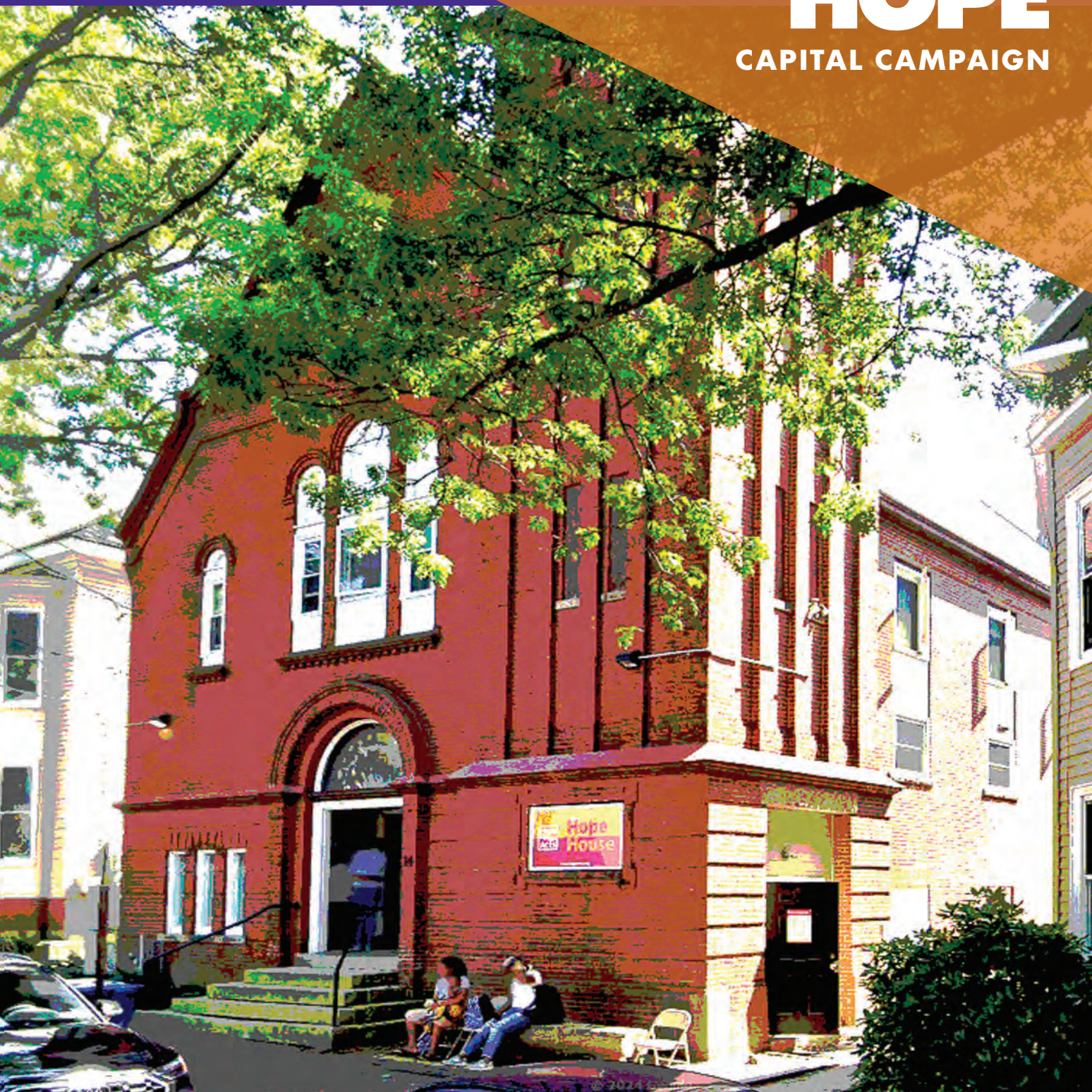


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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN





“Hope Acts welcomes asylum seekers from anywhere in the world. Hope House is more than a building—for asylum seekers, Hope House is HOME.”

Martha Stein, Executive Director, Hope Acts

MISSION

Hope Acts offers asylum seekers access to housing and basic needs, assistance in navigating complex immigration processes, and resources for learning English to help them successfully transition to a new life in Maine.

VISION

We envision a community where asylum seekers are welcomed and empowered socially, emotionally, physically, economically, and spiritually.



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**Since opening our doors
in 2013 Hope Acts has
housed 145 asylum
seekers at Hope House.**

OUR STORY

Hope Acts, a non-profit formed in 2013, is dedicated to serving the basic needs of asylum seekers who have arrived in Maine. Our historic multifamily residence, Hope House, provides safe and secure housing in a welcoming, supportive environment.

Our programs focus on English language learning, housing education and assistance, walk-in services, work permit form assistance, and asylum application assistance.

Our historic Hope House in downtown Portland is the hub of all that Hope Acts offers. It's not only a residence, it's the center from which all of our services originate. It's the place where asylum seekers and families can access help, and it's a tangible symbol of HOME for asylum seekers in Maine.

WHAT SETS US APART

Hope Acts focuses on the unique challenges faced by asylum seekers. We are known throughout greater Portland for assisting individuals and families in moving forward with their lives. Services are tailored to each person's unique situation and individual needs. This attentive approach translates to lasting relationships, improving outcomes and strengthening communities.



