



Building Hope – One Gift at a Time:

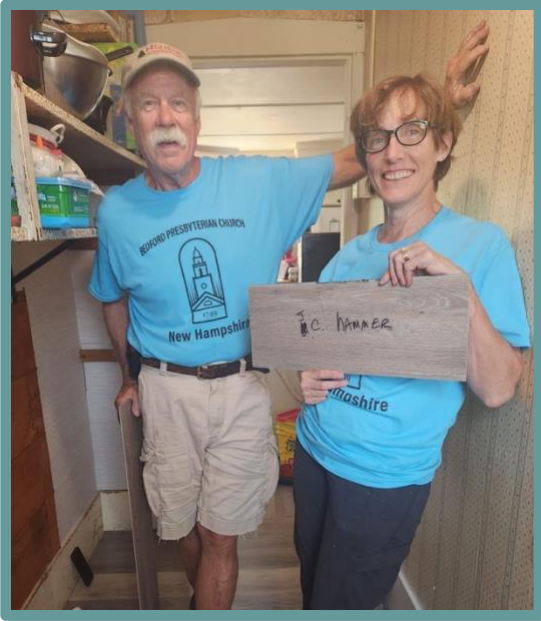
Why Jane Joined the Builder's Team

For more than 30 years, our family has been actively involved with Mission at the Eastward. (MATE). We've seen firsthand the impact this ministry has on families across Central Western Maine. When we support MATE, we aren't just giving money, we are investing in safer homes, stronger communities, and renewed hope for our neighbors.

That's why I chose to become a member of the [MATE Builder's Team](#), the recurring giving program that sustains this vital work. Setting up a monthly gift through the MATE website was simple, but what it provides is powerful: consistent help, hope, and connection to families who are battling housing insecurity right here in rural Maine.



One moment that has stayed with me comes from a recent project. At our worksite, where volunteers were removing old carpet and installing new laminate flooring for a family that struggles from serious asthma, the daughter of the homeowner looked up at a volunteer and quietly said: *"We didn't think you would come."*



Her family had been saving for two years to have this repair done, only to be taken advantage of by a local contractor that took their deposit and never completed the work. Although they eventually got their money back, they were left discouraged, waiting, and wondering if anyone would truly help.

MATE showed up. Volunteers not only completed the work but restored this family's trust that their community cared. That's what your support makes possible.

When I give to MATE each month, I know my gifts are helping families like this one—families who might otherwise fall through the cracks. **Becoming a Builder's Team member is more than a donation. It's a declaration: *we believe in this mission, and we believe in the future of our neighbors.***

Written by: Jane (MATE Volunteer & Builder's Team Member)

So far, 17 generous donors have joined the Builder's Team, providing nearly \$500/month in reliable income that helps MATE plan for the future and expand our impact each year. As we celebrate the **45th year of our home repair program, we are setting a bold goal: to grow to 45 recurring donors.** With your help, we can reach even more families battling housing insecurity in Central Western Maine.

 **[Join the Builder's Team today](#)** and be part of building safe homes, restoring dignity, and giving hope—month after month!