

A Historic Home, a Renewed Hope:

How Mission at the Eastward Makes a Difference

In the quiet countryside of Maine, Edith, a widow in her seventies, faced a daunting challenge. Her home, which is over 200 years old and once served as the stagecoach stop in the rural town in which Edith resides was in dire need of some important repairs. For years, Edith sought help to have the peeling paint on the side of her house repaired and a hole sealed that had become a gateway for squirrels. “I tried for three years to find someone to help me with my house, and I just couldn’t find anyone,” Edith explained.



Living in a rural community, Edith faced the growing difficulty of finding contractors willing to take on small jobs, especially as many focus on more lucrative opportunities. Even after saving for two years to afford the repairs, her search yielded no results. “It’s so hard to find anyone to help you, even when you’re willing to pay them,” she shared.



The peeling paint on Edith’s historic home wasn’t just unsightly—it posed serious risks. Over time, old paint can deteriorate, allowing moisture to seep into wood and siding, which can lead to mold and structural issues. Meanwhile, the hole in her home wasn’t just an invitation for squirrels to move in; it also threatened her home’s electrical wiring and insulation, which could lead to fires, as squirrels are notorious for chewing through critical materials.



Enter Mission at the Eastward's (MATE) volunteers not only restored Edith's home but also brought her peace of mind. "They act like they really care, and they actually want to get to know you," Edith said. "You were the only ones willing to come, and you did a good job."

By repainting her home and sealing the hole, MATE preserved not only a piece of Maine's history but also Edith's safety and comfort. "I felt very comfortable and at ease with the volunteers," she added.

Edith's story is just one of many that highlight the critical work MATE does in rural Maine—helping those who have nowhere else to turn. As the holidays approach, your support can ensure that more homes and hearts are restored.

To make a gift and be a part of this vital work, visit <https://missionattheeastward.org/>. Together, we can build hope and security, one home at a time.

names have been changed to protect homeowner anonymity