

Homeworkers Organized for More Employment

This Time

Orland, Maine 04472

A House with Many Faces...

By Tracey Hair

*“Concrete, marble, steel, brick: little else made by human hands seems as stable, as immutable, as a building. Yet the life of any structure is neither fixed nor timeless. Outliving their original contexts and purposes, buildings forced to adapt to each succeeding age. To survive, they must become shape-shifters.”*  
~ Edward Hollis

This year we began a major renovation of the Hospitality House in Bucksport. Utilizing a forgivable loan from the Maine State Housing Trust Fund, we upgraded the furnace, rehabbed the basement, built a new porch and ramp, rebuilt the stone retaining wall and we’re in the process of installing gutters, renovating each apartment, paving the driveway and parking lot, and repairing the roof.

The Hospitality House is an old house situated on a picturesque street in Bucksport. The house sits at the top of First Street, boasting peaceful views of the Penobscot River from the second and third floor apartments. For years it was an overnight shelter and a few here remember seeking shelter there when we first came. I lived in number 5 back in 2004 and just above me, Clint, our Sawyer, lived in number 7 and our Accounts Payable Clerk, Ruth, lived there back in 1988.

Once a shelter for people experiencing homelessness, then a transitional house ...The Hospitality House has had many "lives" before becoming a permanent housing haven for people on limited income or who have experienced homelessness. Before my time it’s reputed to have been a red-light house as reported by Sr. Marie... although we can’t find a record to back that up. One of her Irish tales perhaps?

Today, it’s organized into seven one-bedroom apartments and a lively cast of characters who have found a permanent home there. There’s Claudia, a singing senior who keeps us on our toes with stories of the H.O.M.E.’s past – She’s been around awhile –

some 20 years or more. Not always at the Hospitality House, her first home was on Verona Island which she lost after the death of a family member. She ended up with no place to go. When I lived there, our neighbor had a pet duck, and the family below had a toddler who is now a young adult. I painted my walls orange to Sr. Marie’s dismay – after that she stopped letting residents pick their own colors.

In Maine there is currently a shortage of more than 19,000 rentals for extremely low-income renters. According to Maine Housing’s most recent report, in Hancock County, the percentage of households unable to find affordable rents based on median price was 70.4% last year. Rentals are expected to remain unaffordable through 2022 because of limited supply.

As the data demonstrates, The Hospitality House is clearly responding to a great need in our area - It’s rehabbed now, and intact for the next generation of its life... what will it be... will John live out his days there? One thing we know for sure is that it will certainly continue to serve as affordable permanent housing for formerly homeless and low-income people.



An excellent view from First Street of the new retaining wall at The Hospitality House. Reconstructing the wall provided more parking and better drainage.



A new porch with a wider ramp was constructed for the front entrance.



A new boiler was installed in the basement.

DATA WALK...

- The #1 reason for homelessness we saw in 2020 was lack of affordable housing - #2 is substance use
- There are only 59 available rental units for every 100 extremely low-income families looking for one in Maine
- 14.8% of Maine children live in poverty
- 18.5% of Maine children are food insecure
- 44% of Maine’s food insecure population is ineligible for assistance

Emmaus International Update

By Tracey Hair

In September, the Emmaus Americas Regional Assembly was held virtually. The Emmaus Americas Regional Assembly is held every four years and brings together community members from Emmaus groups to share, learn and connect.

This year our executive director, Tracey Hair and assistant director, Rosalani Moore, attended and were able to connect with colleagues from various communities across the Americas. The Assembly was attended by 31 groups representing: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Peru, Uruguay, Italy, France and Benin. In addition to learning how other groups and countries are doing responding to the crisis of COVID-19, we elected three new Regional Board members.

Now we will be signing up to attend the Emmaus World Assembly which will take place from November 30-December 2, 2021. The assembly will be attended virtually by 360 groups.



# Letters

Please send letters to:  
This Time  
PO Box 10  
Orland, ME 04472  
admin@homeincme.org

## 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 Tracey,

I saw you on TV news again. I am so impressed with your courage, efforts and successes.

A big admirer,  
Mike G. (the old guy from Bangor)

Greetings from Cranbury, New Jersey,

Wonderful article in NY Times about your wood bank!  
Hope to visit you again before too long

Warmest Regards,  
Anne Gordon

### This Time

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Visit our web-site for a digital version of this Newsletter!  
<http://www.homemmausa.org>

Dear Tracey,

Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$500 in support of H.O.M.E.'s work with the homeless and all the other activities in which H.O.M.E. is involved.

St. Brendan's is so pleased to be a continuing partner with you and H.O.M.E. As the covid pandemic begins to allow for more meetings and gatherings, we would be pleased to have you bring your "craft fair" back to St. Brendan's hopefully in July or August.

Please be assured of our continued interest and support of the important work you do for those less fortunate in our society. Please let us know when and how we can be of support and assistance,

Peace and Love,  
Skip for the Outreach Ministry

Dear H.O.M.E.,

Many thanks to you and your H.O.M.E. team for supporting Orland River Day this year. Hope it was fun for all and we look forward to seeing you next year.

Best Regards,  
ORD Committee

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Greetings, H.O.M.E. staff & volunteers!

