Agenda

h.o.m.e.’s 42nd Anniversary Celebration

St. Vincent De Paul Church Hall
Thursday, 19 April 2012
5:45 P.M.

Master of Ceremonies: Sr. Marie Ahern

Memorial Moments

Pot Luck Dinner

Keynote Speaker:
Linda Fairbrother,
Food and Medicine, Brewer

Introduction of Board of Directors:

Entertainment & Closing Sing Along

All photos in this report were taken by the late Ed Kruczynski.
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www.homecoop.net

Tracey Hair, Editor of This Time
Shelter

In a year’s time, the situation has not changed ... it has worsened. The number of homeless has increased; every day we get requests for shelter. We must not mistake an individual seeking help as an interruption, but rather as our brother or sister deserving of our attention, assessment and compassion.

Meanwhile MSHA, which exists because the poor exist, is experiencing it’s own problems which will no doubt have a negative impact on our accessing monies for the poor and homeless. Recently, the current State administration forced the resignation of MSHA’s director and will replace her with their own choice.

Much was accomplished this past year in maintenance and rehab. of our shelters. We were able to completely rebuild yet another bathroom at the Hospitality House in Bucksport (Apt. #4). In this 7-unit shelter, we now have just two more to replace.

At St. Francis Community at Mandala Farm, we had one woman and daughter move on to a Section 8 apt. and another family move on to permanent housing at Patten Pond. Others have since come to stay with us. We continue our efforts at all our shelters to help people move forward to transitional and then permanent housing. Maintenance has been minimal at the farm. We recently installed permanent treads on the interior stairwells.

Throughout our struggle to continue operating our several shelters, we are every day in every way inspired by the courage of all whom we serve.

Stats from H.O.M.E.’s 7 shelters for 2011:

Total bed nights 20,822
   60 Men       43 Women       26 Children
   27 Total families

32 people found jobs
4 people continuing on with higher education
5 people applied for SSDI
6 are incarcerated

Shelter Team:
Craft Shops: Weaving, Stitchery, Stained Glass, Pottery and Leather Studios

Stitchery

I finished the inventory and we are not in need for anything specific at this time. A donation this past summer brought in eight large rolls of fiber fill and we received three rolls just recently.

We are all caught up at the moment with our mending services: zippers, hems, and repairs.

We are still e-mailing a gentleman from London, England about a quilt, but that may not work out because of the duty tax charged to him there, plus it is really expensive to ship a package overseas. I was hoping to open up a new venue for sales!

Sandra Potter

Weaving Studio

The weaving has been kind of slow this winter, for a couple of reasons. There was lack of heat due to a maintenance problem, plus we had our annual wreath season.

Things are looking better now. I am in hopes of having a weaving teacher volunteer some this summer. There is so much for me to still learn, and in turn for that I am hoping to have new items in the Craft store before summer ends. I’ve been working on trying to build the weaving stock back up.

Hopefully we will be learning how to spin as well.
**Pottery Studio**

Over the last year the pottery studio has changed a great deal. With the help of volunteers in the spring I was able to remodel some of the interior to allow more space for people to move around. We also painted the shelves with bright colors and creative designs. The shop still needs some work but now the studio flows much better inside. Outside over the summer, a number of volunteers were able to redo the drainage around the building. This was wonderful as before the shop would flood in the spring when the snow melted. Now this problem is drastically reduced. I hope that with these improvements and my dedication to providing classes for the general community the pottery studio will attract more people into HOME. Slowly, I have been able to develop a small number of people who regularly take classes. As a potter, I am more interested in providing access to the art for the general community than simply production. I hope to create with the studio a place of escape and relaxation where children and adults can come to focus their creative talents. This is a work in progress which I hope is only the beginning of a much more functional and dynamic studio.

Thanks,
Rosa

**Stained Glass Studio**

Greetings from the Stained Glass Studio where Roxanne has been churning out creative new projects like a cow churns out butter. For example, she has tweaked her garden ornament design. Instead of soldered butterflies in glass, she makes fused glass glob flowers which ‘hold up bettah in the weathah.’

This summer Roxanne has won a scholarship to the famous Haystack School of Crafts on Deer Isle, where she will learn glass bead making!

Meanwhile, the staples of the studio continue to sell: mosaic picture frames and framed mirrors made from recycled dinner plates from our Bargain Barn; wind chimes; jewelry; and ornaments from silver spoons and forks. (Sterling fork and spoon donations are always welcome.) Roxanne will offer classes again this summer.
Bookkeeping

With all the changes in our economy it is very hard for some people to get by. They are depending more upon our services each and every day. With our efforts we have provided many meals and shelter for our less fortunate.

