

Dead River Co. Donates \$20,000 To EdGE After-school Program

BAR HARBOR — Dead River Co. recently made a \$20,000 donation to the Maine Sea Coast Mission's Centennial Capital Campaign.

The company directed that its donation be used for an endowment that the mission has created for the EdGE, its award-winning after-school and summer program currently serving almost 500 children in 17 rural Downeast Maine communities in Washington and Hancock counties.

According to the mission's executive director, Gary A. De-

Long, Dead River Co.'s commitment to the EdGE endowment had a significant impact upon this important source of funding for the long-term sustainability of the program.

"In approving a \$12-million capital campaign four years ago, the board recognized the importance of providing a stable source of future funding for the EdGE," DeLong said. "As a result, they approved the creation of a \$5-million EdGE endowment, which was quite ambitious. However, we have reached that goal through the

generous support of many donors. In fact, Dead River Company's contribution to the EdGE endowment was the last piece in getting us to the \$5 million endowment goal. Dead River Company's gift also was the last piece in fully meeting a \$450,000 challenge gift from an anonymous donor who matched all new donations to the EdGE."

"This year marks the 100th anniversary of Dead River Company's founding," said Robert Moore, president of Dead River Co. "Since its be-

ginning the company has placed community involvement and giving back to the communities we serve amongst our highest priorities. We are pleased to support programs like EdGE, which offer communities in Washington and Hancock counties an innovative youth development program."

Founded in 1905, in Bar Harbor, Maine, the Maine Sea Coast Mission provides a broad range of services to residents of islands and coastal communities.