We acknowledge and support the merciful and never ending work you all do! It is, sadly, critically needed, & hopefully appreciated.

This extra donation is possible because we are pleased to share our stimulus checks.

Ever onward! Blessings!  
The Planks,  
Fran & David

## H.O.M.E. Inc. Fall Appeal 2021



"Serve First Those Who Suffer Most"

Dear Supporter,

I began writing this Fall Appeal letter to you around mid-September. As you know, in our work things can change in a day. I wanted to share a story with you about one of our board members earning her accounting degree earlier this year. Shannon came here for help first, then worked here, and moved on only to return to serve on our board. While this is an exciting story of resilience amidst the turmoil and troubles around us, I must also share another story of resilience.

Last week, I walked down to one of H.O.M.E.'s shelters to deliver the news to shelter guests that they were close contacts to a staff person who tested positive for COVID-19. As I delivered the news, a single mother with another child on the way became overwhelmed with the crisis, this, on top of the crisis of homelessness... we understood... we understood at that moment how powerless families experiencing homelessness are during this global pandemic. I watched in awe as one by one the men and women in our shelters lined up to get a test in our on-site testing room. I also watched in awe as our shelter team bravely performed test after test, potentially exposing themselves to the virus as well.

Can you imagine for a moment being homeless and not in control of one's own safety?

Last year, 178 people came through our shelters and we provided an average of 157 food boxes each month across both of our pantries. Our daycare experienced full enrollment as it trudged through a year of stops and starts. The work this year has been about stops and starts... openings and closings. One thing remains consistent through it all... our efforts to bring shelter, food, and community to our neighbors, never stops, it simply reinvents itself and adapts to the crisis before us.

We realize the tremendous toll this virus has taken on all of you, and we also know your generosity and loyalty help us meet our goals. When everything seems so challenging, we cannot forget the impact your help makes on the fabric of our work. Like Shannon, who now serves on our board, you are the reason we continue to reach so many.

We're steadfast in our mission. Please join us and give to H.O.M.E. today.

With gratitude,

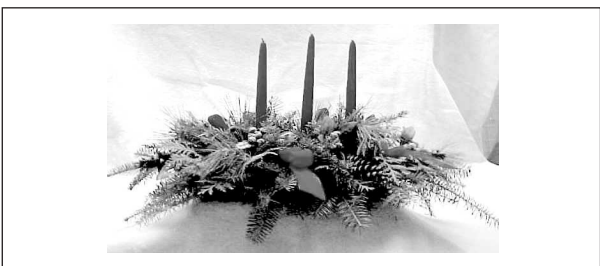
Tracey Hair  
Executive Director





# Christmas Wreaths and Centerpieces

We offer several choices of wreaths and centerpieces. Our wreaths are first quality 22” double-faced wreaths made of fresh balsam fir. They are available either undecorated or fully decorated with red velvet ribbon, pine cones, and berries. Our centerpieces are hand crafted at H.O.M.E., using fresh greens: Balsam, Cedar, and Pine. The centerpieces are available either as a single (one candle) or as a triple (three candles) with cones, berries and ribbons to complement the arrangement. The single and triple centerpieces are available with either the traditional red berries, candles and ribbon, or our winter feature which includes; white ribbon, frosted cones and white candles. Enclosed is our order form for this year’s wreaths and centerpieces. We hope that you may be interested in ordering one for yourself and/or giving one or more as gifts to friends or family members. If so, we would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible as we prepare for this year’s wreath project. Orders are processed and shipped in the order in which they are received. Shipping begins on Thursday, November 18th. If you would like to include a personal card, please include it with your order. We must collect the 5.5% sales tax from Maine residents. Please add this to your order total. Thank you.



- To Purchase Wreaths:
- Fill out the order form. Orders must be received by Dec. 6<sup>h</sup>. (Or get this form on-line at [www.homemmausa.org](http://www.homemmausa.org))
  - **Please note that H.O.M.E. now needs mailing addresses not street addresses**
  - Mail this form (or call/fax) along with your payment in U.S. funds to the address below.

## 2021 Retail Order Form

Send to:

H.O.M.E. Wreaths  
P.O. Box 10  
Orland, ME 04472  
Phone: (207) 469-7961  
Fax: (207) 469-1023  
(call to confirm receipt of fax)

Please include all information below  
for ALL ORDERS.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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(In case we have questions)

### My Order

Ship me:

\_\_\_\_\_ Decorated Wreath(s)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Undec. Wreath(s)

Centerpiece(s) - (Circle color)

\_\_\_\_\_ Single - Red / White  
\_\_\_\_\_ Triple - Red / White

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Dec. Wreaths: _____ @ 35.00	\$ _____
Undec. Wreaths: _____ @ 27.00	\$ _____
Single Centerpieces: _____ @ 31.00	\$ _____
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Subtotal:	\$ _____
Maine residents please add 5.5% Sales Tax :	\$ _____
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Check, Money Order,  
Visa, Discover or Mastercard  
Make checks payable to “H.O.M.E.”

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Refer to price lists and include in the totals at right.