One of our goals is to get a complete audit of our financials. An audit bears a great impact on our grant writing success. It is this information that lenders and foundations look at for our financial stability. Housing has been working closely with the bank to prepare potential buyers for a loan. This support is a critical part of getting our homes sold to the families in need.

It is no surprise that bookkeeping has outgrown the present office setting. One of our Capital Improvements for this year will be to expand our office into the outer area. This will give us the ability to work more efficiently.

We are researching purchasing new computers which have Windows 7. I would also like to see the staff get some classes on accounting and Microsoft Office programs which are utilized in our daily operations. The knowledge learned will help us to work more efficiently.

I want to give a big thanks to Ruth, Cora, and Lou for all their support through the year. With all our hard work it has proven to be successful.

We look forward to the year ahead and all the new experiences we will share.

Thank You

Garage

The Garage welcomes Jim Poulin. This past year the garage has been busy fixing H.O.M.E. vehicles as well as outside customer vehicles. Our labor rate is the lowest in the area which is helpful for people, especially those with limited income.

The Chevy plow truck has a new engine and was ready for use for the snow season. H.O.M.E.’s car donation program still continues to provide cars for low-income people and H.O.M.E.’s garage performs any repairs needed for Maine State Inspection. People purchase the cars for very little.

During slow times we collect metal for scrap and sell it to make money for the program. As a result of scrapping, we were able to purchase a tire balancer.
Emmaus International

A year ago I was elected as the representative to Emmaus for H.O.M.E. Since then H.O.M.E. has been working on several projects. Although we still owe dues to both Emmaus International and Emmaus America, we have done a lot to catch up and we were able to vote at both the regional and world assemblies. We have also been able to make many valuable connections with other groups worldwide.

In February of last year, we submitted a proposal to participate in Emmaus International’s container program. The plan was brought before the region and approved later that month. We worked for several months to collect donations and organize the shipment and would like to thank all the individuals and groups that assisted us in this effort. We were able to send the container in November and it arrived shortly thereafter. It has since been unloaded and the goods have been put to use in the community. We have given a lot of thought to starting a sustainable energy project as well, and plan to draft a proposal for the next regional meeting.

Since becoming the representative I have attended two regional meetings in Uruguay and the World Assembly in France. Both have taught me a lot about what it means to be in an Emmaus group. These meetings have also given me the chance to form meaningful relationships with other groups in the movement, several of which could directly benefit H.O.M.E. and aid in the establishment of new groups in North America. I feel like I have come a long way in understanding Emmaus and think that these experiences will help me to better represent H.O.M.E. in the coming year.

Emmaus Guatemala

Mission trips are continuing. Check out the pictures of previous trips on our web site at www.homecoop.net.

Guatemala Container Report

In today’s American culture we are focused on capitalism and the needs of the few. In order to combat this overwhelming sentiment HOME filled and sent a container of goods to the community in San Juan Comalapa, Guatemala this last year. Our hopes were not only to provide the locals there with goods, but to stimulate their economy as well. Our container was filled with a variety of goods, from clothing to kitchen ware, to bicycles and tools. We would like to thank primarily the surrounding community and churches for their wealth of donations as well as Emmaus international for funding the project. I am certain it will have a positive impact on the community in San Juan Comalapa and I hope to duplicate this act of solidarity in the future.

Josh,  Emmaus Delegate
Mandala Farm

Being a community member at St. Francis Community is much more than living among people - it requires a commitment to work toward the well being of the community. Everyone who joins our community is expected to work to the best of their ability. The work is an important part of community life. The business side of our community generates funds that help make us self sustaining. All of the proceeds of the work go back to provide shelter and food.

An important business activity for the St. Francis Community is collecting, recycling, and selling scrap metal. We grow our own produce and in 2011, residents worked in all aspects of gardening and farming, performing a variety of tasks including: preparing two large vegetable gardens, sawing and splitting firewood, loading hay, taking care of farm animals; sheep, horses; miniature horses, goats, burros, chickens and peacocks.

Every Saturday we make a dump run which entails taking a pickup load of trash and recyclables to the local dumping station. We have saved disposal fees by recycling and processing the items at the farm before arriving at the dump. We separate and store scrap metal from broken appliances and other items that cannot be repaired. Periodically, we take the scrap metal to a junk yard where it is recycled. We earn only a small amount from this activity since the market for scrap metal is unpredictable.

