

# 2022 Homeless Veterans' Mobile Stand Down



**VA Maine Healthcare System (Togus)  
1 VA Center Augusta  
October 12, 2022 from 10 a.m.–2:00 p.m.**

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**Medical Checkups – Connection to Services  
Non-Perishable Food – Winter Gear**

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Preble Street. and V.E.T.S. Trailers.

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October 6, 2022

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Call or Text Chris Olsen (207) 745-1287

Email: [welcometohousing@gmail.com](mailto:welcometohousing@gmail.com)

### **Welcome To Housing Home Goods Bank Open House, Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup> 9:00am-12:00 Noon**

Welcome To Housing Home Goods Bank, Inc. (WTH) will be hosting an Open House at their warehouse at 333 Main Street in Old Town, Maine from 9:00am to 12:00 Noon on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Founder Chris Olsen says he and the volunteers who keep the All Volunteer program “going” and “growing” are looking forward to the event for a number of reasons. This month marks the 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the program which hands out free furniture, home goods and adaptive equipment for free to people through more than 60 different agencies and organizations. WTH serves people starting over from shelter programs, those displaced by disasters like house fires, people escaping domestic violence, immigrants making a new life here in Maine, people re-entering society from corrections, and others including graduates of the Job Corps program. WTH helps individuals, including Veterans and families at no cost and has also helped recovery homes and even shelters with free furniture.

WTH’s motto is “Helping people in Need to Succeed,” according to Olsen. This month they’re having their annual appeal and later this month the program will be receiving a \$15,000 grant check from the Penobscot County Commission. That grant comes from funds given to Penobscot County from the American Rescue Plan Act. WTH was also a recipient of a \$10,000 grant from the Maine Community Foundation to help with operational costs while the program works to build up its annual appeal as the program now owns it’s building outright.

In December of last year, thanks to a generous grant from the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation, Welcome To Housing was able to purchase the 6,400+ square foot house at 333 Main Street from Penobscot Community Health Care who had allowed the pro-gram to be in the building since March of 2017 at no cost.

The University of Maine has been very supportive of the program with both classes as well as individual volunteers including intern like Maia Ferguson, who over this summer put together the attached testimonial flyer that gives firsthand accounts about how WTH works and helps people starting over.

Although it’s an All-Volunteer operation, Olsen says they incur expenses to run the program, especially after acquiring the building and they include:

**Insurance:** (both Liability and Building Policies)

**Mailbox rental**

**Dumpster Service**

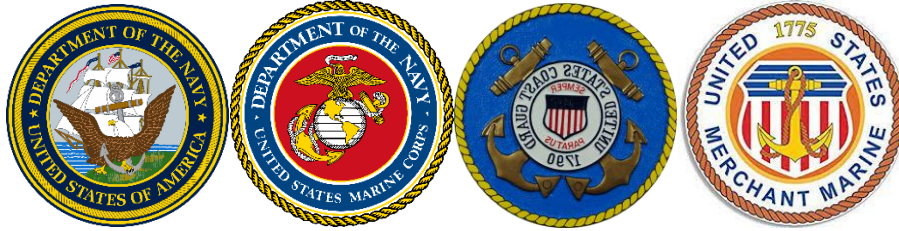
**Postage and printing**

**Electricity**

**Water and Sewer**

**Truck Rental**

**Gas/fuel**



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Requests the Honor of Your Presence at the*

## **2022 Navy Birthday Ball**

To be held at the St. John's Community Center,  
Brunswick, Maine on  
Saturday, 15 October 2022  
1700 hrs. (5 P.M.)

Join active and reserve Sailors, veterans, and supportive community members in celebrating the 247th birthday of the United States Navy

*“24/7 for 247”*

***The evening will include –***

Social Hour with Cash Bar

There will be a raffle featuring many wonderful donations from local area businesses! All attendees will receive a raffle ticket, and additional tickets can be purchased to increase your odds of winning. Please bring cash to purchase raffle tickets.

**Traditional US Navy ceremonies will be observed**

An outstanding buffet dinner catered by Cook's Lobster & Ale House

Dancing following dinner

Attire:

Military – Dinner Dress Blue or equivalent

Civilian – Suit for the men, cocktail dress for the ladies

For more information, ticket pricing, and to RSVP go to the following link:

<https://secure.givelively.org/event/navy-league-of-the-united-states-casco-bay-maine-council/2022-navy-ball/2022-navy-birthday-ball>

**No payments will be accepted at the door**

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# VETERANS COLLEGE FAIR

Open to all adults and their families!

