



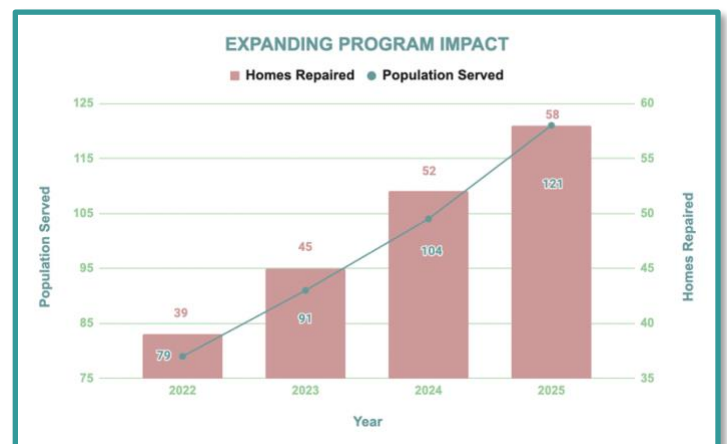
Building Hope Through Home Repairs:

A Look Back at MATE's 2025 Volunteer Home Repair Season

This summer, Mission at the Eastward (MATE) Housing Repair Program completed another remarkable season of service in Central Western Maine. With the support of dedicated volunteers, generous donors, and strong community partnerships, we reached more neighbors in need than ever before, bringing safety, dignity, and hope to households struggling to maintain their homes.

Thus far in 2025, **118 households have applied for assistance**, a 44% increase from last year, which was our previous record high. The growing demand highlights both the urgent need for affordable housing repairs in rural Maine and the trust that families place in MATE to walk alongside them in difficult times.

While we couldn't serve every applicant, we met our ambitious goals: **completing 58 projects** (12% increase from 2024) and **serving 121 community members** (16% more than 2024). Behind these numbers are stories of real lives changed. Families who faced unsafe stairs, leaking roofs, or failing floors now live in safer, healthier environments.



Nearly 40% of the people we served live with a disability, and almost one in five households were led by a single parent. **Seniors made up nearly 30%** of those assisted, many of them living on fixed incomes, while a **quarter were children living in poverty**.



Importantly, **over 90% of the households served this year fall below 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) threshold, qualifying as low-income per HUD standards.** Many of these homeowners are left with no other options to receive the help they need to remain in their homes.

Our work reached **across 19 towns in Franklin, Somerset, Androscoggin, and Kennebec counties**, with the greatest concentration in Franklin County (68% of 2025 repairs). Each project was made possible through the hands and hearts of our volunteers: **351 people gave their time this summer** (23% increase from 2024). We were blessed to **welcome 16 workgroups from across 10 states and a handful of specialty volunteers** that poured themselves into our mission, leaving behind not just stronger homes but stronger communities.

2025 VOLUNTEER WORKGROUPS		
Allentown Presbyterian Church <i>Allentown, NJ.</i>	Flemington Presbyterian Church <i>Flemington, NJ.</i>	
Bedford Presbyterian Church <i>Bedford, NH.</i>	Grace Community Church <i>Walpole, MA.</i>	
Christ Church <i>Summit, NJ.</i>	Hartford Street Presbyterian Church <i>Natick, MA.</i>	
Congregational Church of Middlebury <i>Middlebury, VT.</i>	Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church <i>Wilmington, DE.</i>	
Davidson College Presbyterian Church <i>Davidson, NC.</i>	Rotary Club of Farmington <i>Farmington, ME.</i>	
First Congregational Church of Holliston <i>Holliston, MA.</i>	St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church <i>Nashville, TN.</i>	
First Congregational Church of Simsbury <i>Simsbury, CT.</i>	Terryville Congregational Church <i>Terryville, CT.</i>	
First Presbyterian Church of Warminster <i>Warminster, PA.</i>	UCC of Haddam & Higganum <i>Haddam, CT.</i>	
First Congregational Church of Wolfeboro <i>Wolfeboro, NH.</i>	West Avon Congregational Church <i>Avon, CT.</i>	

These statistics tell a story of impact, but they also remind us of the continuing and growing need. Every repaired roof, every wheelchair ramp built, and every safer home means one more neighbor can live with dignity and security.



As one homeowner recently shared:

"You got me through a tough time.

*You make sure that elderly,
disabled, and those in-need can stay
in their homes, rather than have
their house fall in on them or be in
disrepair, or be in danger."*

Looking back on this season, we celebrate what we've accomplished together. But looking ahead, we know the need will only continue to grow. **With your continued support through volunteering, giving, and spreading the word, we can keep building help, hope, and connection one home at a time!**

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