

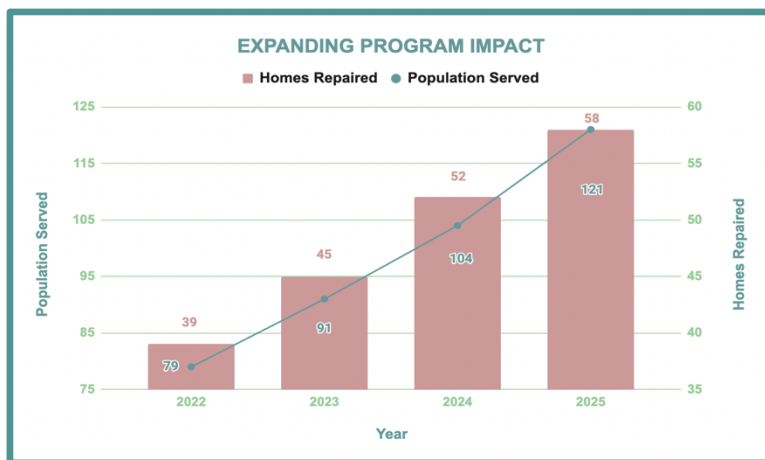


## A Season of Gratitude and Growth: MATE Begins New Leadership Chapter



After four years of steady leadership during a major transitional period, Mission at the Eastward (MATE), a Farmington-based nonprofit organization, announced that Executive Director Chris DeLisle will be stepping down to pursue other opportunities.

Since joining MATE in 2022, DeLisle has helped expand the organization's volunteer-driven home repair work across Central Western Maine. Under his leadership, MATE increased staff capacity, secured critical funding, improved program efficiency, and recruited volunteers from across the country to repair homes in a five-county region, helping neighbors facing housing insecurity remain safe, warm, and healthy in their homes.



That impact has been especially important as Maine's housing crisis continues to deepen. In 2025, MATE received 45% more home repair requests than the previous record high. Over the past four years, the organization has increased the number of homes repaired by 49% and the number of people served by 53%.

This year alone, MATE welcomed 16 volunteer work groups from 10 states, hosting 351 volunteers who traveled to Maine to serve for weekly intervals. Together with MATE staff and homeowner partners, volunteers constructed ramps, repaired roofs, replaced windows, rebuilt floors, and completed other essential work, strengthening not only homes, but also the sense of connection that sits at the heart of MATE's mission.



With DeLisle's departure, MATE's Board of Directors has launched a search for the organization's next Executive Director. The Executive Director serves as MATE's chief executive and primary ambassador, providing leadership and vision to advance the mission and ensure long-term sustainability. The role emphasizes fundraising and resource development, community partnership, and organizational leadership, while supporting strong program delivery.

**Those interested in learning more or applying can find the full job posting at:**

<https://missionattheeastward.org/jobs/>