

From healthcare for fishermen to food for families and life-changing opportunities for kids, we've been making life better on Maine's islands and along the Downeast coast since 1905.



Maine Seacoast Mission

Lighting the Way by Land and Sea

September 2016

News of Our Work with the Outer Islands & Coastal Towns of Downeast Maine

Summer Season for Housing Rehab Program Comes to a Successful Close

What a summer! More than 200 volunteers worked for more than 7,000 hours to make 14 homes in Washington County safer and warmer.

They completely rebuilt one family's mobile home. Volunteers replaced the metal roof, gutted and the interior and replaced the wallboard, installed new flooring, painted ceilings, and added insulated skirting, new steps, and new lighting fixtures.

The volunteers, working with the [Mission's Housing Repair Coordinator Scott Shaw](#) (pictured at right with a satisfied homeowner), also replaced seven roofs and installed new windows and doors in seven homes. Six sets of home decks and steps were made safe either by rebuilding or repairing, and six mobile homes received insulated skirting. Shaw and the volunteers also completed six interior home projects of flooring, drywall, ceilings, and painting.



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Small Animal Clinic of Ellsworth Team Wins 12th Annual Maine Seacoast Mission Open Tennis Tournament

A team assembled by the [Small Animal Clinic](#) in Ellsworth, captained by Dr. Alan Toothaker, won the 12th Annual Maine Seacoast Mission Open Tennis Tournament on Saturday, September 10, at the Northeast Harbor Tennis Club.

The tournament benefits the Mission's innovative EdGE (Ed Greaves Education) youth development program and attracted over 80 players and 50 guests. The Mission's EdGE program runs after-school, in-school, and summer programs in Washington and Hancock Counties to give youth the tools and resources they need to succeed in school and life.

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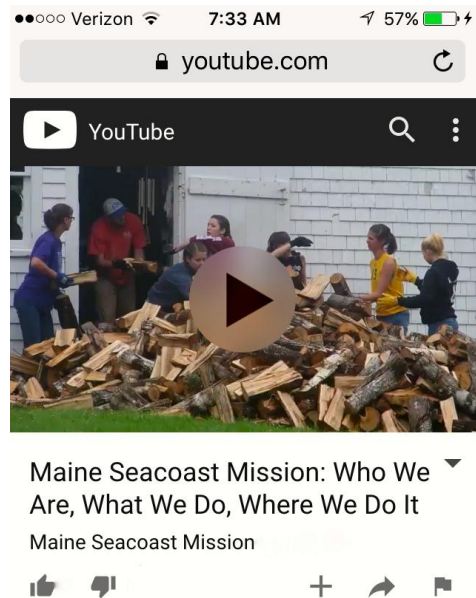


New Mission Video!

Who We Are, What We Do, Where We Do It

Our new video shows the full extent of the Mission's programs and our longstanding commitment to the islands and coastal Maine. Many people are aware of only one or two facets of the Mission, but this video, prepared for the 2016 Sunbeam Awards Gala, offers a look at the full range of our work. Check it out!

[Watch Our Video](#)



Extraordinary Volunteer Bob Washburn Makes a House a Home....Annually

For the third summer in a row, Bob Washburn, co-owner of [Essex Bay Cabinetry & Design](#) in Middletown, Massachusetts, has designed, built, delivered, and installed the kitchen cabinets for one of the Mission's major rebuilding projects -- all as a gift.

To make this arrangement work, Mission [Housing Repair Coordinator Scott Shaw](#) takes measurements inside the home in Maine and then sends them to Essex Bay Cabinetry. There, Bob goes to work, creating beautiful kitchen cabinetry for families that have been living in extremely difficult conditions. You can see more photos on [Bob's Facebook page](#).

Thank you, Bob, for using your talents so generously, and thank you to all our amazing Mission volunteers!

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Maine Hospice Council's Visit with Sunbeam Island Health

[Maine Hospice Council and Center for End-of-Life Care](#) Executive Director Kandyce Powell, RN, MSN, traveled in August aboard the *Sunbeam* with Mission Director of Island Health, Sharon Daley, RN, recently.

"Learning about the work of the Seacoast Mission has been richly rewarding, giving additional meaning to the phrase 'rural outreach'," Kandyce said. "Meeting the wonderful people who live on the islands, learning of their challenges and hearing about their appreciation for the kindness, skill and service of the Seacoast Mission crew is very touching. There's no doubt this treasured organization with its rich history serves an incredible need for residents of the outer islands."



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Mission Welcomes Kim Summers to the Family Engagement Program

Kim Summers, an AmeriCorps Vista volunteer, is helping our [Downeast Campus](#) develop a family engagement program. Research shows family involvement has a positive impact on student's success. In collaboration with the EdGE, Kim will be partnering with parents, schools, and communities to link student well-being and

achievement.

Stay tuned for a closer look at the Mission's Family Engagement Program.

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Mission Christmas Program 2016: How You Can Help

Each year, the Mission distributes about 10,000 holiday gifts to more than 3,200 children, families, nursing home residents, and prisoners at Christmastime. We also operate the “Elves’ Workshop” in the Weald Bethel Community Center, where people can choose the gifts they would like to give to their families.

The tradition of the Mission's Christmas presents began more than 100 years ago when the Mission brought gifts to island residents and lighthouse keepers. Now, generous donors bring new items to the Mission throughout the year to be distributed on the islands and in Hancock and Washington counties over the holidays.

To find out how you can help the 2016 Christmas program, download the [2016 Christmas Wish List](#) (PDF) and/or contact [Marilyn Nickson](#).

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What Can You Do?

Volunteer? Donate? Spread the word? Share this eNewsletter? There are many ways you can help the Maine Seacoast Mission strengthen island and coastal communities in Downeast Maine. You can visit us, say hello through our Facebook page, call us, or [send us an email](#). Thank you!

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