Needless to say, we have lots of work for the people who live here: those who need shelter and volunteers.

A family has come to live at the Farm house, with two older children and a two year old named Haley. Roxanne and Jerilyn still live in their house and the Huggins family, dogs included, live in the Hut house. Maggie lives in the Farm house as does Geiser and Josua. They’re here from San Juan Comalapa—they are attending school here and working on the farm. Lucio is here and recovering from major surgery. There’s Jim, too, who works in the garage at H.O.M.E. and collects pick up loads of scrap metal to sell.

In the coming year we hope to contain and improve our farm; we hope to produce more food in the garden and can vegetables for the winter. We hope to fix and renovate all of our housing; and, most of all, to be here for people who need a place to live.

St. Francis Community
Main Office

In the office at the front desk
We try to hold our own
Come in and you’ll find Gina
Or Twila on the phone
And when you stop to visit
You’ll be greeted by our Pounce
She keeps her office running
smooth
With her purr, meow and bounce
Saphira is our new mascot
She’s seated on her throne
That Chihuahua loves to meet
new friends
But she won’t leave Gina alone
Millie wore her rubber boots
She must be in the garden
She can’t come to the phone now
She’ll have to beg your pardon
We welcome all who come on in
And try to help them out
We direct them where they want
to go
Or show them round about
Always questions come our way
We try to answer right
Sometimes in dreams we even
give
Responses in the night
May I please speak with Cora, or
Mary, Lou or Ruth?
Is Sister Lucy in, is Jackie there?
We answer with the truth
Where’s Sister Marie? Is she on
the run?
Is Bonnie back by chance
Have the Emmaus group returned
yet
From the trip over to France?

Where is Karen? Where is Cary?
Are they back yet from out west?
Could I please speak with the Soup
Kitchen
Where Jackie Lee cooks the best?
Could Melissa make a food box?
I’m looking for the shelter
Sometimes it seems the questions
Just might drive us helter-skelter
Oh wait the phone is ringing
It’s a call for Jim or Matt
I tried the garage, there’s no answer
I don’t know where they’re at
Deanna holds a baby whilst Sadie
gives the toddlers naps
Have to contact Ralph to make more
calendars and maps
Where is Gerald now, he has a caller
on the phone
Is he checking the water in day care?
Or in his office all alone
The bargain barn is opening soon
And Maggie’s getting callers
Come in and buy a large bag full of
goods for just five dollars
I really need to stop now
It’s almost time to leave
But we’ll be in by 8AM
So you don’t need to grieve.

Main office staff: Twila and Gina
We are delighted to report an increase in programming and enthusiastic students! In May we enjoyed the musical talents and humor of David Dodson, Dean Stevens and Mary Kate Small who performed a benefit concert for H.O.M.E. in Bucksport.

Later in May we explored staff development with Suzie Craig and the Myers Briggs Type Indicator. The experience helped participants understand their preferences and those of others and how they might help find best “fits” in work, relationships, community, etc. In September, Bill Cumming, from The Boothby Institute, generously donated his time with a workshop entitled “What One Person Can Do” for staff members for twelve weeks into December. By feeling some sense of contribution to our own lives and unconditional love from another, we can break cycles of dependency and be fulfilled human beings. We are exploring a Level 2 workshop.

Karen Botta, who ran the department for three years, has moved over to join forces with Millie Grimes in exploring her passions around gardening. Sara Carmona, arriving from Barcelona with seven year old son, Adam, in January, is now the LC Coordinator. Sara is excited about developing new programs around personal enrichment, degree programs for non-traditional learners and kids’ and family activities. Rosa Moore has laid a nice foundation for two youth currently working on GED and opportunities beyond. Rosa also developed a benefit art fair featuring largely H.O.M.E.-related artists that was held in Blue Hill last April and focused on the theme of ‘poverty’. Programming includes classes in Spanish, E.S.L., various arts and crafts, writing, wellness, and tutoring. We continue to need tax-deductible donations of supplies and volunteer support.

Camp H.O.M.E. lead by Cary and Connor Huggins, served about twenty Hancock county youth through the arts, crafts, outdoor adventures, sports, non-violent communication, meditation, animal care, healthy eating activities, journaling, gardening and more last summer.
Volunteers

HOME has had another successful volunteer season. Many homes have been painted and repaired. We have completed the handicap bedroom and bathroom at the St. Francis Inn, and built 2 handicap ramps at the shelter. Many projects are in different stages of completion and we are looking forward to another successful volunteer season.

