many made right here in H.O.M.E.'s own pottery by our resident potter, Rosalani Moore. Prices vary.



## QUILTS

Different styles and sizes available. Made by local crafters and our own stitchery. Price depends on size and type. Visit us to pick one as a gift to be treasured.



## H.O.M.E. T-SHIRTS

We all agree that there is no place like H.O.M.E. and we have the t-shirts, hoodies and caps to prove it. Available in a variety of colors and sizes.

- T-shirts: Sm, Med, Lrg, XL-\$12.95
- T-shirts: XXL, XXXL-\$14.95
- Sweatshirts, Sm, Med, Lrg, XL-\$19.95
- Sweatshirts: XXL, XXXL-\$21.95
- Ballcaps: \$7.95

Now accepting applications for H.O.M.E.'s Affordable Housing Program. Applicants must meet income guidelines for 80% of the median area income of Hancock County as defined by HUD. Properties available include:

## SALE PENDING



75 Covenant Way, Sedgwick

Saltbox style home designed with 5 total rooms including 3 to 4-bedrooms, 1- bath, kitchen/dining area, living room, fireplace, and a laundry area. The home is situated on 1.03+/- acre leased land parcel in a 12 home community subdivision in Sedgwick, ME.

In the summer of 2020 H.O.M.E. will have a cape-style house for sale in Dedham, Maine. For more information contact Rosalani Moore at 207-469-7961 ext 116

## LUMBER PRICES

All lumber is milled by our crew in our own mill. All proceeds go to run H.O.M.E.'s many programs.

- All Lumber per board foot....\$.70
- Pickup load Saw Dust.....\$5.00
- Pickup load Shingle Hair.....\$5.00
- Shingles ..... \$75 per sq



# Historical Restoration Of a City's Heart

By Stacey Herrick

Alpha Omega Masonry, a family owned business for 25 years, has been working to restore and rebuild the brick work of the Emmaus Homeless Shelter in Ellsworth. Alpha Omega specializes in historic restoration as well as new construction.

The work on the Emmaus Homeless Shelter is scheduled to be completed by mid-October. During this restoration Alpha Omega and their crew are grinding, re-pointing the bricks and doing demo to rebuild in spots.

The Emmaus Homeless Shelter is a True Brick Building with a Flemish Bond Pattern. A Flemish Bond pattern is where the brick construction pattern consists of alternate stretchers and headers. This gives the appearance of a whole brick and then a half of a brick. The Emmaus Homeless Shelter construction is 3 brick thick. Where brick buildings today are made only one brick thick.

Historic Restoration can be a complex art. Mortar, a workable paste which dries to bind the bricks together has needed replacing in many parts of the building. Removing the old mortar and painting in the new can be complicated as they need to get as close to the original material as they can but fixing something old using new material can be tricky. Bricks are not made the same.

This much needed work is possible thanks to the Maine State Housing Authority and its Supportive Housing and Emergency Shelter Repair Program.



Above: The doors of the Emmaus Homeless Shelter offering Love, Hope and Shelter which honors Sr. Barbara's vision. Below: The before and after of restoring the brickwork of our historic building.



## Much has Changed, but Need Rarely Does

By Julie Ream

The return to school looked very different to students this year. In our district some are learning from their homes every day while others are learning from home three days a week and attend classes in the school building twice a week in two different groups.

Everyone wears a mask and the desks are farther apart than last year. Lunch looks different, recess looks different, heck, even riding the bus looks different. What isn't different is the fact that no matter what grade, school or district, they all need school supplies.

H.O.M.E.'s Backpack Program strives to provide children in our community with a backpack full of supplies to start the school year out prepared. Many of us are parents ourselves and know the struggle that can take place as we try to figure out where in the budget school supplies will come from.

Thankfully, H.O.M.E. has some very generous supporters who genuinely care about the young people of the world. We greatly appreciate that they hear our calls for help every year.

The Witham Family Hotels Charitable Fund is dedicated to their mission to support local and regional organizations. This year they came through for H.O.M.E. again by sending over 80 backpacks with supplies already in them.