Please include phone numbers.  
We cannot send refunds for any undeliverable orders

Please enter the total charges  
Order Summary and Total





# The Limited Return of Volunteer Groups

By Julie Ream

Summer of 2020 was a low point for me at H.O.M.E. Coordinating the volunteer groups is one of my favorite responsibilities here and we couldn't host a single group due to the worry of COVID-19 spreading. Summer of 2021 brought us vaccinated volunteers in groups of 10 or less who were happy to mask up if they had to come inside a campus building. Now, our summer wasn't full with a new group each week, but we did get to host three small groups and some much-needed repairs were done.

The first group actually arrived in the Spring. Bob Nichols led a small volunteer group from St. Luke's Parish of Barrington, Rhode Island. The Parish has been sending volunteers up to H.O.M.E. every summer for more than two decades. In May, they completed a couple of jobs that their group had started in 2019.

The gazebo outside of the Market Stand now has a nice metal roof to protect those who wish to eat their lunch at the picnic table resting beneath. They also painted the trim of the gazebo, and many employees and guests eat their lunch there, protected from sun or rain.

They finished attaching cedar shingles on the new woodshed they built to protect the firewood destined to community folks who apply for emergency fuel assistance at H.O.M.E. The new Pottery Studio's shingles are now all attached as well.

Later in the summer, Bob had another volunteer from his Knights of Columbus group arrive to paint the woodshed and build a new step to the Craft Store. We are grateful to Bob, his wife, Diane, and all of the Knights of Columbus volunteers who help make our campus beautiful.

In July, a group from Monroe Congregational Church, United Church of Christ in Monroe, Connecticut arrived ready to work. The group was a part of their Senior Pilgrim Fellowship (Sr PF). Sr PF is a student-led, open and affirming faith-based high school youth group which gives young people an opportunity to enjoy one another's company and build community in an accepting atmosphere. This was Monroe Congregational Church's first adventure to H.O.M.E. and they were a phenomenal group.

Sr PF had a large group of over 40 individuals in the State of Maine volunteering at multiple locations. Approximately 10 of those volunteers came to the H.O.M.E. campus. Their week of work started with

replacing missing and rotted boards on the fence that runs along the highway. They spent a couple days working in the blazing sun, but you never heard a complaint among them. While on the front lawn, they started painting the posts to the Welcome H.O.M.E. sign to cover the rust bleeding through. H.O.M.E. employee, Glenn Tarbox, worked with them to be sure that the correct materials were used in hopes of the rust staying at bay.

From the fence, they moved to replacing the cedar shingles acting as a roof for a small campus shed. This shed is important as it protects many seasonal program items from the harsh Maine winters and rainy springs. With proper shingles attached, winter coats and wreath supplies will be protected year round.

Lastly, the large main group sent another small group to spruce up the volunteer showers a bit. Mirrors are now located in the stalls as well as new mats to protect feet from the concrete floor. We are grateful as we want our volunteers as comfy as possible.

The last group consisted of two amazing men, Sam Manuele and Reverend Steve Meyer. They come to us from Trinity Reformed Church of Pultneyville, New York. The church sends a small group of competent people to do some great construction projects every year. In the last few years, they constructed mobility ramps to our shelter and stained glass studio. (Ensuring everyone can access our programs and buildings is a big priority for H.O.M.E.).

This year, Sam and Steve started scraping a shed to be repainted but then it was discovered that the deck to the apartment above the Pottery building was in real need. They tore off the old wood and replaced the entire deck and some of the support beams with pressure treated wood. Their ability to jump from one project onto a new one that had a safety concern was remarkable. The new deck looks great and we are thankful that the tenant of the apartment won't have to worry about where he is stepping come winter.

We look forward to Sam's return next year and pray that his usual crew will return with him and, Please, Sam, don't forget to bring Steve!

We are unsure what Winter will bring to H.O.M.E. and we will carry through thanks to the hard work of our wonderful volunteers. It is the hope of all of us that next summer the Volunteer Program will be back in full swing!



Above, Volunteers from St. Luke's Parish, Barrington, RI put a metal roof on the gazebo they built in 2019. Below, Sam Manuele of Trinity Reform Church works on replacing a deck for an apartment on campus and volunteers from Monroe Congregational Church Senior Pilgrim Fellowship replaced boards and painted the fence that runs along the highway.



# OWEN'S STORY: The Words of a New H.O.M.E. Volunteer

By Owen Correll

Volunteering and working at H.O.M.E. was one of, if not the best experience I've ever had and it helped me make some of the best memories of my life. From taking in their clients to providing them with ways to make money and carry on with their lives, H.O.M.E. is one of the most inspiring organizations that I have ever been a part of. Our church youth group had groups working all around Hancock County but my group was at the main campus all week. Our biggest jobs were that we rebuilt and painted a fence, and re-roofed a shed. But besides these 2 big jobs, we also had smaller projects like weeding, moving and stacking wood, cleaning up and reopening the showers and repainting the H.O.M.E. sign.

