

"Discover STEM" Program Expands Science Learning for EdGE Students

The Mission is partnering with the MDI Biological Laboratory and Bar Harbor Bank & Trust to offer Washington County Discover STEM, a new multi-site science enrichment program at the EdGE after-school programs in Milbridge, Harrington, and Addison.

In December, Dr. Elisabeth Marnik, MDI Bio Lab's Director of Science Education & Outreach, started leading a rotating series of hands-on STEM sessions at EdGE after-school sites. The program aims to...

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Monica Olivares Joins Mission as Downeast Director



On January 14, Maine Seacoast Mission will welcome Monica Olivares as the organization's new Downeast Director to the Mission Downeast campus in Cherryfield. Monica has most recently served as Program Manager for Sunrise Opportunities Prevention Council. Through her prior position, she worked centered around community collaboration, program leadership, financial management, staff development and working to address the community needs in Washington County.

Mission President John Zavodny shares about Olivares' hiring...

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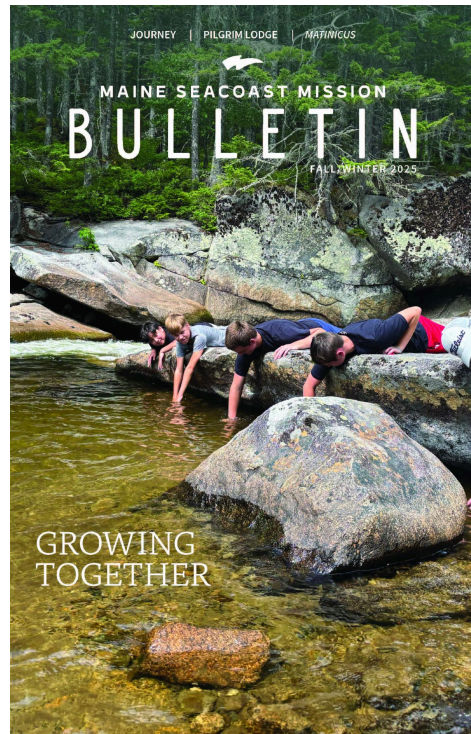
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2025 Fall/Winter *Bulletin* Reflects on Growth

The Fall/Winter 2025 issue of the *Bulletin* looks at how the Mission is growing with our communities. The past few months have seen the need for the Mission's work expand, more people are visiting our food pantry, requesting Christmas presents to make sure their kids have a happy holiday, and looking for help as their resources are stretched thin.

In his letter to open the issue, President John Zavodny writes, "In response to more requests for housing help, we are growing Service Tours, the program that welcomes volunteer groups for weeklong service trips to help make homes warm, safe, and dry. As young people..."

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2026 Housing Repair Application Opens for Downeast Homeowners



Homeowners in Washington and Eastern Hancock Counties can now apply to participate in the Mission's Housing Improvement program during the 2026 season. The program helps make homes warm, safe, and dry. Established in 2003, brings hundreds of volunteers to Cherryfield each year to make improvements to homes in the Mission's service area.

Mission volunteers complete improvement projects ranging from, but are not limited to, creating handicap-accessible decks, window and door repair or replacement, painting, hanging drywall, and landscaping. Homeowners who live in...

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