The First Congregational Church of Ridgefield, Connecticut has been a supporter of H.O.M.E. in many ways for years. The congregation jumps into action quite quickly when they hear there is a need they could help with. When churchmember and H.O.M.E. volunteer, Bob Roth heard that H.O.M.E. had run out of 1-inch binders to put into the backpacks, he made the calls that resulted in boxes of binders, notebooks, erasers and other supplies being shipped to our doors. Not only were we able to finish off our program list for 2020,

we have plenty to begin with next year. Bob promises that there is more to follow.

Closer to home, Trinity Episcopal Church of Castine is an ardent supporter of our youngest community members. Joan Austin, a member of Trinity and tireless fundraiser for H.O.M.E.'s Daycare, is always willing to get up before her church and appeal to them for support of the children. Joan leads the charge to ensure that the Daycare is supplied with healthy meals and snacks while in our care. Trinity is also the main sponsor of the food program that sends home a bag of groceries with each family to help get through the weekend. Trinity's dedication to preventing childhood hunger is inspiring to us all and we are always happy to see Joan and her husband, Karl, pull into the parking lot.

Inspiration comes in many forms and we would be remiss if we didn't talk about the individual donors who reach out to ask what are needs are or just mail



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### THANKS BE TO GOD...

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

The controversy is over! The people of Ellsworth have spoken and the City Council has heard "the cry of the people on behalf of the poor." By a vote of almost 2 to 1 the voters said "YES" to the referendum question: Do you think the Federal Building is an appropriate location for a shelter?

Father Peter Gorham, Pastor at St. Joseph's Church in Ellsworth, had said, "The Emmaus Center is in the heart of Ellsworth and Ellsworth needs a heart." That was a prophetic statement! The vote of the people on March 2nd proved to the City Council that a strong compassionate community HEART has begun to beat within the city and they had better take notice. (The mayor, who had opposed the shelter location, was soundly defeated for re-election.)

We had already heard the "heartbeat" through the many outpourings of support. The 14 beautiful quilts made for the shelter beds by a group of women in a quilt-a-thon were very symbolic of the warmth and caring to follow (the queen size quilt they made brought in \$1,000 in a raffle). Then came: furniture, appliances, clothing, food, benefits, generous personal donations, etc. and hours of dedicated volunteer service.

After the Charles Kuralt *Sunday Morning* show in H.O.M.E., the support from across the country came pouring in. A man from Japan called to get the correct address, and sent a check for \$100. Many people were shocked that a member of a City Council had said a shelter, "would ruin the business area because there would be bums on Main Street!" It shocked the viewers and turned out to be a blessing in disguise. It literally sent a shock wave into compassionate hearts around the world! And it all began here in the heart of the City of Ellsworth, Maine.

I have always known this shelter project has been bigger than any of us. It is meant to be and we are deeply grateful to all of you who can see who have responded. We look forward to working together with you as we seek to "SERVE FIRST THOSE WHO SUFFER MOST"

May God Himself be your blessing,  
Sr. Barbara, SA

backpacks every year as a tradition. We would list them all by name if we had remembered to request permission. Suffice it to say, when a big box arrives from Massachusetts with a certain woman's name printed on the label, hearts swell with gratitude and a little jig may be performed at the sight of 10 LL Bean backpacks nestled within. We also cheered when local hat crochet artist, Cheryl Debarge, took out her sewing machine and started creating masks for all the backpacks.

School may look different this year as much of our world does, but like the need for school supplies, the support of H.O.M.E.'s programs by our friends and neighbors does not look much different. They are as generous and supportive as ever and we are so glad to have them.



Left photo: Backpacks with supplies are a help to our staff as well as the kids. Above: Masks created and donated by local crafter, Cheryl Debarge to be included in the backpacks.



## Improving a Shelter from Top to Bottom

By Julie Ream

St. Francis Inn is the name of one of H.O.M.E.'s shelters for women and women with children experiencing homelessness. Located in East Orland, just up the road from our main campus, the beautiful old house has been a part of H.O.M.E. since the 1990's.

