



## BEACON OF HOPE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

### LEADING WITH HOPE FOR A STRONGER COMMUNITY

Dear Friends,

Hope Acts' work is rooted in our strong belief in shared humanity and that asylum seekers and all immigrants deserve an opportunity to thrive in the U.S. I am writing to you with exciting news about Hope Acts and specifically Hope House, our 13-person apartment building in downtown Portland that is both a home for asylum seekers and the service center for Hope Acts' programs.

Hope Acts is deepening our commitment to asylum seekers with a major investment in Hope House to ensure our building remains a "Beacon of Hope" for immigrants. Hope House is over 120 years old. Extreme weather and wear and tear from thousands of people accessing services in our building have taken a toll. Hope House needs extensive renovations and upgrades.

**I am thrilled to share that since our campaign launch in October 2024, and thanks to early support, we have raised \$1.9 million towards our \$2.6 million goal.** Thank you for your gifts. If you are just learning about our campaign, I invite you to join us with a gift to the *Beacon of Hope* Capital Campaign.

I am happy to meet with you to discuss this exciting project. I can be reached at [martha@hopeacts.org](mailto:martha@hopeacts.org), 207-217-4456.

Our Hope House residents, Hope Acts staff, clients, and all of our program volunteers look forward to a renovated Hope House. **Thank you for joining us.**



**Martha Stein**  
Executive Director

*P.S. We plan to break ground during the summer 2025. We'll provide updates as we move forward.*

## CAMPAIGN BY THE NUMBERS

**\$1,937, 669**

*raised*

**\$662,331**

*left to raise*



For more information about making a gift/pledge, please:

Contact Martha Stein  
[martha@hopeacts.org](mailto:martha@hopeacts.org)

Or, make a gift online, [here](#).

*"It was a great honor to lead Hope Acts during the early years, and it's truly inspiring to see the tremendous impact that Hope House is continuing to have in the lives of our immigrant neighbors. Now more than ever, the mission of Hope Acts is essential! Please join me in supporting this campaign so that Hope House will continue to be a place of hospitality, where lives are supported, language is learned, and love is shared — a beacon of hope!"*

— Rev. Dr. Allen Ewing-Merrill, founding Director of Hope Acts

## FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANKS AND LOCAL BANK PARTNERS LEAD THE WAY

In late 2024, Hope Acts received the exciting news of a \$780,000 grant from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston (sponsored by Bangor Savings Bank) and an additional \$780,000 grant from the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York (sponsored by M&T Bank).

We appreciate BSB and M&T's Maine-based staff for their commitment to Hope Acts.

## MEET OUR CAMPAIGN CABINET

Martha Stein, *Executive Director*

Mary Pat Donnellon, *co-chair*

John Messer, *co-chair*

Rev. Dr. Allen Ewing-Merrill, *honorary chair*

Bull Moose Group, *Campaign Consultants*

Andrea Andrews

Greg Barmore

Susan Gilpin

Heidi Hansen

Elizabeth K. Jackson

Meg Lewis

Rev. Dr. Don Rutalevige

Bethany Smart

## BEACON OF HOPE: DONOR SPOTLIGHT

We are proud to recognize M&T Bank for their strong history of community investment. Their \$10,000 grant provided key early support for the campaign, and their sponsorship of a Federal Home Loan Bank application led to one of the largest grants in Hope Acts' history.



M&T Bank is deeply committed to our community partners and strives to make a positive impact in the communities we serve. Our collaboration with Hope Acts led to a \$780,000 affordable housing program grant supporting its important mission of offering asylum seekers access to housing and resources to help lift them up and succeed in Maine.

M&T Bank's Regional President in Maine, Phil Cohen, said, "Recognizing all members of our communities who seek to establish their home in Maine is critical to M&T. Our purpose as a company is to make a difference in people's lives and to empower our customers and communities."

## 2024 IMPACT AT HOPE ACTS

**295**

*Hope House  
English Language  
Program (HHELP)  
students*

**70**

*Volunteers*

**7,231**

*client meetings*

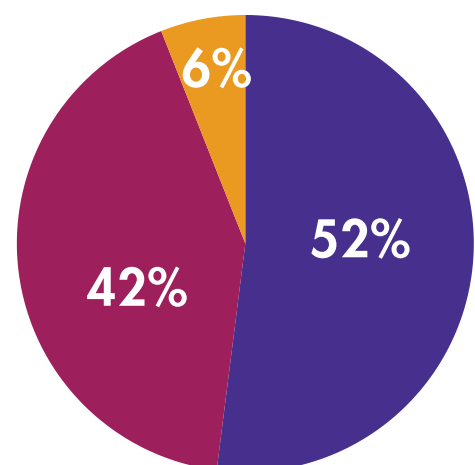
**8,000 +**

*collective  
volunteer hours*

**215**

*clients (146 households)  
obtained permanent housing*

### WHY CLIENTS COME TO HOPE ACTS?



Immigration-related (3,749)

Housing-related (3,028)

Other (454)

CONSTRUCTION PREP UNDERWAY!

Last week marked significant progress as the architect, site surveyor, construction crew and HVAC team were on-site for behind-the-scenes coordination and to walk through final logistics before summer construction begins.

Your leadership on this campaign brings us one step closer to opening the doors on a renovated Hope House.



50 Donors and counting!

Leading with Hope

OUR GOAL: \$2,600,000

We are grateful to new friends and long-time supporters who have already made generous contributions to our project. The final phase of our campaign relies on individuals and businesses. We're in the final stretch with 25% left to reach our campaign goal- please help us spread the word!

| Gift Amount               | # of Gifts | Gifts Needed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| \$100,000                 | 1 Gift     | <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| \$75,000                  | 1 Gift     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| \$50,000                  | 6 Gifts    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| \$5,000                   | 9 Gifts    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| \$1,000                   | 20 Gifts   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Misc gifts \$1000 or less |            | \$10,699 of \$25,000 goal raised                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| \$1,937,669 Raised        |            | We are over halfway!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |