

Holy Trinity Mission Possible V July 8-12, 2019
In association with Neighbors Helping Neighbors in East Machias, Maine

A Team of 14 volunteers traveled from Holy Trinity Church to the Jacksonville Campground in East Machias, to spend 5 days helping the economically challenged people in the “Down East” area.

The new director of daily activities, Cliff Roberts, was assisted by Reverend Dr. David Grainger, who is the former director of Neighbors Helping Neighbors (NHN).

This year our team was able to assist 4 families, completing 3 projects and half of a fourth project. Note: NHN originally scheduled us for only 2 projects.

The largest of the jobs was originally intended to incorporate replacing the wood exterior on a home, then scraping and painting the entire house. Once the team began removing the exterior boards, it was discovered that the house had much more extensive damage than originally thought. The team was called upon to replace 2 windows, including the window framing and repairing the entry door. This location had varying groups of Holy Trinity volunteers on site for 4 days. The completed job can be seen below, in the far-right photo.



Extensive and unplanned repairs were completed at the 1st home.

A second home was completely repainted over the course of 2 days by 5 members of the team. After scraping the home, all sections were re-painted.

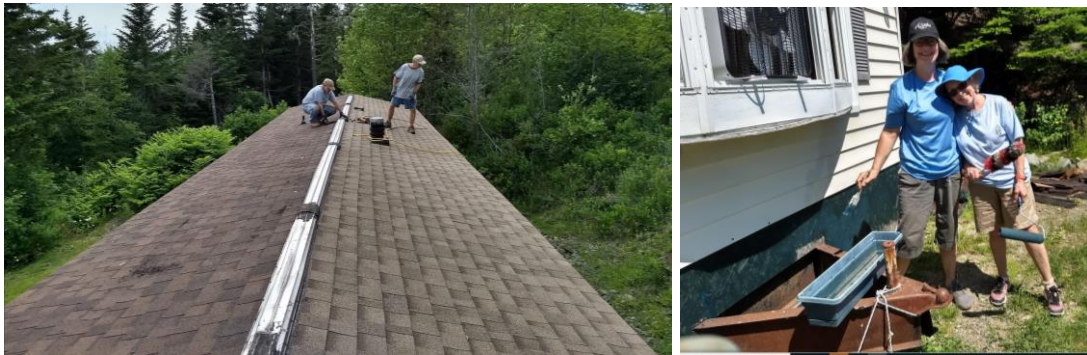


The third home we worked on required a new roof, on one side of the house, which was approximately 70 feet long. The skirting of the home was also painted. This was done over 2 days, the 1st day including stripping ½ of the old roofing and replacing the shingles and installing an ice barrier, to help prevent future winter ice dams which often lead to roof leaks. The 2nd day we removed the remaining older shingles and completed the new roof installation.

The team also completely cleaned up all the debris that was the result of removing the original roof.



The roof was very old & weathered, the photo on the right was after removing the shingles.



The team finished the job by replacing the ridge venting and the skirt painters paused briefly.

A fourth job, which we were assigned after completing work at 2 of the locations, was started the day before our departure. After removing old hay bales used as insulation around part of the home, the remaining lower exterior (skirting) of the home was also removed. The team prepared the terrain, painted and cut the wood to be installed. A portion of the new skirt was installed. A new team was to arrive and complete the job that we started. Shown below is the front corner of the home, with the newly installed skirting with insulation and painted.



The team expressed an overall satisfaction at the work we were able to complete. The NHN team and the homeowners we assisted were all very appreciative. The downside is the

distance from Wallingford (7-8 hours driving time), but as we experienced in 2018, the work was very rewarding.

We were invited to return, if we so desire, which can be said of all previous Mission Possible trips, as we have always been told we work much harder and quicker, with very good attention to detail, than some other groups of volunteers. We are not as big in numbers as some teams, but we perform the work with a very high quality of workmanship.

The NHN team was better prepared than groups we dealt with on other Mission Possible trips and a small team met with the director at the end of each day, to provide a summary of work completed, address any issues and, most importantly, request any materials, tools or ladders needed and decide the game plan for the next day. NHN insured the needed materials were on site first thing in the morning.

The Mission Possible V Team that were able to travel in 2019:

Gary Ripa	Rich Hyland	Bob Hyland	Brenda Pilletere
Patrick Ryan	Flor Ortiz	Santos Ortiz	Ena Vintimilla
Jeanie Cosgrove	Laurie Hogan	George Marinelli	Sue Murphy
	Gerry Boyd	Jim Coogan	



2019 Mission possible Team with Fr. Mendoza prior to departure from Holy Trinity Church.



2019 Mission Possible Team added a personalized Cross to join the many other crosses adorning the walls of the Dining Hall, a tradition that most teams have done.

Thanks to our team artist Sue Murphy.

Photos of the team – from 2019







Our 2 biggest fund raisers were a Paint Night & a cookie Sale – thanks to all the team & parish support, we were able to Travel to Maine.

