

Making Christmas Wishes Come True



For more than 100 years, the Mission has helped make sure that families and individuals have presents under the tree on Christmas morning. Seniors living on islands served on the *Sunbeam* recall the mittens, oranges, and toys Santa gave them wrapped in white paper and tied with red string. During tough years, these might have been the only presents they received. Now, decades later because of the continuing generosity of donors, the Mission provided more than 9,000 gifts to over 1,100 people living in Washington and Hancock Counties and on outer islands served by the *Sunbeam*...

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Sunbeam Brings Health Screenings to Islands

While for most of us, a trip to the doctor's office might cause a slight inconvenience, for islanders a simple trip might become a multi-day affair. What might be a 30-minute wait for their appointment could turn into missing the next ferry and possibly the last trip of the day. Even a single appointment for a test includes a ferry or plane ride and advance planning. To help islanders both stay healthy and on island, *Sunbeam* Nurse Simone Babineaux has started offering preventative health screenings that include...

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Students Answer the Big Question: What's Next?



The Mission's Scholarships, Davis Maine Scholarship, and Journey programs are offering workshops for students in high school and college, as well as their parents, to help them through their transition to college as well as exploring occupations. These workshops, which are held online and in-person at the Downeast Campus, cover a wide range of topics including life skills, wellness, and college and career exploration and preparation.

The Mission's Secondary and Post-Secondary EdGE staff created the workshops after asking...

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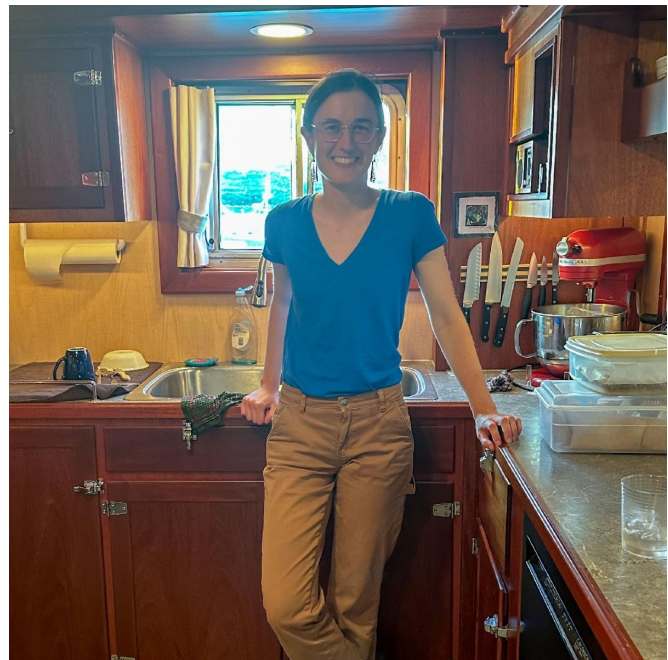
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From the Galley with Siobhan

I've now been aboard the Sunbeam for nearly eight months. I've met so many people in this job, and one of the most common questions I receive is: have you worked on the water before? I often wish I could answer yes and dive into conversation about an experience that so many coastal Mainers share. But in truth, the answer is a resounding no. I didn't just work on the land—as a farmer for the better part of a decade, it feels more accurate to say that I worked in it. I tell them all that I was a terrestrial animal, that I've traded turf for surf. In many ways, working on the Sunbeam is...

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Community Member Profile: Cody Leighton of Milbridge

The Mission's communities are vibrant and diverse and they span a nine-thousand-five-hundred square mile area that more than ninety-thousand Mainers call home



spanning from southern Maine to the Canadian border. We are sharing the stories of these people and their communities, in their own words. Cody Leighton, from Milbridge, was in EdGE as a younger student and is currently in his final year of the Journey program. He was selected as a Davis Maine Scholar this summer, and will begin college in the fall of 2025.

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Rooted in a history of compassionate service and mutual trust, the Mission seeks to strengthen coastal and island communities by educating youth, supporting families, and promoting good health.

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