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“My wife learned English with Hope House. She’s the one who first told us about how helpful working with Hope Acts had been. We received help with everything: understanding our immigration paperwork, filling out many different kinds of forms and many other things. They even helped us find our children and get them released from a detention center. Our family is finally back together.”

— Pedro and Helene

OUR IMPACT

In the past twelve months, Hope Acts served more than 3,000 clients and held 6,241 client meetings. Accomplishments include:

- **1,200 work permits submitted**
- **220 asylum applications completed**
- **154 adults and children moved into permanent housing**
- **309 students participated in English language classes**

Assisting asylum seekers in their transition to their new home fosters diversity, increases community engagement, and benefits everyone through cultural enrichment, economic growth, and a more robust labor force.

While the number of people who have walked through our doors in the last few years is staggering, we are ever mindful that each person and family has a unique set of needs. We are not simply processing people through systems; we are caring for members of our ever-growing family.





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THE CHALLENGE

Hope House is over 120 years old. Extreme weather and wear and tear from thousands of people accessing services have taken a toll on the building.

Now is the time to address insufficient exterior property drainage and upgrade the building, enhancing overall safety features, energy efficiency, improving air quality, and creating a healthy living/working space for our clients, staff and visitors.

Hope House is a key destination for asylum seekers in Greater Portland. We hope that everyone who walks through the doors experiences a sense of HOME.

THE SOLUTION

The renovation of the historic 1898 building, Hope House, will enable us to better fulfill our mission of serving asylum seekers, while ensuring improved functionality and safety.

Your investment in Hope House will provide a safe, comfortable and healthy space to live and gather. These upgrades will make the building more energy efficient, lowering operating costs over time.

“The strong partnership between Quality Housing Coalition and Hope Acts is unique in the nonprofit world, and it works. Thanks to our support model, 99% of our shared asylum seeker clients maintain their housing long-term. I cannot stress how critical Hope Acts’ services are for asylum seekers. If you were to poll asylum seekers in the Greater Portland area, the majority will have already been to housing intake at Hope House and on track to receive the services they need to navigate their lives to success.”

— Victoria Morales, Executive Director, Quality Housing Coalition



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THE PLAN

Environmental

We will regrade the property and install a drainage system that directs water away from the building and ties into the city systems. Heat pumps will provide heating, cooling and humidity control. New exhaust systems will be installed in all kitchens and bathrooms. LED fixtures will replace fluorescent lighting. Waterproofing the foundation, installing thermal insulation throughout the building and adding new doors and windows will create a more comfortable space while reducing operating and maintenance costs.

Functionality

Improvements to residence kitchens and bathrooms will enhance functionality, improve efficiency, conserve water and energy, and reduce costly maintenance.

Safety

We will improve the safety of Hope House by installing a new fire alarm & suppression system, adding exterior lighting and security monitoring and replacing the exterior walkways and back stairs. New fencing will provide privacy and additional security.

Improve Gathering Space

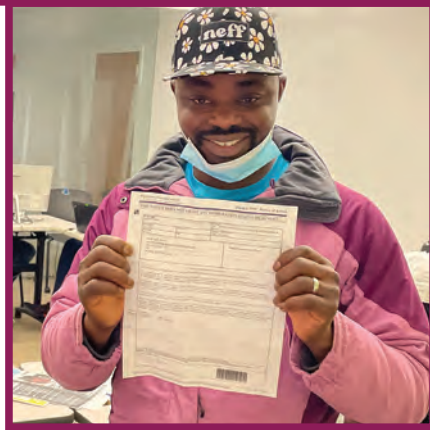
Plans for the lower level include a community space with a flexible layout to accommodate gatherings, classes, and client meetings. New flooring and furnishings will create a welcoming and inviting space.

Maintain Housing During Construction

We intend to rent an apartment elsewhere and limit construction to one apartment at a time, so our residents will always have housing during the length of this project.

The Beacon of Hope Capital Campaign is an investment in Hope House, its people, and its programs.





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Campaign Goal: \$2.6 million

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Asylum seekers have traveled thousands of miles - often encountering danger along the way - in search of a safe haven: a place to resume careers, open businesses, access education, buy a house and raise families. Hope House is often the first step for those who come to Greater Portland.

With your generous support, Hope House will always remain a home and place of warm welcome for asylum seekers as they navigate the challenges and embrace the opportunity of a new life here in Maine.

WAYS TO GIVE

We gratefully accept gifts of all sizes.

To Make a Gift

Please complete the enclosed donation form.

Pledge

A multi-year pledge is welcome with a payment schedule tailored to your wishes.

Transfer of Securities

Gifts of appreciated securities can provide immediate tax benefits. Please consult your tax advisor.

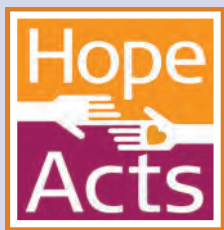
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We can accept a gift from your donor-advised fund or any other charitable giving foundation.

Planned Gifts: IRAs, Bequests, Trusts

Naming Hope Acts as the beneficiary of a planned giving vehicle can provide tax and financial planning benefits to you and Hope Acts.

Hope Acts is 501(c) (3) corporation under the Internal Revenue Code. Gifts are tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by law. Please consult your tax advisor.
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