

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.



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

Sunbeam V Back in Business After Annual Maintenance

Once a year the *Sunbeam V* is in dry dock for a physical and to stay ahead of its cosmetics. "It's a lot of work to keep a year-round watercraft going," said Captain Mike Johnson.

Maine Seacoast Mission's 74-foot steel-hulled *Sunbeam V* and crew are continuing a 100-year old tradition of offering services and medical care to 90 percent of all residents on the offshore islands they serve.

Stay tuned for our in-progress story/photos on the *Sunbeam V* in dry dock. Meanwhile, we invite you on our virtual tour of the *Sunbeam V*.

[Take the Sunbeam Virtual Tour](#)



Island Elder Care Conference Islesboro - October 24-25, 2016

Director of Island Health Sharon Daley is having the Mission's October Island Elder Care Conference, October 24-25, 2016 on Islesboro. The conference enables representatives from 10 islands to discuss key issues about caring for elderly — from small elder care homes, to neighbors helping neighbors in small communities -- on Maine's unbridged islands. This is a time for islanders to share information and to network.

Conference topics include elder legal issues, nutrition, self-care, how to talk to providers, updates from State agencies, and a discussion of bestselling author Atul Gawande's book *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End*.

[Learn More About Island Health Care](#)



Coffee's On Starting in November: Still Room for Hosts & Guests

Coffee's On events are at the Colket Center during winter months, the first and third Tuesday of each winter month, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. All MDI senior citizens are welcome to join us for

coffee, conversation, music.

Each *Coffee's On* is hosted by local individuals and groups, and there is still room for new hosts. Last season, *Coffee's On* presentation topics included safety - presented by local fire officials and law enforcement, and how to avoid senior-directed financial scams.

October is the perfect time to make plans to join us or to host a *Coffee's On*. Please contact Terri Rodick at 288-5097 or by [email](#).

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Speaking of *Coffee's On*, Island Connections Needs Volunteer Van Drivers

Island Connections provides transportation to MDI seniors and people with disabilities. They are also a welcome partner in providing rides in winter to the Mission *Coffee's On* gatherings.

Island Connections can only do what they do through volunteer van drivers. As of this writing, Island Connections is looking to add van drivers to their roster.

Contact Volunteer Manager Amy Roebuck at 288-4457 or by [email](#).

[Visit Island Connections Online](#)

ISLAND CONNECTIONS



DRIVER NEEDS ALERT

VAN DRIVERS NEEDED

We are seeking new drivers for our wheelchair accessible van to be added to the list of existing drivers. Recently, we have seen an increased need of van drives and want to be sure we can fill them.



This is a much needed service for our neighbors with mobility issues.

There are NO special license requirements and training to operate the wheelchair lift will be provided.

If you would like to become a van driver, please contact our Volunteer Manager, Amy Roebuck at 288-4457 or via e-mail at volunteermgr@islconnections.org

Thank you!

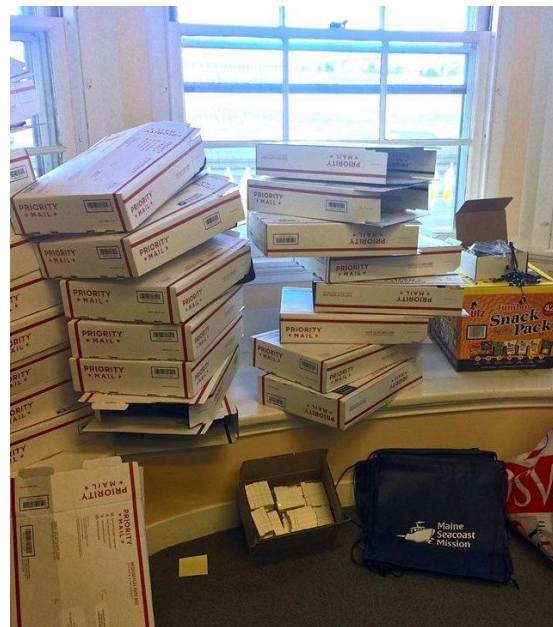
Mission Scholarship Students: We're Thinking of You

Program Manager for Scholarships Terri Rodick took this photo of boxes going out to freshman college students who received [Mission Scholarships](#) in 2016.

"I had some leftover swag," said Terri Rodick, "so I'm sending swag, thumb drives, ear buds, and, of course, candy, chips, water bottles, sweatshirt, blanket, tote bags, and other items.

"We just want the students to know we're thinking of them," Terri said.

[Learn More About Our Scholarships](#)



EdGE Marion Kane Leadership Fall 2016 Teaching Students Valuable Life Skills

Mission EdGE Outdoor Specialist Isaak Marnik captures the essence of 7th and 8th grade students from Cherryfield Elementary at the Fall 2016 Mission's [EdGE Marion Kane Leadership](#) program.

In collaboration with local schools, the Marion

Kane Leadership program brings students to the EdGE Center in Cherryfield for three full days of highly interactive workshops. Students participate in activities that help them think critically about challenging topics such as peer pressure, decision-making, trust, stereotypes, and substance abuse. They challenge themselves on the EdGE ropes course and experience and analyze the dynamics of teamwork and building trust.

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Updater: New Sunbeam V Dock in Northeast Harbor

Sunbeam Getting New Place to Dock, (MDIslander, Sept 8, 2016). After docking in the same Northeast Harbor spot since 1995, the Mission and Northeast Harbor officials agreed to build a new home for the *Sunbeam V*.

“We’re pleased with the way everything has worked out. We think it’s going to benefit the fishing community and the trucks that need access for the boats [at the pier], as well as helping us with our own access,” Scott Planting told the *MDIslander*.

Scott Planting is often at Northeast Harbor monitoring the new dock under construction. He provides progress reports through Facebook photos and summary reports to everyone not at Northeast Harbor.

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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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