THANK YOU EACH FOR ALL YOU DO!!!!!!
Jackie Burpee
Volunteer Coordinator

http://www.homecoop.net/volunteers

Daycare

In March 2011, Adrianne Graves resigned as Director of the Daycare. Our enrollment was moderate at the time. In May 2011 I was hired as Director enrollment still moderate. In June 2011 we hired a part-time teacher Sadie Greene, she has been a great asset to Daycare. July 2011 Sr. Lucy purchased a new play set for the children. It was a great success with the kids and it still is! Over the summer we had full enrollment (12 kids). We did various outside activities and indoor activities.

After school started in September our enrollment dropped because our school age children went back to school. Our average was 2-3 children in Daycare. During this time Daycare did a candle fundraiser and a snack (chocolate) fundraiser and raised total close to $300.00. In October our enrollment in Daycare dropped to one child. Winter months always hit the daycare hard as far as enrollment goes.

Advertising has been important in gaining new children in daycare. Ads have been placed in the Ellsworth American, Bucksport Enterprise and on Craigslist. Flyers have been distributed throughout Bucksport and Ellsworth.
Deanna Thomas
Fundraising

In addition to raising funds through earned-income activities, such as selling Christmas Wreaths and used items, the combined outreach of H.O.M.E.’s on-line and off-line appeals generated approximately $95,764.90 to help us with general support. Fundraising through grant support provided noteworthy gains in several of our programs. Gains were made in the number of people reached by H.O.M.E.’s Outreach Program, which was able to increase its capacity to provide service by 100%

H.O.M.E. set out to expand this program in order to respond to growing transportation needs in the area. We obtained funding to increase our capacity to perform mobile outreach and as a result hired an additional Outreach Driver. This addition made it possible for us to offer transportation to and from AA meetings which are held several times a week. It also made it possible for us to reach more people in more ways. Perhaps the most striking piece to this was in the hiring of an Outreach Worker who himself is committed to sobriety. We did not anticipate such an immediate positive outcome from expanding the program and are extremely grateful for the opportunity which was provided by the Sisters of Mercy North America Foundation.

Support from a private foundation made it possible for local children and children in our shelters to attend H.O.M.E.’s Summer Camp which got under way on June 27th. H.O.M.E. provided subsidies for families that could not pay and as a result 20 children attended. The six to thirteen year olds explored sewing, pottery, healthy eating and cooking, hiking, bicycle riding, repair and safety. They tied and dyed clothing, swam and explored the history of transportation at the Owl’s Head Museum and science at the Maine Discovery Museum in Bangor. Field trips to WERU radio station, The Humane Society and to a baseball game in Boston were made possible by the generosity of donors.

In fiscal year 2011, H.O.M.E. had operating revenue of $1,025,860.00, nearly all of which went back into program activities designed to advance our mission and vision. Support for our programs included $10,136.00 of in-kind contributions,
and $3628.00 being donated food and grocery products. Additional grant support from The Vincent Mulford Foundation, The Maine Community Foundation, The First Congregational Church of Old Greenwich and other private operating foundations made it possible for H.O.M.E. to continue answering the needs of low-income people for food and shelter. Support from individual donors has begun to grow as demonstrated by an increase in the number of new donors and those renewing their support.

Despite a challenging economic climate where the majority of organizations experience revenue declines our overarching goal for fiscal year 2012 is to increase our active donor base to 6000 by fiscal year end 2013. Reaching this goal will require new donor growth, as well as increased effectiveness in retaining donors. To drive the necessary revenue growth over the next year and beyond, H.O.M.E. will diversify our strategy to include internet fundraising and increased marketing and publicity to introduce our programs to a larger audience.

Thank you
Fundraising Staff — Tracey Hair and Josh Prochaska

See the pictures in color and read this report on-line:

www.homecoop.net
Marketstand, Soup Kitchen, and Food Bank

Over the past year there have been many changes at the Marketstand. We have remodeled the dining area which allowed us more seating for people eating lunch. In 2011, 10,950 hot lunches were served.

The remodeling in the food bank has helped the food bank be more organized and efficient. We have seen an increase in the need for food in 2011 and sometimes struggled to meet this demand. In 2011 the food bank was able to provide approximately 50 food boxes monthly. This number could double if we were able to purchase more food from The Good Shepherd Food Cupboard.