Like many older homes, the St. Francis Inn was in need of some TLC. Thankfully, with the help of some local contractors and a loan from the Maine State Housing Authority's Supportive Housing and Emergency Shelter Repair Program, we were able to extend some tender loving care to a very important part of our mission. The biggest blessing of this program is that as long as we continue to run the Inn as a shelter for the next 5 years, the loan will be forgiven. H.O.M.E. is grateful to MSHA and its' dedication to helping us care for some of our most vulnerable citizens.

The basement of the Inn, like so many older houses in Maine, was in desperate need of waterproofing. The thoughts of an indoor swimming pool crossed our minds but the cost of maintaining the chlorine levels drove that idea away. Instead, Eastern Mold Remediation was contracted to waterproof the basement and pour some concrete. The installation of a dehumidifier and a sump pump completed the project and we look forward to not having to check the water levels in the basement every time it pours rain.

The relentless sun we experienced over most of the summer didn't keep Andy and his crew from climbing up on top of the house and replacing the entire roof. The many dormer windows didn't slow them down

and they completed the roof before rain finally blessed our area. The big test will be if they managed to find and fix a trouble spot in the manager's apartment that has plagued our maintenance crew for a few years. Nevertheless, I'm willing to bet the manager will not miss her indoor wall waterfall.

Of course, with an old house comes old electrical. A larger electrical panel was installed to accommodate the demands upon the system. Will Power LLC took care of that and replaced the old knobs and tube electrical components with modern systems. We appreciate the fine work of all our local business friends.

One area H.O.M.E. has been focusing on the last couple of years is accessibility to our buildings. Many ramps have been built, poured or installed at entrances around campus. The St. Francis Inn has an accessibility ramp located in the back but getting to the ramp in some seasons was proving difficult. Doane Foundations created a concrete platform with help from Andy to ensure the accessibility of the ramp. The driveway to the house from the back was extended to lessen the trek from a vehicle to the ramp. Andy will continue working on the interior of the Inn by replacing the interior flooring and widening any doorways inside to ensure the building is ADA compliant. We will continue to work towards complete accessibility to all our buildings for everyone.

It may sound like plenty of work has been done for the St. Francis Inn this year and we agree, as soon as the gutters are installed to direct rainwater away from the building.



Above, The basement of the St. Francis inn was damp and prone to flooding. Below, Thanks to Eastern Mold Remediation, the basement is now dry and warm and much less creepy.



Above, the photo to the left shows the extended driveway and the newly poured concrete slab to begin the replacement of the backdoor ramp. The middle photo shows the roof over the shelter and the attached manager's apartment in the process of being replaced. The right photo shows the St. Francis Inn with a new roof and awaiting the rain gutters.

## Green Thumbs with Millie Grimes

Needless to say, the 2020 gardening season was not a normal one! As H.O.M.E. was on severe lockdown for several months beginning in April because of Covid-19, I was laid off and unable to plant our normal garden space. However, I compensated by coming in on a volunteer basis and planting our high tunnel greenhouse, with the harvest going to our low-income Farmshare customers. One day Ralph and I discovered some damage to the broccoli and beans by a deer who had come in twice because we had rolled the sides up. Another day I discovered an adult woodchuck (outside the greenhouse) looking hungrily at the green growth inside. He was not at all afraid of me!

We rolled the sides back down and Ralph put up an ingenious wire fence to reach the greenhouse plastic when we had to roll the sides up again because of the summer heat. No more animal damage. With an automatic watering system set up, we were able to grow tomatoes, many cucumbers, green and yellow string beans, broccoli, cabbage, beets, not yet ripe small watermelons, six big Hubbard squash, several plants of the exotic husk or ground cherry which came up on their own. All in all a successful endeavor.

With hopes of a more normal 2021 gardening

season, we harvested the garlic crop and will soon be planting next year's garlic. I hope to have our "old" garden plus the newer one in production next year.

Here's a good zucchini bread recipe in case your zucchini crop was abundant.

P.S. In a cooperative effort with Gunjan, my Farmers' Market friend, we sold several hundred dollars' worth of jams with both H.O.M.E. and Gunjan benefitting monetarily.



