

Ed Greaves Education Center Dedication

On June 15 at the Weald Bethel Campus in Cherryfield, members and supporters gathered to open the Ed Greaves Education Center. Mission Board Vice President, Jill Goldthwait, opened the festivities by saying that it was not only Ed Greaves' dream but Washington County's dream. She said the program tells the youth of Washington County, "We believe in you."



Jill Goldthwait opens dedication ceremony.

Senator Dennis Damon who called Ed Greaves' vision a bold new dream, provided information about the new 3,600 sq. ft. facility that was designed by Roc Caivano Architects, built by E.L. Shea Inc. and decorated by Tina Morris. The building which is painted in bright pastels and lined with photos of smiling children playing games and working on projects, will house the Mission's innovative, award winning after-school program, called the EdGE. This program serves middle school students in Addison, Cherryfield, Columbia Falls, Harrington, Milbridge, and Steuben. The EdGE improves academic performance, builds character and increases self confidence and has had remarkable success in its first four years. Executive Director

of no after-school program anywhere that is more integrated into the school program than the EdGE. We are proud that the EdGE recently received national recognition as a Best Practice Program."

Elected officials and their delegates turned out to support the program and its new building. A delegate for Senator Olympia Snowe read, "The Maine Sea Coast Mission's creation of the EdGE program has shown their commitment and devotion to the youth of Downeast Maine...Reaching out to young people at such a critical time in their development helps them to acquire the essential skills to meet life's future challenges." State Senator Kevin Raye said that there are already measurable results from the EdGE program. He said students involved were 33 percent more likely to look forward to school and three times more likely to have a positive self-image. Steve Pagels, Chairman of the MSAD #37 School Committee spoke about



Connie Greaves Bates cuts the ribbon officially opening the Ed Greaves Education Center.

how student performance is directly affected by the EdGE program. He said, "This program has made a huge difference in the school system...It sends the message that our kids matter." Les Coleman, Chairman of the EdGE Committee, praised Ed Greaves for his vision and Connie Greaves for her continued support and asked everyone to help keep Ed Greaves' dream alive. Connie Greaves Bates and her family joined in remembering her husband Ed's dream to help the youth of Washington County fight high drop out rates from school, substance abuse and suicide in one of Maine's poorest counties. She said, "It takes time to create change." She then cut the ribbon, officially opening the Ed Greaves Education Center.



Connie Greaves Bates with EdGE Director Charlie Harrington and Mission Executive Director Gary DeLong

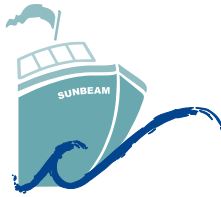
Mission Offers New Planned Giving Vehicle

The Maine Sea Coast Mission recently completed the necessary work to be able to offer charitable gift annuities to people who wish to support the Mission through a planned gift and who also want to receive an annuity for the remainder of their life and, perhaps, their spouse's life. The annuity rates are quite attractive and there are significant tax benefits to the donor in making such a planned gift.



Linda Thompson, a member of the board of directors of the Maine Sea Coast Mission, is the first person to establish a charitable gift annuity with the Mission as the beneficiary. She is shown here signing the necessary documents with Gary A. DeLong, Executive Director of the Mission. Contact Steve Richards by phone at 207-288-5097 or by e-mail at srichards@seacoastmission.org if you would like to discuss charitable gift annuities or any other type of planned gift.

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Rev. Ken Dutille Delivers Opening Prayer at the United States Senate on June 15, 2006



Pat Dutille (Rev. Ken Dutille's wife); Rev. Barry Black, Senate chaplain; Rev. Kenneth Dutille; Sen. Susan Collins; and Alex Moulton (Rev. Dutille's granddaughter)

Ken Dutille, Pastor of the Swans Island Baptist Church, which is supported by the Maine Sea Coast Mission, delivered the opening prayer to the United States Senate on June 15. Senator Collins observed, "Pastor Dutille's words give direction and purpose to our work. His actions inspire a vivid reminder of the commitment and compassion that exists among people of faith throughout our nation." She also noted, "Pastor Dutille is the founder of another outstanding mission project, the Bread of Life Food Pantry on Swans Island. The food pantry is often all that stands between the pains of hunger and a healthy meal for some people..."

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