

The Increasing NEED

More than 4,500 people in our Southern Maine and Seacoast New Hampshire communities live close to or below the poverty line. A growing number of households are struggling to meet their basic needs with ever-increasing costs of living. Individuals are reaching out for help, often for the first time, and are forced to maneuver through a fragmented system that largely focuses on short-term solutions rather than the long-term goal of eliminating poverty. Seeking and receiving help is a full-time job. But it doesn't have to be.

Mainspring offers a dignified, efficient, and effective model of care that empowers individuals to navigate the pathway out of poverty.

"A comprehensive service model is a sound, pragmatic and cost-effective approach to the challenge of poverty."

**-MIKE SULLIVAN
ELIOT TOWN MANAGER**

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A Capital Campaign in Support of



M A I N S P R I N G

The Seacoast Social Services Collective





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CO-FOUNDERS

Footprints will offer a market-model food pantry, prepared meals, culinary job training, and more. **Fair Tide** will provide housing assistance, case management services, and low-cost clothing and housewares through their thrift store.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Fair Tide and Footprints are leading a \$6.3M capital campaign to develop this comprehensive social service resource hub. The Mainspring project site at 22 Shapleigh Road was purchased in April 2022 through a grant from York County’s American Rescue Plan Act allocation. Additional funds will cover the costs to design, renovate, expand, and outfit the facility.

Mainspring: CHANGING THE SYSTEM

Mainspring is based on national best practices for mitigating the impacts of poverty and strengthening individuals, families and communities. Mainspring’s model removes many of the barriers that currently exist for individuals seeking assistance and creates a new space for providers to be systematically and physically connected through co-location, centralized intake and assessment, shared data, comprehensive care, and more.

Mainspring is created from an extensive analysis of similar models across the country and right here in our region, then tailored to meet the unique needs of our community.

“I can’t take another day off of work to go on a scavenger hunt for social services. I’m starting to think that it would be easier to end up in the hospital or in prison where I’ll at least have a warm bed and three meals a day.”

PARTNERS AND PROGRAMS AT MAINSPRING

- York County Community Action’s Outreach and Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Programs,
- General Assistance which provides funding for emergency needs,
- Domestic violence/sexual assault resources,
- MaineHealth to provide prescription assistance, access to free/low-cost medical care and health insurance navigation,
- Substance use recovery support,
- Adult education,
- Fuel and utility assistance,
- Seacoast Outright (LGBTQ+),
- Table of Plenty, and
- Flexible space for providers to deliver mental healthcare, medical care, veterans services, legal aid, tax prep, and more.

\$6.3 Million Goal

HOW YOU CAN HELP

This initiative requires the participation of our entire community for the health and well-being of the Greater Seacoast Region. The Mainspring campaign accepts multi-year pledges, cash/checks, stocks, in-kind support, endowed gifts, and more. Gift recognition opportunities are available. Please reach out to learn more.

