

2024 in Review with the Mission



2024 was an exciting year for the Mission! The biggest celebration came this summer with the official opening of the new Downeast Engagement Center on the Downeast Campus. The building includes the expanded, modern, and welcoming food pantry, which helps better meet the needs of our community. Every month, we welcome more than 350 households through the teal double doors.

The Mission was also there for our communities when they needed support...

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Christmas on the *Sunbeam*

Sunbeam Steward Siobhan Harrity shares more about the *Sunbeam's* Christmas trip this year.

Christmas by the numbers: 76 cookies, 32 scones, three pork tenderloins, two breakfast strata, and one spice cake with cream cheese frosting. Told another way: 40 knots of wind, six to nine-foot seas, two sick crew members, and one very sticky ramp.

On December 16 and 17, the *Sunbeam* made her way to Matinicus and Isle au Haut to deliver Christmas gifts and...

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Scholarship Application Period Opens for Students



The Mission is accepting scholarship applications for the 2025-2026 academic year. Applications can be submitted until Saturday, March 1. Mission Scholarships are open to graduating high school seniors, and adults who have completed the HiSET or GED, who live in Washington or Hancock County, or on a Maine outer island served by the Mission. The Mission's scholarships are available for individuals entering trade, technical, two and four-year colleges.

While many scholarships disperse a one-time award payment, the Mission's Scholarships program offers a renewable or recurring scholarship that distributes funds to a student over several years...

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On Wednesday, February 5 at 6:00 p.m. the Mission is partnering with representatives from the Worthington Scholarship Foundation and Mitchell Institute to share more about scholarships available to students in Washington and Hancock Counties, and on outer islands. Active Scholars from each organization will also speak about their experiences.

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Partner Profile: Ann Backus, Harvard Chan School of Public Health

Every year, the Mission partners with organizations across Maine and beyond to provide services, education, and more to communities Downeast and on Maine islands. For the past few years, Ann Backus has joined the *Sunbeam* crew to outer islands to provide outreach to fisherman. We interviewed her on a trip to Matinicus, Isle au Haut, and Frenchboro.

What is your name? What organization do you represent?

My name is Ann Backus and I work for the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. I work in occupational safety and health and environmental health, all of that is under the Department of Environmental Health. I am funded by

the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health and the National Institute for Environmental Health Sciences.

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In the News



Here are a few of our favorite pieces from the past few months.

Maine Calling interviewed Mission President John Zavondy during their show "Useful Giving: Meeting Needs." He shared more about the Mission's work and our Amazon wish list where people can donate to our programs year-round.

Penobscot Bay Pilot highlighted a series of workshops offered by our Scholarships and Journey programs that cover a wide range of topics including life skills, wellness, and college and career exploration and preparation.

The Bangor Daily News shared more about the Mission's history providing Christmas gifts to individuals living both on outer islands and in Downeast Maine.

WABI TV 5 announced the Mission was accepting applications for our Scholarships program.

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