During all of our jobs, H.O.M.E. was so thoughtful and outgoing to make sure that we had enough water and food, they were so sweet and always there to keep us company, and were just amazing people overall. When we got to H.O.M.E. on the first day, we were immediately granted a beautiful tour of the H.O.M.E. campus. Learning about how their clients make

everything in the gift shop and how they get 80% of the sales, it just all showed how amazing H.O.M.E. is and how they really emphasize the phrase "it's not about the money" because they really just care about helping people and assisting them with continuing on in their lives. Talking to a bunch of others in our group, I think I can speak for everyone when I say that we all greatly appreciate everything that they did for us and what they do for others, and how we wish all the best to everyone at H.O.M.E. and everyone they take in and help. Overall, volunteering at this amazing place really inspired me and should inspire others to reach out and help in any way that you can.

Owen Correll, Senior PF Mission Trip 2021

(Clarification: H.O.M.E.'s Craft store has items that were created by our guests and they receive 100% of the proceeds of their sales. The Craft Store also has items made by local crafters who sell their crafts on consignment and receive 70% of the proceeds and H.O.M.E. keeps 30%).



Volunteer, Owen Correll, finishes off the first row of shingles on the Special Programs Shed.

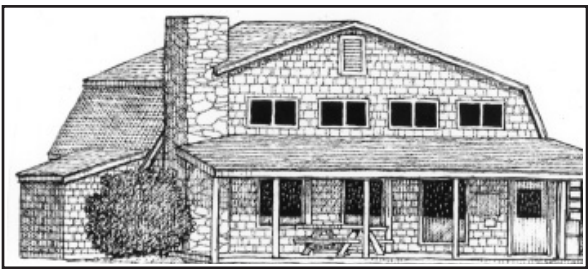




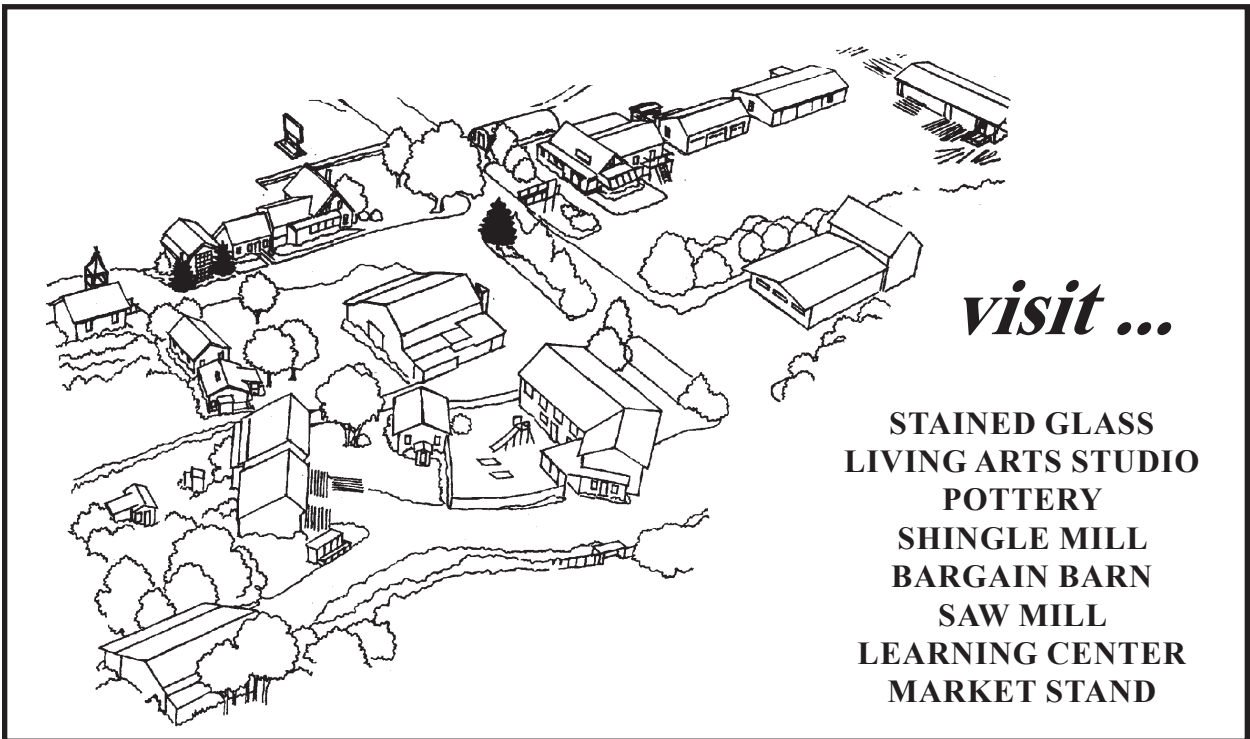


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## H.O.M.E. Craft Village



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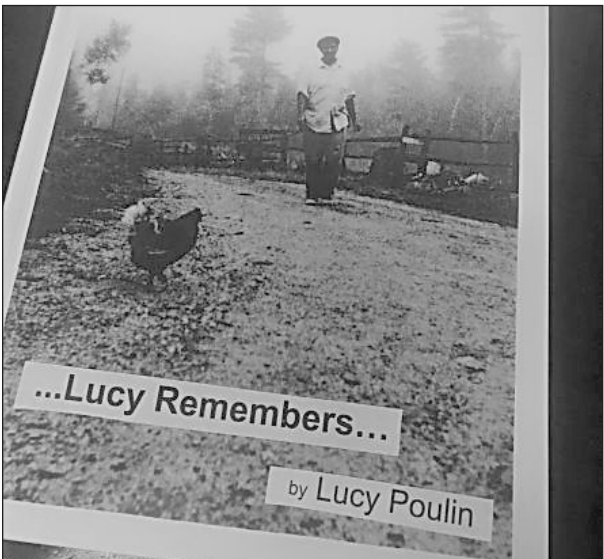
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Pocket pack-----\$5.25  
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Maple Cream 11 oz-----\$12.00  
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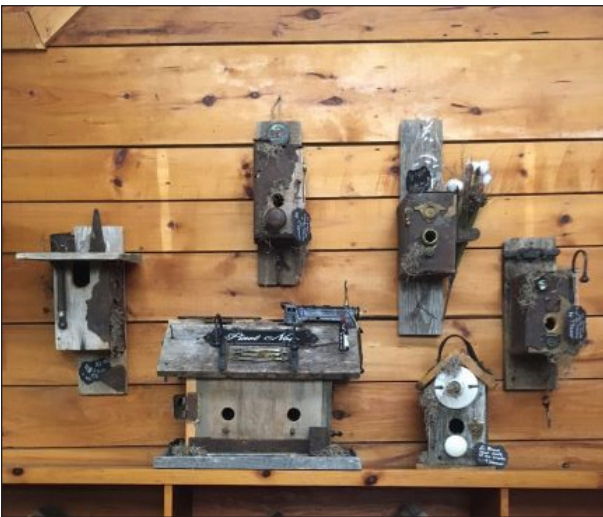
### ...LUCY REMEMBERS...

This memoir, written in a series of short  
vignettes, gives us snapshots of Lucy's early  
life, her spiritual foundations, and her  
mission as it developed through H.O.M.E. and  
St Francis Community.  
Limited First Edition copy: \$18.95+shipping



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\$65-\$125  
Available in wall mount or pole mount designs.



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thanks to the use of driftwood. Prices vary  
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a tealight candle--\$4.00



# Craft Store Catalog



### WELCOME/HOLIDAY DOOR SIGNS

Welcome your friends and family with a decorative door sign.  
Available in different colors and holiday themes.  
\$55.00 plus shipping.



### 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.



### BALSAM FIR PRODUCTS

Bring the scent of Maine Balsam Fir trees to your home with these amazing products. Available in a variety of Maine themes.

- Draft Stoppers-----\$17.00
- Trivets-----\$10.00
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- Pillows-----\$16.00
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- Picture Frames---\$15.00
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- Enamel Earrings--\$15.00-18.00