Millie has been working H.O.M.E.'s gardening program since the 1980s.

### LYNN'S SPICY ZUCCHINI BREAD

- 3 cups flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp salt
- 2 tsp cinnamon
- ½ tsp nutmeg
- 3 eggs
- 1 ¾ cups sugar
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 1 ½ tsp vanilla extract
- ¾ cup nuts (optional)
- 1 cup raisins (optional)
- 2 cups lightly packed, coarsely grated zucchini

Sift dry ingredients together. Beat eggs with sugar, oil and vanilla and gradually beat in dry ingredients. Stir in zucchini, add raisins and nuts.

Divide between two greased loaf-pans and bake in a preheated 350 degree oven for 50-60 minutes.

From "The Victory Garden Cookbook" by Marian Morash



**HOME Daycare**



H.O.M.E.'s licensed daycare provides affordable childcare for working families. The daycare has the capacity to serve up to 12 children from infants to 12 years old.

For more information about our program call (207) 469-7961 and speak with Christina.

Check out our Go Fund Me page to see how you can help support a nurturing, healthy, and creative childcare experience.

<https://www.gofundme.com/givingtochildren>

We are also on Facebook at:  
H.O.M.E., Inc Daycare

**H.O.M.E.'s Wish List**

- Food
- Pillows**
- Fire Wood
- Appliances
- Warm Blankets
- Office Supplies
- School Supplies
- Building Materials
- Tools in Good Shape
- Saw Logs for our Mill
- Winter Coats for all ages
- Winter Boots in Good Shape
- Useful Trucks and/or Cars**
- Fitted Sheets for Shelter beds**
- Windows 10 Computers & Printers
- Stocks or Money**

**“The Other Side of the Virus, An Opportunity to Awaken”**

Yes there is panic buying.  
 Yes there is sickness.  
 Yes there is even death.  
 But,  
 They say that in Wuhan after so many years of noise  
 You can hear the birds again.  
 They say that after just a few weeks of quiet  
 The sky is no longer thick with fumes  
 But blue and grey and clear.  
 They say that in the streets of Assisi  
 People are singing to each other  
 across the empty squares,  
 keeping their windows open  
 so that those who are alone  
 may hear the sounds of family around them.  
 They say that a hotel in the West of Ireland  
 is offering free meals and delivery to the housebound.  
 Today a young woman I know  
 is busy spreading fliers with her number  
 through the neighborhood  
 so that the elders may have someone to call on.  
 Today Churches, Synagogues, Mosques and Temples  
 are preparing to welcome  
 and shelter the homeless, the sick, the weary.  
 All over the world people are slowing down and reflecting.  
 All over the world people are looking at their neighbors in a new way.  
 All over the world people are waking up to a new reality  
 To how big we really are.  
 To how little control we really have.  
 To what really matters.  
 To Love.  
 So we pray and we remember that  
 Yes there is fear.  
 But there does not have to be hate.  
 Yes there is isolation.  
 But there does not have to be loneliness.  
 Yes there is panic buying.  
 But there does not have to be meanness.  
 Yes there is sickness.  
 But there does not have to be disease of the soul.  
 Yes there is even death.  
 But there can always be a rebirth of love.  
 Wake to the choices you make as to how to live now.  
 Today, breathe.  
 Listen, behind the factory noises of your panic-  
 The birds are singing again  
 The sky is clearing,  
 Spring is coming,  
 And we are always encompassed by Love.  
 Open the windows of your soul  
 And though you may not be able to touch across the empty square,  
 Sing.

Fr. Richard Hendrick, OFM  
 March 13, 2020

**Would you like to help H.O.M.E. continue our 50-year-long work with the rural poor? Participate in Planned Giving**

*Planned Giving Includes:*

- Wills and Bequests
- Life Income Gift
- Gifts of Property
- Insurance

Anyone can make a planned gift—you don't have to be wealthy or old or near death.  
 Call or write us if you would like more information.

