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Our Mission:

Creating inspired housing in the heart of a thriving supportive community on MDI where people with special needs can flourish.

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Ravon Palmer, Parish House Program Manager



Ravon Palmer was the Assistant Manager of the Parish House from when it opened in 2017 through 2020, when she became the Manager.

"I am so blessed and fortunate to be able to experience and work with this awesome group of individuals at The Parish House. I am proud to be the "leader" of this amazing program!"



The residents, with help from parents, board and community members, hosted two yard sales. Generous donations included art, furniture, housewares, toys and delicious baked goods. The money raised will be used for fall and winter activities.

Yard Sales



Community Engagement



Zach and Michael ran a 5K together

Residents work, volunteer, take classes, and are active members of the community.

Work and volunteer sites include the MDI YMCA, West Street Cafe, Slice of Eden, Sweet Pea's Farm, and the Abbe Museum in Bar Harbor; the SPCA in Trenton; Bernard Gardens; Flexit Cafe in Ellsworth; and the Ellsworth YMCA. Residents take classes at Eastern Maine Community College and online through the University of Maine at Augusta and Sumner Adult Ed. They also attend MDI Adult Ed Culinary Arts classes online, participate in athletic events, and borrow books and spend time at the Jesup Library, Northeast Harbor Library, and Ellsworth Library. Several residents have also worked with Acadia National Park rangers to become Junior Rangers.

Welcome to Reverend Holly Hoffman

Reverend Hoffman is the new Priest-in-Charge of St. Saviour's Episcopal Church in Bar Harbor, one of our key partners in the creation of The Parish House. Reverend Hoffman graduated from Yale Divinity School in 2018. Following her training, she worked in Cape Elizabeth and Portland before being called to MDI. Prior to seminary, she enjoyed a nearly twenty year career in Maine schools as a high school English teacher and educational leader. In addition to St. Saviour's, Rev. Hoffman is the Priest-in-Charge of Church of Our Father in Halls Cove and St. Andrew's and St. John's in Southwest Harbor, where she lives with her husband Jonathan in the rectory.





Marty Lyons, Pam Walsh and Adam (Bucky) Buckwalter continue to lead the Parish House garden project. The garden produced tomatoes, peppers, carrots, peas, beans, lettuce, herbs, onions, and strawberries

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