### 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
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- Ballcaps: \$7.95



### 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. Parades for the Town of Orland

By Julie Ream

Since 1976 the Town of Orland has held Orland River Day. It's a town celebration usually taking place each year on the last Saturday in June (rain or shine) complete with a parade, food, crafts, a "Downeast raft race" and other activities. This year the event took place in September and, it looks like next year's celebration will again occur at the end of the summer.

H.O.M.E. has rented a spot for a craft booth at River Day for years. It has proven to be a great way to get out and meet other folks in our community. It gives them a chance to see the crafts available in our campus store. We get the opportunity to educate them about what H.O.M.E. does for those in need.

When H.O.M.E. was asked if we would be willing to participate in the parade, it was a last-minute request. Our knee-jerk reaction was that it would be too much to ask our staff with so little time before the actual day of the celebration. But then we remembered...we have this amazing, new delivery van that says H.O.M.E., Inc. in big letters on each side. A quick phone call to our maintenance supervisor, Jayme Ream, asking if he'd be interested in driving the van in the parade, and voila! H.O.M.E. signs up to be in the parade.

As Jayme drove, Executive Director, Tracey Hair, and summer Market Stand worker, Lily Ream, walked along to pass out candy to the happy kiddos along the route. Those of you who know me may be surprised I wasn't walking alongside Tracey and Lily. It just sounds like something I would be a part of...and I was but in a different way.

Alvion and Cindy Kimball have been organizing Orland River Day for the past two decades. A few years ago, Alvion was part of a H.O.M.E. campus tour and decided he liked my gift for gab. He asked me to accompany him in announcing the parade. I joined him that year but wasn't able to the following year. Of course, in 2020, River Day did not happen at all.

We jump back to 2021 and a phone call from Alvion asking if I'd like to join him in announcing the parade again. I said yes. I apologize to any community member

who may have walked in front of the speaker while my loud voice was competing with revving engines and the sirens of multiple fire department vehicles. My gift for gab hasn't quite adapted to parade announcing as well as Alvion's, but I believe that he will get me there.

H.O.M.E. has supporters from all across our country. We appreciate all of them and their support. We wouldn't be here without all of you. And now, our support is growing in our community. We put effort into having everyone at the table, something we have been doing proudly for over 50 years. We have worked hard to lift everyone in our community and will happily work in conjunction with others willing to do the same. Orland River Day is a time that allows us to do some great work while having fun with our neighbors.

So, if you happen to be taking a trip to Maine next September, pay attention to the date and visit Orland River Day's celebration. You'll get to see some of your friends from H.O.M.E., and you'll get to see our community in action, lifting each other and celebrating our town.



