



Creating a Place to Belong

The Mission has launched a \$1.8 million Mission Downeast Capital Campaign that will fund renovations and additions on the Downeast Campus in Cherryfield. The 63-acre campus is the heart of our work in Washington County and features the Ed and Connie Greaves Education (EdGE) Center, the Weald Bethel Community Center, and a food pantry and administrative building.

At the heart of the campaign is a renovation and expansion of the existing administrative building and food pantry turning the space into the Downeast Engagement Center. This includes renovating the current administrative space and converting it into a welcome center, building a new food pantry with porch in the welcoming style of a rural Maine general store with increased storage area while adding a flexible community space for healthy living programs.



Our 2022 Impact Figures are in!

Like most nonprofits, the Mission measures our impact with numbers. Yet it can be difficult to imagine what a number signifies. Each year, the Impact Statement puts that work into context and highlights the unseen effect here in Maine.

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Scholarships Open House and Application Information

On January 26, 58 high school students, parents, and guidance counselors in

Hancock and Washington Counties learned more about four college scholarship opportunities during a Downeast Scholarship Open House sponsored by the Mission, Mitchell Institute, and Worthington Scholarship Foundation. The Open House was the first event of its kind these organizations have held together.

Attendees heard from representatives from each scholarship program as well as scholarship recipients currently enrolled in college. The college students talked about what it was like to apply for the scholarship they received...

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Island Programming Continues to Thrive

For nine years, Douglas Cornman has been a consistent presence on Maine's outer islands as the Mission's Director of Island Outreach. He has taught improv, dance, and movement classes for island children. He has hosted church services, presided over weddings, and conducted funerals. He has also been a compassionate sounding board and confidant for island residents.

As of January 1, Douglas has taken on the new role...

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Davis Maine Scholars Reflect on their First Semester

Attending classes, finding the best study spots, facing homesickness, learning study skills, and making new friends. These are just some of things that the six first-generation college students in the Davis Maine Scholarship program did during their first semester at college. They headed to the beach and the library, attended fun activities, challenged their expectations of themselves, and learned a lot along the way. But it was not easy, some struggled with living away from home for the first time. Others had to break bad study habits and learn how to meet their professors' expectations. Our Davis Maine Scholars faced hardships and celebrated successes.

At the end of their first semester, we asked each student to reflect on their time at college. They shared both their wins and struggles and...

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From the Archives

The Mission's vast archive includes photos, stories, and recollections that trace back to our founding in 1905. They include reports from staff members "out in the field," copies of *The Bulletin*, and even a dentist chair.

This set of photos from 1975, show a different kind of *Sunbeam* passenger. These 22 sheep rode from Manana Island (which is a small island near Monhegan) to their new homes. The sheep had belonged to Ray Phillips, who *The Bulletin* refers to as the "hermit shepherd of Manana Island." A [New York Times](#) article called Phillips "the state of Maine's most celebrated hermit."

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