OCTOBER 19, 2022 / 9 AM - 12 PM  
UMA BANGOR CAMPUS, EASTPORT HALL

This free event will allow students and families to connect with colleges & universities from around the state and get your questions answered.

Presented by:



For any questions about the event please contact Kelsey Bailey at  
[kelsey.m.bailey@maine.edu](mailto:kelsey.m.bailey@maine.edu)



# **Successful Aging Expos** **2022**

**Central Maine Successful Aging Expo**  
**Wednesday, October 19, 2022 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.**  
**Maine State Armory 179 Western Ave., Augusta, Maine**

**Seacoast Successful Aging Expo**  
**Wednesday, November 2, 2022 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.**  
**Kittery Community Center 120 Rogers Rd., Kittery, Maine**

For more information: Deborah McLean, Maine Senior Guide,  
dmclean@maineseniorguide.com or 207-232-7847

[www.maineseniorguide.com](http://www.maineseniorguide.com)

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**Portland Hannaford Parking Lot, 295 Forrest Ave.  
October 19, 2022 from 10 a.m.–2:00 p.m.**

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## **Maine CITE is offering two free webinars in October on assistive technology!**

### **Webinar: Wheelchairs 101**

Date: October 19, 2022 / Time: 1:00 - 2:00 pm ET

This seminar is designed to provide an overview of different types of wheelchairs, what they are good for, who might use them, and how to maintain them on a basic level. Perhaps you use a manual wheelchair that was purchased online, is used or borrowed, or you work at an equipment loan program. Perhaps you work in healthcare or case management and want to know more about your clients' needs. Do you have a power scooter and are in need of an upgrade? This webinar will provide information to lead you to resources and next steps.

Presenter: Melissa Bliss, MS OTR/L

#### Registration:

Please use the link below for more information about this event and to register:

<https://mainecite.org/training/wheelchairs-101/>

#### Accommodation:

CART captioning is provided for all Maine CITE webinars. If you need an additional accommodation to participate in this webinar, please contact Maine CITE Program on or before October 12, 2022 via e-mail at [iweb@mainecite.org](mailto:iweb@mainecite.org) or by calling 207-621-3195 or Maine Relay 711.

### **Webinar: Accessibility Basics for the Mac OS**

Date: October 25, 2022 / Time: 1:00 - 2:00 pm ET

Are you a Mac user who needs an overview of the built-in accessibility features? The Mac Operating System (OS) supports vision, hearing, and physical motor needs, and improves access for anyone! Join this webinar to learn how to unlock any user's potential for increased accessibility.

Presenter: Leilani Carlson, Maine CITE Assistive Technology Specialist

#### Registration:

Please use the link below for more information about this event and to register:

<https://mainecite.org/training/accessibility-basics-for-the-mac-os/>

#### Accommodation:

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All Maine CITE webinars are recorded and archived. If you cannot attend the live session, please make sure you register so you can get the link to the archive.

Questions, please contact Maine CITE at [iweb@mainecite.org](mailto:iweb@mainecite.org)



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*Join Us*

for a Free Virtual Creating Calm Workshop

Thursday, October 6, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 20, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Join us on Zoom for a chance to connect with others in a live, virtual and guided conversation where you will have a chance to learn and practice new skills for creating calm in your life.

All Participants will receive an  
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To register for this workshop,  
Oct. 6 please click [here](#).  
Oct. 20 please click [here](#).

Contact:  
Celeste Stimpson | Service to the Armed  
Forces Director

[celeste.stimpson@redcross.org](mailto:celeste.stimpson@redcross.org)

For more information, please visit:



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Farmington Fright Fest October 21,22-28, 29 and black out 30<sup>th</sup>

3 Haunted Attractions for 1 entry price!

Gate opens at 6:30pm, attractions at 7pm Close at 10pm.

Black Out night hours 7pm to 9pm

[www.MEFrightFest.com](http://www.MEFrightFest.com)

Coupon Code **mefrightfest** and **buy5get1** at checkout

Farmington, ME Fairgrounds - 252 High St Farmington, ME 04938  
[Farmingtonfrightfest@gmail.com](mailto:Farmingtonfrightfest@gmail.com) (207) 200-7021

# 2022 Homeless Veterans' Mobile Stand Down



**Sanford Vet Center, 628 Main Street, Springvale  
October 26, 2022 from 10 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**

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# HANNAFORD SUPERMARKETS

Kirk Thurston  
Commander  
Maine

Dear Kirk,

On Veterans Day, November 11, 2022, Hannaford Supermarkets will once again offer all veterans, active military, reserve, and service members a 10% discount on all purchases. This initiative is made possible by our Veterans and Military Business Resource Group, associates that together champion, value, and recognize the veterans and military family members within our organization and in the communities where we do business. It is because of the actions of our Veterans and Military BRG that our associates, families, and customers know we are proud of and support all who are serving or have served.