Above, Executive Director, Tracey Hair and Finance Director, Mary Mahan attend to the H.O.M.E. craft booth at Orland River Day. Below, Jayme Ream and his daughter Lily pose beside H.O.M.E.'s delivery van before the parade begins.



## H.O.M.E. Shelter Department Aiming for 24 Hour Coverage

By Julie Ream

Operating shelters for those experiencing homelessness comes with more and more paperwork nowadays. Couple that with guests experiencing homelessness often presenting with multiple needs beyond safe, stable housing and you come to realize more coverage is a necessity.

Understanding this, H.O.M.E. is working to hire

Resident Aide's so our shelter guests have a person available 24/7 to help them with their needs.

H.O.M.E. is committed to always looking at our programs and finding ways to improve each and every one as necessary.

Here, our new Resident Aides introduce themselves. Next time you are on campus be sure to say HI!

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



I recently moved back to Maine after living in Arizona for 25 years. I came home to help take care of my grandmother and my dad. My passions are being in the great outdoors(hiking, exploring, swimming) and expressing myself creatively.  
Jackie Perkins  
Resident Aide



I applied to work here because I wanted to make a difference and help people. I enjoy swimming, reading, cooking and cross stitching. I genuinely enjoy helping people.  
Brandy Hovey  
Resident Aide



Hi, I'm Andrew. I joined H.O.M.E. so I can earn an income while practicing compassion. I solve problems like a five-year-old, so if you're ever feeling low let me know and I'll draw you something silly.  
Andrew White  
Resident Aide



# Gratitude Welcomed but Not Required

By Julie Ream

Emmaus Homeless Shelter’s mission statement says it “exists to provide a safe and comfortable environment for homeless men, women and families in need of temporary shelter who are willing to work towards ending their homelessness. We are committed to helping the poor in our local communities by offering a wide range of services and referrals to anyone in need”. They have been offering their services since 1992 and have established a solid donor base to help keep the doors open to those in need.

The last year and a half, the staff of Emmaus Homeless Shelter has worked tirelessly keeping those who come to them for assistance safe and well. Caring for the well-being of others is hard enough without a pandemic affecting the world. These times can bring our spirits down. We look for inspiration, some kind of goodness to keep us up and remind us of why we do what we do.

The Emmaus Homeless Shelter found their inspiration in a most amazing way...more than one past guest reached out to the shelter wanting to give back. They wanted to help in whatever way they could.

Stacey Herrick, Director of Emmaus Homeless Shelter states that one example of that goodness is of a

past guest bringing in packages of toilet paper which, as many of you know, were hard to find at the beginning of all this. Another past guest even came by with one roll of toilet paper out of their own pack because they wanted to help but couldn’t afford to give an entire package. The country was hoarding toilet paper and this angel shared one roll of theirs.

Former shelter guests also showed up to donate money. Herrick said, “One past guest told me that they wanted to help even though it was a small amount. One thing that she learned while at shelter is if everyone helped, even a little, it makes a huge impact. This was very heartwarming and brought me to tears myself”.

Herrick called it kindness. It most definitely is... it’s also gratitude, recognition, insight, inspiration and an understanding that all of us can make a difference. Many of us whose jobs involve caring for others can have days when it feels thankless and that’s ok. We do it because we care not because we desire thanks. These small donations are just as important as large monetary ones. Receiving back from those who have benefited from our services will keep our spirits up through a pandemic and beyond.



A food donation left outside of the Emmaus Homeless Shelter during the pandemic. The generosity of strangers and of past guests of our shelters has helped keep our spirits high. We are thankful for the many who assisted us through these difficult times.

# Green Thumbs

By Millie Grimes

We were delayed in planting our vegetable garden this year because of lack of a working rototiller. It was long past planting time when we finally, after many misadventures, got a working machine. Thus produce from the garden consisted mainly of tomatoes (Sun gold) and a large “Mark Twain” tomato, a small yellow tomato, some late cucumbers, a few peppers and summer squash. We did have beautiful Zinnias and Marigolds, and oregano and lemon balm for herbs. Ralph put the many wild Morning Glories growing in the greenhouse up on strings where they were very beautiful.



So for the Farmer’s Market, running from mid-May to mid-October, we turned to making sweet breads and jams to supplement our other offerings, with date bread being the most popular, zucchini bread came in second. Other vendors provided many choices and we all got along well. We took items each week from the Craft Store with Roxanne’s beautiful mosaic frames being very popular.

Back at the coop, I’ve been feeding a homeless cat in the small strip of woods between the garden and a dirt road. Does not our better nature call us to help our furry friends as well as our people friends? I’ve named the cat, a beautiful longhaired yellow and orange male, “Yellowey” because in my childhood in Vermont we named our cats not very creatively, by their colors; i.e. “Whitey”, “Blackie”, “Greydie” and even “Threedie” for a three-colored cat. I’m working on getting a winter shelter, (a small house) for him, but he’s very independent and may not use it.

Here’s a little piece about cats and dogs.

The dog says (about his human friends) “They feed me, they make sure I have water, they love me, they play with me, they must be God.” In the same vein, the cat says, “They feed me, they give me water and shelter, they love me and play with me. I must be God.”

