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"Serve First Those Who Suffer Most"
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For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me. - Matthew 25:35


Dear Friends,


A woman who lives in the Tenements in Newark, NJ once said, *"I'm too blessed to be stressed."* She is a woman of great faith. I read about this woman in a book written by a friend of ours, Helen Stummer. The book is called, *Risking Life and Lens* and it affected me when I read it. The hopelessness of so many lives, so many lives similar to the lives of people in Maine. Education, healthcare, housing and employment are missing in their lives. What a difference it would make if education were free, if healthcare were free. People could contribute if they had housing and work and were free of those worries.

We try to find solutions to some of these problems through our work. Our Learning Center provides education and our emergency shelters and permanent housing program, responds to the need for housing. Our food bank and soup kitchen addresses the need for community as well as food and our mills, garage and thrift stores offer work.

My mother gave me a very old cook book, it had a quote at the beginning of each chapter. One of the quotes read, *"people are like the fish in the sea, the big ones eat the little ones"* As more and more services are taken from those in need, it is left to us to respond. By donating to H.O.M.E today, you join us in this response. Please give if you can.

With gratitude,


Lucy Poulin / Founder


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