The food bank renovations allow for families to put together their own food boxes with supervision. This prevents food waste and fosters independence in people and also allows them to choose foods that their family would eat. We continue to receive produce from Trade Winds Supermarket and Hannaford daily.

In the Marketstand we have seen an increase in sales and this is in part because we now have an EBT machine and are able to accept Food Stamps. Millie, Karen, and Roxanne continued to provide wonderful homemade jams and jellies for sale made with fruits from H.O.M.E.’s organic garden.

“This Time”

We need your stories and pictures of your experiences at h.o.m.e. in past years! Send us stuff to use for the next issue!

You can read the current and many past issues of This Time on our web page, follow the link from http://www.homecoop.net/.

Tracey Hair, Editor

For all of you on our newsletter mailing list: Please check out the web edition with pictures in color and please let us know if that works for you and we can save the expense of mailing you the printed edition.
Construction Crew

Here’s all the things we have accomplished in 2011:

**Sister Barbara Hance Home:**  House scraped, half primed and painted; fire escape built.

**Dedham Farm:**  Mostly all sheet rocked, tile floor, doors, upstairs floored, front porch roofed.

**Transitional House:**  Painted the units, trim & mop board; new doors and front entrance.

**Patten Pond:**  Cleaned up; kitchen floor, new back, fire escape, cupboards; ceiling sheetrocked & painted.

**Lori Green’s:**  New front entry and new bathroom floor.

**Twila’s:**  Replaced hallway floor; put new entry way in.

**Market Stand:**  New bathrooms with tile floors & heaters; replaced all water lines; electric lines redone.

**John & Tim’s:**  New living room floor; new stand-up shower, sink, and floor in the bathroom.

**Pottery Studio:**  Fixed heating system, door in front, shed out back.

**Weaving Studio:**  New heating system upstairs; Maintenance Shop downstairs with new heat system.

**Woodshop:**  New wood rack.

**Learning Center:**  Painted kitchen, new stove, new stairs on both sides, new windows in Daycare, new roof, insulated walls; new siding with flashing, soffits, and drip edge.

**St. Francis Inn:**  Inn and barn roofed, renovated handicap room with wheel chair accessible sidewalk.

Darryl

Wayside Chapel of St. Francis

Everyone is welcome to join us for services on Sunday at 10:30 AM. We are very thankful to have Pat Snyder as our organist.

We have had two baptisms and two memorial services this past year.

Eucharistic Ministers:  Sr. Lucy, Sr. Marie, and Ralph

We host AA meetings Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 12:30 PM.
The 2011 Garden season started off with a bang; early produce, including peas, beet greens, Swiss chard and string beans, was great. Later on, we did not fare as well, due partly to lots of rain, coolish weather, and the weeds getting the best of us. However the fall crops rallied and we had a great pumpkin crop, as well as carrots, potatoes, and beautiful “painted mountain” ornamental corn, with kernels of many colors. At the annual MOFGA Common Ground Fair in September we won blue ribbons for everything we entered: “Autumn Gold” pumpkins, Brandywine tomatoes, mustard pickles, and two varieties of jam! Yum!!

Garden staff in the 2011 season consisted of Millie Grimes, Department Head, and her “good, dependable help” (direct quote!) : Karen Botta, who took time off from the Learning Center to work in the gardens and farmers markets; Libby Gray, who helped with the early summer planting; James, who lent us his carpentry skills in extending the compost bins and his muscle for roto-tilling; and volunteers Roxanne Poulin, Karen Saum, and Sheila Holtz. Roxanne made many wonderful, tasty “value-added” canned goods for us in her perfectly-outfitted kitchen. Karen Saum helped in the spring, transplanting seedlings, in summer and fall with the Bucksport Farmers’ Market, and through the winter making jams and jellies-- steady sellers all season long!

Sheila, who studied Permaculture with Emily Markides at Hutchinson Center, created a small (10 ft. x 12 ft.) “experimental no-till permaculture bed” next to the outside greenhouse, and lovingly tended the nearby compost. Major features of this technique include heavy compost and manure application, and mulching; it is “no-till” to preserve the integrity of the living soil communities. Worms and burrowing insects -- as well as abundant microbial life, fungi, and organic molecules in the soil -- comprise an entire eco-system, supporting 6 million organisms per cubic meter of soil!!!

