

Maine Seacoast Mission is committed to working with people's strengths and honoring the capacity of individuals to choose their own course in life.



Maine Seacoast Mission
Lighting the Way by Land and Sea

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Mission Stories of Outer Islands & Coastal Downeast Maine Towns

Mission Island Eldercare Retreat - An Incredible Resource



The Seacoast Mission is so grateful for the participation of the island residents and caregivers in the annual Island Eldercare Retreat.

BAR HARBOR, ME -- Hosted by Maine Seacoast Mission at [Nebo Lodge](#), North Haven, the 2020 annual Island Eldercare Retreat wrapped up its second and final day on Thursday, January 9. Mission Island Health Services Director Sharon Daley, RN again served as master of ceremonies.

This visionary group of Maine island community members is spearheading personal, effective care for the elderly on Maine unbridged islands. The group is dedicated to improving on its already remarkable record of enabling island elderly to age in place, spending their final years on their islands with family and friends.

[Story & Photos](#)

Island Middle to High School Transition Program – High Seas, Resilient Kids



BAR HARBOR, ME -- It is an example of how the Mission watches and listens to our communities and responds creatively. That's how Maine Seacoast Mission President John Zavodny described the Mission's island Middle to High School Transition Program. Led by Mission Island Outreach Director and Chaplain Douglas Cornman, the annual Transition Program retreat helps students living on unbridged Maine islands prepare for their transition to mainland high schools.

This year's Transition Program retreat helped students and their parents with problem solving, skill building, communication and social skills development, and alleviating anxiety during social interaction. There was also plenty of time for meet-and-greet, game playing, and swimming. "Yes, we had snow, winds, high seas, had boat cancellations, resilient island kids, parents, and chaperones. And, yes, we had a fantastic fun-filled weekend," said Douglas.

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**Bravo! *Sunbeam* Steward Jillian
Wins Vegan Chili Award**



BAR HARBOR, ME -- *Sunbeam* Steward Jillian, doing her magic at the January 25 Island Connections Chowder and Chili Chowdown fundraiser, was awarded First Prize in the Vegan Chili category. Island Connections provides rides for Mount Desert Island seniors and neighbors with disabilities to appointments, errands.

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Mission 2020 Scholarship Application & Re-Application Available Mid-February



The Mission's new 2019 Scholarship recipients.

BAR HARBOR, ME -- Applications and Re-Applications for Maine's Scholarship Program will be available on the Mission website and other places mid-February 2020. We will make an official announcement.

Since 1918, the Mission has awarded almost \$3 million to 3,692 deserving students from Maine's offshore islands and coastal communities. Each year we award approximately 30 new scholarships based on a student's financial need and academic promise. These scholarships can be renewed each year of a multi-year program, resulting in nearly 100 Mission scholars in any given year.

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Mission Downeast Campus Open for Family Winter Activities



CHERRYFIELD, ME -- The EdGE Building is open Saturdays for families to enjoy winter activities: ice skating, snowshoeing, sledding, inside crafts, games, and more. Hot chocolate and light lunch are available.

February's Saturday open dates are the 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th.

The EdGE Building is at 7 Weald Bethel Lane, Cherryfield. For more information please call the EdGE office at 546-4466.

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