

FAMILY HARBOR HOUSE HAPPENINGS

August 25, 2025

Thank you for your interest in Midcoast Maine Homeless Coalition's transitional housing project--Family Harbor House. In this, our second newsletter, we have some exciting news to share.

First and foremost--a private donor made an extremely generous gift to this initiative, in the form of stocks worth \$52,000. We deeply appreciate this contribution to our vision.

And the construction adaptations are underway! Whitecap builders started on August 11. Their major work includes erecting two walls: one will provide each family with a private room of their own, and the other will separate Family Harbor House from the basement of the church. Painting started in the office area at the same time. The part-time staff person and a steady staff of volunteers will use this office as their workspace.



On Aug 12, a wall goes up to create two family living units.



A Whitecap carpenter and a plumber prepare to upgrade a bathroom.

Outside of the church is a playground area that hasn't been in use for a while. Board member Joe Calista tackled what was then a hayfield, and he got it into very good shape for kids and families to enjoy. He also had a nearby shed cleaned out for Family Harbor House staff to use as needed.

Many of you have expressed interest in volunteer opportunities. The UU Church now has volunteer coordinators, and they are starting to put together our first team to work at Family Harbor House. We are hoping that other churches will follow suit and establish other volunteer teams. More information on these opportunities will follow.

Thank you again for your interest and support!

- Family Harbor House Team
Midcoast Maine Homeless Coalition