Now spring draws near, and in fact, bursts through -- (last week we had a freakish warm spell -- eighty-plus degrees and lots of sun -- which brought everyone outdoors to “green-up!” Today we have three inches of snow on the ground and intermittent flurries!) The seed orders have been placed and received, indoor seedlings are being started in the small greenhouse. This year Karen Botta will be joining the Garden Department full time. We have reconfigured our office space, where Millie is currently working on the 2012 Senior Farm-Share applications. Sheila Holtz
Annual Christmas Party

This year’s Christmas party served over 60 area children. All had a great time with Santa, presents, food and lots of song and cheer. Because of the generosity of First Congregational Church of Georgetown, First Congregational Church of Old Greenwich, St. Vincent De Paul in Bucksport and First Congregational Church of Blue Hill over two hundred seventy five (275) people received a gift for Christmas. Many of these folks are in shelters, poor and/or living with family, friends or on the streets. Everyone appreciates all that is done at this time of year.

GOD BLESS!

Christmas Wreaths

Our annual wreath and centerpiece business again provided employment for local wreath makers and our skilled centerpiece makers. We shipped over $50,000 in orders. Our wreath ordering information is available on our web page: www.homecoop.net.
Maintenance

We have had a busy year in maintenance. Our day consists of running fuel to shelters, fixing plumbing in the Marketstand, downstairs kitchen and installing plumbing in the bakery. We have been working to rehab houses in Dedham and Sedgwick. In Dedham we recovered a house and have repaired the joists and sills. In Sedgwick we are salvaging what we can of a house in preparation for it to be torn down by Wardwell Construction. We are saving the Masonry heater and chimney so that the volunteer group from Ridgefield can build around it.

We spent a lot of time picking up donations in 2011 and into 2012. My focus now is on Spring Clean up.

Jason Cromeenees

Pedalin’ H.O.M.E. Bicycle Center

This collaborative helped many community members of all ages to gain life skills, acquire green transportation and to build relationships around bicycles. Joe Huggins serves a dozen kids in after school programming and will start weekend programming in April that will include group rides and hands on activities. Pedalin’ H.O.M.E. is in need of volunteers/mentors and bicycle and bike parts donations.
Housing

While no sad notes to start this year’s annual report on housing, it was a tough year in housing. With that said, I would like to begin this report on a positive note. We have had 100’s of volunteers working on different homes. Their work is greatly appreciated and provides a lot of help for low income families and affordable housing.

HOME also welcomed Darryl Snowman as the new head of construction. He has brought a new focus on homes and has been a great addition. I would also like to thank all the HOME construction and maintenance workers for their hard work.

Finding financing for families has not improved and in some cases the banks have made things even harder. No sale of a home was completed since the last annual report but the sale of the farm house in Dedham is nearing completion. We are in the process of rescuing 2 homes from foreclosure: one by a bank and another by a town. One of which we have just about rehabilitated for a family who should be moving in any day now. We were unable to stop the sale of another home from foreclosure due to circumstances beyond our control.

I continue to work with Covenant Community Land Trust. In the Sedgwick land trust community, the families were threatened with foreclosure. The families have been struggling to meet expenses ever since the town increased its evaluation by about 700% in 2006. HOME, the families, and many generous churches and individuals have worked hard to help this community. There is still work to be done.

There is optimism that the upcoming year will be much better.
Saw Mill and Shingle Mill

Clint Claggett is our Sawyer and Eric Snowe runs the Shingle Mill. Both mills support our construction program in the milling of lumber, both for sale and use on the houses we build.

Check out our mills and buy our lumber and cedar shingles when you get ready for your new project! We are trying to increase sales.

Eric Snowe and Clint Claggett

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Abby’s Attic

HOME’s thrift store in East Orland consistently does well. Its average weekly income is about $500.00. With little overhead and volunteer help, we are able to keep costs down. Maggie Corcoran volunteers three days a week; Eunice McCrorison one day; Connie Cossette one day. We attempt to send our choicest donated items there. There is warm community spirit at Abby’s. We welcome more donations.

Sr. Marie Ahern

Abby’s Attic Thrift Shop

Route 1, East Orland Maine

Stop here first!

Help yourself, H.O.M.E. and the environment by buying quality used items.

We follow the Emmaus motto:

“Serve First Those Who Suffer Most.”

If you need clothing or household items, call Abby’s Attic at (207) 469-7575.
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Please call us at 469-7961 if you have some valuable stuff to donate that we can pick up.

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