

Why'd we do it?



Desperation!!!!

A crisis level lack of affordable housing and shelter capacity.



Tiny and Small Houses

*A possible statewide solution
to affordable housing in rural Maine.*

We share a mission.

To work in cooperation with the vision and principles of Habitat for Humanity International, bringing people together to **build hope, homes and community** and end poverty housing in Knox County, Maine.

To be the center of excellence in **breaking cycles of poverty** and homelessness in mid-coast Maine and bringing homeless families to sustainable independence and a better future.



Helping families find home, help and hope for a better future.



The POWER of Collaboration

Midcoast Habitat for Humanity & Knox County Homeless Coalition

- Shared Mission
- Capacity & Initiative
- Efficiency & Strength
- Shared Resources
- Community Building
- Support



Our First House.



**A tiny billboard to draw attention
to our need for affordable
housing and additional
supportive shelter capacity.**

The Site.



The Home.

Tiny Supportive Shelter

Size: 192 square feet

Cost: \$15,000

Includes:

Sleeping/Living Area

Kitchenette

Full Bath

Community Building

Kitchen

Dining

Recreation

Small House

Size: 550-750 square feet

Cost: \$60-\$80,000 (\$90/sf)

Includes:

1-2 Bedrooms

Kitchen

Living

Dining

Full Bath

Diverse Neighborhood



The Program.

Comprehensive

- Structure
- Case Management
- Education
- Work
- Community

Operational Cost

\$11,500 per unit / year

Monthly income based contribution

Sustainable Independence

- Homeownership
- Fiscal Responsibility
- Continued Support
- Community

Cost

\$450-\$550 mortgage

\$125 utilities

Income based qualification (30-60% GMI)
Maximum 30% monthly housing cost

The Habitat Model....

- Volunteer Labor (schools, churches, rotary clubs etc.)
- In-kind and/or discounted labor & materials
- **‘The math works’** with the Habitat model



Importance of Community.

Creating Community for All

Goal is supportive living with agency support, gardens and space to share education, activities and lives.



Planning & Challenges

- Being an established community partner
 - Building relationships with municipalities and town officials
 - Educate community and neighbors about your work
 - Develop a clear plan
 - Have patience
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- Land Use Ordinance / Zoning
 - Perception / NIMBY
 - Funding



Participate. Educate. Enlighten. Inspire.



Make Maine 'the way life should be' for all.

Thank you!

