

We are...

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"Serve First Those Who Suffer Most"
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*committed to
including the
people we
serve in
decision-
making and
eliminating
barriers to
involvement
and upward
mobility.*

*committed to
engaging people
with lived
experience of
poverty and
homelessness in
leadership roles
within the
organization.*

We are...

here for you.

End of Year Appeal 2025

"We must realize the truth of ourselves -- we are one human family. One a part of the other. My old work horse Teddy and the fancy registered horse visiting us had no trouble eating out of the same dish. We must discover the same."~ Lucy Poulin

Dear Friends,

The need for safe, stable housing and critical support like food is rising sharply. In this moment with SNAP benefits paused amid the government shutdown a growing uncertainty adds to a sense of anxiety among those we serve. H.O.M.E. must rely more-and-more on the generosity of individuals like you. We need help to bring families facing the cold into warmth and safety. Your compassion can be the difference. **Please, donate today.**

Phylicia was just four when her family arrived at H.O.M.E.'s shelter and staff scrambled to make space in our office building for them because the shelter was full. With support from our housing navigators, and donors like you, her family was able to secure stable rental housing. A few years later, her mother was able to purchase a house through H.O.M.E., ending their cycle of housing instability for good.

That opportunity changed the trajectory for Phylicia, her siblings, and the generations that will follow. This success shaped this young woman's life **and was made possible with the support of donors like you.**

Families are struggling. In this uncertain moment for food and security people are turning to H.O.M.E. even more. In October alone, our food pantry recorded 35 new families. Every day our staff show up with determination at heart, using limited resources to create small miracles for families like Phylicia's.



14-year-old Phylicia Currie volunteers in the pottery studio. Image credit Elizabeth Walztoni BDN

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OUR IMPACT

Housing Navigation: We assist guests in finding and securing permanent housing, navigating the complex and often overwhelming process.

Healthcare Connections: We ensure access to essential healthcare services, including mental health support, crucial for overall well-being. Maine State Housing Authority's 2025 Point in Time count, 27 percent of homeless Mainers, are adults with a "serious mental illness."

Community Resources: We link guests with local resources for employment, education, food, and childcare, fostering a supportive network and community.

Prevention Services: We work proactively to prevent recurrences of homelessness by offering ongoing support and intervention.

Want Another Way to Give?



**Scan the QR Code -
Help create pathways
to stable housing.**

This summer Phylicia returned to H.O.M.E., this time as a volunteer, smiling as she painted bowls for our empty bowl fundraiser. In our studios, she bonded with Hazel and London both of similar ages. Hazel grew up in our daycare and London was a guest in our shelter.

Although London's housing journey led her to move away, their friendship, and the sense of belonging they found here, are lasting support networks. This is what H.O.M.E. does. We foster safe spaces that bring forth opportunities for connection, community confidence, and dignity. ***We break down barriers and open doors to possibility.***



Hazel, Phylicia and London became friends through their connections to H.O.M.E.

How You Can Help:

- **Donate:** A gift of \$100 covers the cost of one night of shelter, warmth, security and a box of food for a family. In 2024 H.O.M.E provided **15,745** bednights.
- **Volunteer:** Share your time and skills to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those in need.
- **Spread the Word:** Help us raise awareness about our mission and the pressing issues around rural homelessness in Maine.

This year, your support is needed more than ever. ***Please donate today to help ensure that no one in our community is left out in the cold, without food or human connection.***

With gratitude and hope,

Rosalani Moore
Executive Director



P.S. Every dollar counts and brings us one step closer to ending homelessness. Please, send a check or donate online by visiting www.homemmaine.org
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