Dogs try to please their owners and sometimes seem almost to worship them. Cats don’t really care that much, and are certainly more independent. For all these reasons, I’ve always loved cats the best.

Have a wonderful fall.

# The Missions of H.O.M.E. Craft Fairs

By Julie Ream

Many of us like a good craft fair. They pop up all year long with the majority occurring as the Christmas season nears. We go, hoping to find a good deal or something new and unusual to gift to a loved one. Not until I started working at H.O.M.E. and taking part in their many craft fairs did I realize that there can be multiple purposes attached to the mission of a craft fair.

One may think that as a non-profit, H.O.M.E.’s main objective with craft fairs is to raise money for its’ programs that assist community members meet their most basic needs. While it is one of our goals, it isn’t the only one. Craft fairs benefit H.O.M.E., our beloved crafters and you, the consumer in multiple ways.

H.O.M.E. craft fairs are an extension of our campus gift shop. The need of local crafters having a place to sell their creations in order to earn money to aid in caring for their families is what motivated Sr. Lucy and others to create H.O.M.E. back in 1970. The Craft Store remains the heart of the H.O.M.E. campus. But, if we relied on the Craft Store alone, crafter’s would be limited to sales from those who visit Maine in the summer and hopefully stop in to check it out and locals looking for Christmas gifts.

Craft Fairs give our crafters a wider customer base. Local craft fairs help as advertisement for what can be found at the Craft Store and it is our hope that the small sample at a craft fair will entice locals and tourists to visit our campus and make purchases to increase the income to our crafters. Out-of-state craft fairs are hosted by congregations that have supported H.O.M.E. for decades. Usually held during the Christmas shopping season, these valued supporters look forward to purchasing jams and jellies, potholders, handmade jewelry, crocheted stuffed animals and usually search to see if there is a new item that they have not seen at a fair before. The pandemic has put a hold on out-of-state craft fairs but we plan to return to them as travelling becomes safer.

Continuing along with our thoughts on serving our crafters, H.O.M.E. craft fairs aim to introduce their handiwork to new people. Whether it’s the traditional quilts and knitted/crocheted items or interesting bird houses created out of driftwood and repurposed materials (think old fashioned light fixtures and such), craft fairs are a perfect venue for a chance to see something that

may inspire your own creativity. I, personally, have seen the impressed looks on the faces of folks who learned that antique silverware coupled with stained glass can be used to make beautiful, unique sun catchers. Or that a small section of a birch tree can be fashioned into a holder for a tealight candle. Exposure can bring new customers and also inspire a new generation of artists.

For H.O.M.E. itself, craft fairs present us with the opportunity to introduce H.O.M.E. and all our programs to a wider demographic. Despite our 51 years of operation, many people who know of H.O.M.E. don’t realize how much our campus has to offer. This is something I have heard often after taking a group on a tour of our campus. Many of these folks have lived year-round or have spent their summers in our area for years. They may know that we have shelters for the homeless and a food pantry/soup kitchen but didn’t realize we manage a craft store and art studios plus have a thrift store or vice versa. When we go to craft fairs we bring our pamphlets and newsletter explaining our many programs and how they work together to not only protect and nourish the bodies in our care but also their minds. Most of us are willing to share our personal stories of how we came to H.O.M.E. and how H.O.M.E. has affected our lives. Craft fairs provide us with a platform to let supporters and those in need know that they always have a seat at the table here at H.O.M.E.

Whether we participate in a local craft fair with other vendors or a supporting entity hosts a fair for H.O.M.E. and its’ crafters alone, we are carrying out multiple missions that lead us back to our foremost mission of serving first those suffering most.

You can’t buy love, but you can buy handmade and that’s kind of the same thing.



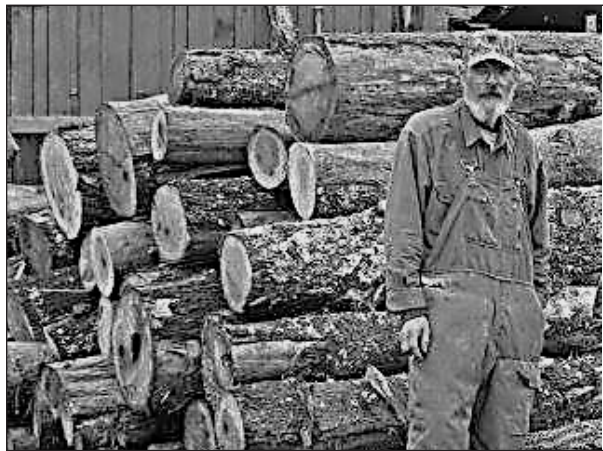
**JOSEPH STAPLES**  
July 3, 1982 - August 28, 2021



Joseph Staples passed away on August 28, 2021. Joe was a part of H.O.M.E. for most of his life as his mother, Joyce Anne Johnson, was a part of H.O.M.E. in its' early years.

Joe worked in H.O.M.E.'s Garage as a mechanic and, at another time, in the shelter department. He was a free spirit who enjoyed tinkering with things and often offered to fix appliances and such for his friends. He spent hours in our pottery learning about the craft and we will cherish any items he has left behind.

Joe enjoyed travelling and had made his way from Maine to Alaska to live and work more than once. His friends and family at H.O.M.E. miss him dearly.



