

# making every penny count

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## *What do these Mainers have in common?*



## They now have **help and hope** thanks to YOU!

In the midst of a pandemic that continues to devastate Maine's most vulnerable populations, Catholic Charities Maine remains a beacon to those in need, thanks to the generosity of donors like you! Our Fall Appeal ended January 31st, having raised more than \$505,000 — from 744 donors, including 217 first-time donors.

**THANK YOU** for being a lifeline to the more than 52,000 people we serve each year.

Your donation:

- **feeds** more than 30,000
- **helps** more than 380 refugees rebuild their lives in Maine
- **empowers** more than 300 children with vision impairments
- **provides** dental care to more than 5,600 individuals
- **cares** for more than 2,200 seniors
- **serves** 52,000+ Mainers annually in need!

*You make our mission possible!*





## Ready to Meet Your Match?

Love playing cards, discussing current events, or sharing your love of opera? Right now, more than a quarter of Maine residents are aging alone at home. During Maine's long, cold winters, a friendly connection has never been more needed or appreciated. **Our SEARCH program matched 248 isolated seniors with a volunteer companion in 2021, but there are many older adults who would love to meet their match this year!** If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a companion to a lonely senior in your neighborhood, contact Director of Volunteer Services Kelly Day at [kday@ccmaine.org](mailto:kday@ccmaine.org) or visit [ccmaine.org/volunteer](http://ccmaine.org/volunteer).

**"I love that you get a lot of appreciation back from those you are helping. Even when you're very tired yourself, it's just a huge shot of adrenaline to help someone who needs an errand or some groceries."**

—Larry Lachance, 44-year SEARCH volunteer, Lewiston

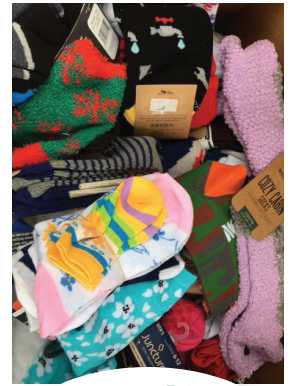


## New Board Officers and Members Announced

CCM's Board of Directors has announced two new officers: Lauren Moody is the new Chair, and Jared des Rosiers is Vice Chair (pictured, left to right). In addition, we are thrilled to welcome two new members to our Board: Cynthia Nickless and Deacon Darrell Blackwell. Read the press release on our website at [ccmaine.org/news](http://ccmaine.org/news).

## A Warm Welcome for New Mainers

From the generous donations, to the gifts in-kind, like the hundreds of socks we received from the children's faith formation program at Brunswick's St. Charles Borromeo Church, the outpouring of support from our donors has provided the warmest of welcomes to the new Mainers we serve.



We're also thrilled to have received a \$12,000 grant award from the Maine Community Foundation's *Invest in Maine* Fund to support newly arriving immigrants.



*In 2021, CCM resettled 224 refugees and immigrants, including 92 Afghans, 65 people from Haiti, and an additional 67 refugees and immigrants from other parts of the world.*

More than 75% are already resettled in permanent housing, and our Case Managers continue to support new arrivals with medical, employment, education, and cultural services to help them fully integrate in their new communities.

## READ MORE

Charles Mugabe, Director of Case Management at RIS sat down for an interview with *Amjambo Africa!* to provide an update on our work through the Afghan Placement and Assistance Program. Check out the full article at [ccmaine.org/read-more-0222](http://ccmaine.org/read-more-0222).



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