Making Her Final Rounds on the *Sunbeam*

In her time at the Maine Seacoast Mission, Sharon Daley’s work as the Director of Island Health has landed her in the pages of *The Washington Post* and *Newsweek*, and on TV in a national Walgreens ad. But to the islanders she serves, Sharon is *just* Sharon: a confidante, friend, a fellow islander, and someone they can trust. Sharon is retiring after 22 years at the Mission at the end of the year.

Sharon says she is most proud of the connection she formed with the islanders. When she started with the Mission...
With Christmas just around the corner, the Mission’s elves are hard at work making sure that they get presents to families and community members throughout Hancock and Washington Counties. Stephanie Moores, Community and Family Engagement Program Manager, asks for **gifts to be mailed by Saturday, Dec. 10 or dropped off at the Mission before Friday, Dec. 16** to make sure the elves have enough time to distribute them.

Items ordered online from the Mission’s [Amazon Christmas wish list](#) will be shipped directly to the Mission. A full Christmas wish list can be found [here](#) and items on the list can be sent to the addresses below.

**UPS or FedEx delivery**
Maine Seacoast Mission Christmas Program
39 Weald Bethel Lane
Cherryfield, ME 04622

**USPS delivery**
Maine Seacoast Mission Christmas Program
PO Box 428
Cherryfield, ME 04622
Prep for the Mission's Christmas program starts at the beginning of November. Check out this behind-the-scenes look into how the Mission helps make Christmas dreams come true in Cherryfield.

Maine Academy of Modern Music Names a Community Rock Star

“I learned to play the electric guitar, but I also learned how to be confident.” That’s how Hannah, a student in the Mission's EdGE afterschool program, describes her experience of studying music with Maine Academy of Modern Music (MAMM) during EdGE. This innovative, 14-year partnership between the Mission and MAMM allows students to take music lessons without financial burden. With a longstanding commitment to bring music to Washington County kids, MAMM selected the Mission for the 2022 Community Partner Award.
Keeping Islands Connected on Zoom

Every Friday morning at 9:30 a.m., Douglas Cornman, the Mission’s Director of Island Outreach, powers up his computer, turns on his video camera, and starts moving with students attending school on Maine’s outer islands on Zoom.

The exercise classes that Douglas runs for the outer islands have a dual purpose. Not only do they get students moving but they also keep students on outer islands connected with their peers. With a small number of students on each island and learning in one- or two-room schoolhouses...
Engage with *The Bulletin*

This fall, copies of *The Bulletin* made their way across the country and into the mailboxes of Mission supporters. This issue focuses on the concept of “engagement.” John Zavodny, Mission President, wrote in his message, “As we learn to live with Covid and emerge from our hidey holes, this fall feels like a time of reengagement and, even though we’re still being careful, reengagement feels good.”

Read The Bulletin
Hey! My name is Douglas. I have the privilege and pleasure to serve as the Director of Island Outreach aboard Sunbeam V, the Mission’s iconic and super cool boat. I have the most amazing job! As Outreach Director, I work with islanders to access the things that are hard to access when living on a remote island. I collaborate with teachers and students, island committees, selectman and assessors, community members, and various mainland community partners. Everything I do, from teaching a dance class to organizing an island trash clean-up day, or from leading a spiritual gathering to publishing The Island Reader, focuses on connecting islanders to the things they want and need so they feel healthy, contented, and loved.

Yikes!! It’s really hard for me to choose a favorite place because I travel to so many beautiful places. I know my choice sounds like a bit of a cop out, but my absolute favorite place in Maine is standing aboard the Sunbeam. I love this boat. She is big, strong, and beautiful. I love watching how comfortable and at home islanders feel when they are on board. I love standing on the bow when we’re underway looking out over the water and feeling the wind on my face. I love everything about our boat. I was a landlubber before I joined the crew 9 years ago. Now, I have a little saltwater running through my veins and I am all the happier because of it.