**Volunteer At H.O.M.E.!**

We are always looking for volunteers to help out! There are many different ways to get involved, from crafting to repairing houses. If you are interested, call Julie at 207-469-7961 ext 106

*"Fight for the things that you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you."*

- *Ruth Bader Ginsburg*

**Don't wait months to get your updates on what H.O.M.E. is doing to help end homelessness and alleviating the affects of poverty in our community.**

**Follow us on Facebook at:**

**<https://www.facebook.com/HOMEINC1970> and learn what we are doing and how you may help.**



# Reflections

## Where I'm From

I'm from the smell of hot dogs  
And dough boys at the fair.  
I'm from the taste of the sour lemonade  
At my friends' lemonade stand.  
I'm from the sight of the greenery  
From the top of Great Pond Mountain.

I'm from the sound of all my friends and family  
Singing "Happy Birthday" on my birthday.  
I'm from the feeling of the soft snow  
While sledding down a hill with my friends.  
I'm from the taste of the salty water  
Jumping over waves in the summer.

I'm from the smell of the frosted sugar  
Cookies on Christmas Eve.  
I'm from the smell of the french toast  
For my birthday breakfast.  
I'm from the sight of the giant  
Elephants at the circus.

I'm from the feeling of the cold air  
At our outdoor movie night.  
I'm from the sight of dogs walking  
Past on the waterfront.  
I'm from the taste of creamy ice cream  
From The Dairy Port  
I'm from the sound of my friends laughing  
On the way to the restaurant for my birthday.

Cadence Hills, 9/18/2020

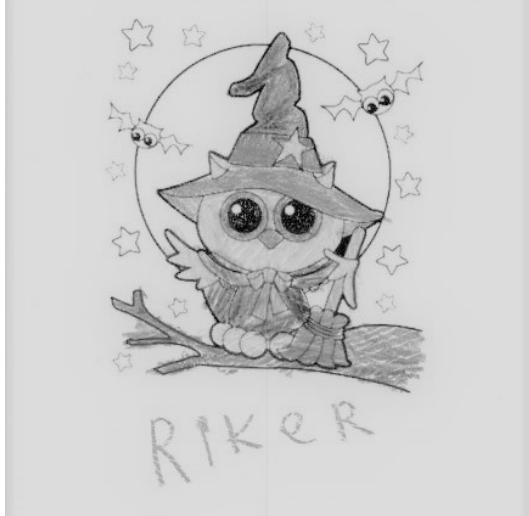
**"I'm a very strong believer in listening and learning from others."  
-RGB**



## Fun with Astrology with Kathy Walton

### Favorite Pickup Lines

Aries	I'm feeling a little off today. Would you like to turn me on?
Taurus	I seem to have lost my number. Can I have yours?
Gemini	Do you have any overdue library books? 'Cause you've got the word 'FINE' written all over you.
Cancer	If I was a cat, I'd spend all nine lives with you.
Leo	Do you believe in love at first sight or should I walk by you again?.
Virgo	Baby, you must be a broom because you just swept me off my feet!
Libra	Do you work at Starbucks? 'Cause I like you a latte.
Scorpio	Your place or mine?
Sagittarius	You must be from Tennessee, 'cause you're the only ten I see.
Capricorn	My doctor says I'm missing vitamin U...
Aquarius	Kiss me if I'm wrong, but is your name Salome?
Pisces	What's on the menu? Me-n-U.



## "Behind the mask"

Behind the mask is a patient in fear, unsure what will happen after being brought here. Behind the mask is someone special who, was born for this moment to take care of you. Behind the mask is someone's son or daughter, guiding you through these uncharted waters. Behind the mask, someone comes to you in prayer, full of mission and faith, guiding your care. Behind the mask, someone is leading the way, planning and supporting the staff through the day. Behind the mask someone silently prepares, clean rooms, or meals, even meds for your care. Behind the mask someone can come where you live, bringing care, meds or equipment, more passion to give. Behind the mask, there is one ministry for all, no role is too big, no position too small. Behind the mask, is our promise to you, we answered the call, it's what we were all meant to do. Donna, Mercy Health manager from Lima, OH



Artwork by Julius "Woody" Norman.



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## Homeworkers Organized for More Employment



Two students in our Daycare give the thumbs up for their new backpacks and masks!



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