



Maine Sea Coast Mission

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Northeast Harbor Christmas Festival Supports Maine Sea Coast Mission's Fuel Assistance Program

BAR HARBOR – The Northeast harbor Christmas Festival raised presented a \$500 check to the Maine Sea Coast Mission's Emergency Fuel Assistance program on March 18, 2008. Members of the Rotary Club wanted to help families pay their high fuel bills. They decided to assist families through the Maine Sea Coast Mission, which has a long history of helping people in need in Downeast Maine. They collected money at their weekly meetings through entertaining activities such as "Happy/Sad Dollars" and "Fines".

The Maine Sea Coast Mission has been providing fuel assistance to families on islands and in Hancock and Washington Counties for over 90 years. In 2007, the Mission provided fuel assistance to 115 households. This winter, due to the early onset of winter and the increase in fuel costs, the number of calls asking for fuel assistance has dramatically increased. With donations from individuals and organizations, like the MDI Rotary Club, the Maine Sea Coast Mission will be able to increase their support for people in need in Downeast Maine.

Caption for photo:

Sharon Malm and Martha Abbott, Co-Chairs of the MDI Rotary Club Service Committee, present a check to Gary Delong, Maine Sea Coast Mission's Executive Director.

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