**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

**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

**POUNCE**  
October 5, 2021



H.O.M.E. is sad to announce the passing of our beloved Office Cat, Pounce.

Pounce was found abandoned in one of H.O.M.E.'s buildings and was brought to our campus where she took up residence in the Learning Center. There she basked in the love and attention of employees, volunteers and visitors to our offices for the past 11 years.

**H.O.M.E. 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

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<https://www.facebook.com/HOMEINC1970>  
or visit our webpage at [www.homemmausa.org](http://www.homemmausa.org) and learn what we are doing and how you may help.

**H.O.M.E. Daycare**  
**Thankful for**  
**Community**

By Christina Witham

I have had so many wonderful memories working as the director of daycare for H.O.M.E., Inc. We are very fortunate to be part of an organization that is involved with and supports its community, residents, staff, children, and families. The relationships that H.O.M.E. has established with individuals, organizations, and churches have helped our daycare children and families to not be merely "surviving", but to actually start thriving.

There are a couple of organizations that have been particularly supportive of daycare. The first is Blue Angles run by Deborah Corey. This is an organization that works with local farmers and businesses to end hunger in Maine. Deborah or her beautiful daughters always come with an amazing bounty of fresh produce and goodies for our families. The thoughtfulness that is put into what is brought to us, even down to how it is packaged, is very heartwarming. We are all so grateful to have this friendship and appreciate everything they do.

There is also a very special couple who has been extremely supportive and taken our daycare under their wing, Karl and Joan from Trinity Episcopal Church in Castine. The work they have put into supporting our children and families is amazing. They tirelessly raise money for our daycare, bring items in for the children, and are a joy to see come through the door. We can never thank them enough for all they have done and do for our families. They have a special place in all our hearts.

In the future, the children's memories may not be of these amazing folks, but they will remember that while attending H.O.M.E. Daycare, they always had enough fresh, nutritious food and other basic needs items. I will look back and always be thankful for these amazing folks and their hearts. Beautiful hearts that care for children they don't even know.

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

- Food
- Pillows
- Firewood
- 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



# Reflections

**A MEDICINE  
WOMAN'S  
PRAYER**

*By Sheree Bliss Tilsley*

*I will not rescue you,  
For you are not  
powerless.  
I will not fix you,  
For you are not  
broken.  
I will not heal you,  
For I see you in your  
wholeness.  
I will walk with you  
through the darkness,  
As you remember  
your light.*

**THE WANT OF PEACE**  
BY WENDELL BERRY

ALL GOES BACK TO THE EARTH,  
AND SO I DO NOT DESIRE  
PRIDE OF EXCESS OR POWER,  
BUT THE CONTENTMENTS MADE  
BY MEN WHO HAVE HAD LITTLE:  
THE FISHERMAN'S SILENCE  
RECEIVING THE RIVER'S GRACE,  
THE GARDENER'S Musing ON  
ROWS.  
I LACK THE PEACE OF SIMPLE  
THINGS.  
I AM NEVER WHOLLY IN PLACE.  
I FIND NO PEACE OR GRACE.  
WE SELL THE WORLD TO BUY  
FIRE,  
OUR WAY LIGHTED BY BURNING  
MEN,  
AND THAT HAS BENT MY MIND  
AND MADE ME THINK OF  
DARKNESS  
AND WISH FOR THE DUMB LIFE OF  
ROOTS.


**10 THINGS YOU MIGHT  
NOT KNOW ABOUT H.O.M.E.**

**Did you know that-**

- H.O.M.E. has 37 employees, 17 of which were previously homeless
- H.O.M.E.'s Wood Bank was featured in The New York Times last fall
- H.O.M.E.'s Craft Store features more than 49 crafters
- H.O.M.E.'s shelters in Orland are powered by solar
- H.O.M.E.'s Bargain Barn gives shelter guests free furnishing for permanent housing
- H.O.M.E.'s maintenance crew of 2, manage 18 buildings in 4 different locations
- H.O.M.E.'s shelter guests leave with a customized quilt made by staff
- H.O.M.E. rescued over 100,000 pounds of food last year
- H.O.M.E.'s response to COVID gained national recognition by the Urban Institute

**And lastly,**

- H.O.M.E. is 51 years old!



**THE PRAYER  
OF THE GOAT**  
BY CARMEN BERNOS DEGASZTOLD  
(Sister Marie's Favorite Poem)

**LORD,**  
let me live as I will!  
I need a little wild freedom,  
a little giddiness of heart,  
the strange case of unknown flowers.  
For whom else are Your mountains?  
Your snow wind? These springs?  
The sheep do not understand.  
They graze and graze,  
all of them and always in the same direction  
and then eternally  
chew the cud of their insipid routine.  
But I--I love to bound to the heart of all  
Your marvels,  
leap Your chasms,  
and, my mouth stuffed with intoxicating grasses,  
quiver with an adventurer's delight  
on the summit of the world!



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H.O.M.E. Executive Director, Tracey Hair and Finance Director, Mary Mahan, accepting a grant award of \$20,600 from representatives of Bangor Savings Bank Foundation to purchase a minivan that will help transport homeless shelter guests to appointments vital to achieving housing stability.



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