



Visualizing the Mission's Work in 2023

Every year the Mission measures its programmatic work by putting a number to some of the work we do: the number of students attending a session of EdGE, the number of meals served on the Sunbeam, the number hours Davis Maine Scholars spent receiving one-on-one support. Our 2023 Impact Statement provides these output figures and more than 60 other numbers. These figures illustrate just a few of the many ways the Mission works with Downeast and coastal communities.

Here are a few other numbers that might surprise you...

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Apply for a Mission Scholarship

Moira, a sophomore at Wheaton College, still remembers when she received the call she was awarded a Mission Scholarship. “I could not stop saying thank you before I ran to tell my mom” she adds, “The Mission Scholarship has allowed me to study at an academic institution I love.” Every year, the Mission awards scholarships to approximately 20 new students, and at any time there are roughly 75 active Scholars receiving more than \$200,000 in support. Recent high school graduates and adults who have received their GED or HiSET can now apply for scholarships for the 2024-2025 academic year.

Moira first heard about the Mission Scholarship program from...

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Help Change Lives One Home at a Time

Each summer from May to September, hundreds of volunteers make their way to Downeast Maine, and in just one week they make a lasting impact on the community members. These volunteers are part of the Mission's Housing Improvement program and every year, they repair dozens of homes. In 2023, 112 volunteers completed 35 projects on homes throughout the Mission's service area.

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Island Residents Learn More About Their Water

On a cold morning on Islesford, island residents walk into the Neighborhood House with thermoses and water bottles in hand. A father together with his young son explained his family's reluctance to drink the water that comes from their tap that may or may not contain chemicals or contaminants. When the preschool class came to the library for story time, a school aide brought a water bottle and wondered what might be in the school's tap water, which was in her water bottle. This is why *Sunbeam* Nurse Simone Babineaux and Island Services Program Coordinator Margaret Snell are...

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Winter Activities on the Downeast Campus

With cold temperatures forecasted and snow on the ground, the Mission's Downeast campus is ready for skating, snowshoeing, and winter fun. Every Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the community is invited to participate in various winter activities at the Weald Bethel Community Center (down the lane from the EdGE Center).

Skates, helmets, and snowshoes are...

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