Because you serve the individuals and communities most likely to be interested in this discount, we are requesting your help in getting the word out about our Veterans Day 10% discount. There is no special code to redeem or coupon necessary to take advantage of the discount; all they need to do is identify as a veteran or military member at checkout and the discount will be applied. Hannaford is extremely proud of the work our Veterans and Military BRG performs within our organization, educating our associates on the significance of our veterans and military members and families as well as contributing to our culture of care. If you know of any veteran or military member interested in employment, on a part-or-fulltime basis, we encourage you to direct them to our career website (<https://hannaford.careerswithus.com/>) where they can learn more about our flexible employment opportunities

We will be promoting the Veterans Day discount in our store flyer, signs at our entrances and registers, our website and on social media as the observance approaches. If you have any questions about this discount or the Veterans and Military BRG at Hannaford, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your time and your service to our veterans and military,

Doug Richard,  
Veterans and Military BRG Chair  
[dorichard@hannaford.com](mailto:dorichard@hannaford.com)  
207-939-7058

JEWISH COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

# Volunteers Needed

Looking for a unique, engaging volunteer experience? Join us at the JCA!



## Refugee Resettlement Support

- Join the Moving Team!
- Find Furniture for families
- Teach Financial Literacy
- Offer Grocery Shopping Support
- Become a tutor
- Serve as a Mentor

**Other opportunities available, please inquire!**



## DIAPER BANK

- Package and Sort Diapers
- Deliver Diapers
- Manage Storage
- Assist with Inventory

**JOIN THE TEAM:  
VOLUNTEER@MAINEJEWISH.ORG**

**MORE INFORMATION**

[www.mainejewish.org](http://www.mainejewish.org) 

## Sound Familiar?

- It's difficult to attract workers with the right skills and experience.
- Current employees need enhanced skills to keep pace with industry.
- High turnover rate of new-hires makes it challenging.
- Skilled employees will retire soon.

## Say YES to Registered Apprenticeship!

- Customized training for workers and businesses.
- Earn-and-learn model attracts new employees and upsells current staff.
- Retain workers through career pathways that grow your business.
- Off-set training and wage costs.



[www.maine.gov/labor/jobs\\_training/apprenticeship](http://www.maine.gov/labor/jobs_training/apprenticeship)

## What is Registered Apprenticeship?

- Minimum of 2,000 hours of structured on-the-job training with a mentor.
- Minimum of 144 hours of related classroom training per year.
- You will be directly involved and provide unique on-the-job training.
- Career pathway rewards the employee for skills gained.
- National Occupational Credential meets the highest standards.

## What are the benefits of Registered Apprenticeship?

- Improve worker productivity, quality, and safety.
- Reduce turnover, improve loyalty, and retain talented employees – 90% of apprenticeship program finishers retain employment.
- Recruit and develop a diverse and highly-skilled workforce.
- Employers realize an average return on investment of \$1.47 for every \$1 invested.

*Source: U.S. Department of Labor*

## What are the financial incentives of Registered Apprenticeship?

- \$1,500 to new sponsors once you register your first apprentice.
- \$1,000 to existing sponsors when you add a new occupation.
- \$500 one-time reimbursement for each apprentice to off-set classroom training costs.

**If you would like to learn more about Registered Apprenticeship,  
email the Maine Apprenticeship Office at [MaineApprenticeship@maine.gov](mailto:MaineApprenticeship@maine.gov).**

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Library staff will provide a laptop with reliable internet connection and the tech support you need to speak directly with a CareerCenter professional.

Maine CareerCenters provide a variety of employment and training services at no charge for Maine workers and businesses. Whether you are looking to improve your job qualifications, explore a different profession, find a new career or become an entrepreneur, the CareerCenter can help.



Call your local library to make an appointment.



No walk-ins please



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The Maine Department of Labor provides equal opportunity in employment and programs. Auxiliary aids and services are available to people with disabilities upon request.



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# **WE'RE LOOKING FOR NEW FACES!**

Maximize your employment opportunities today!

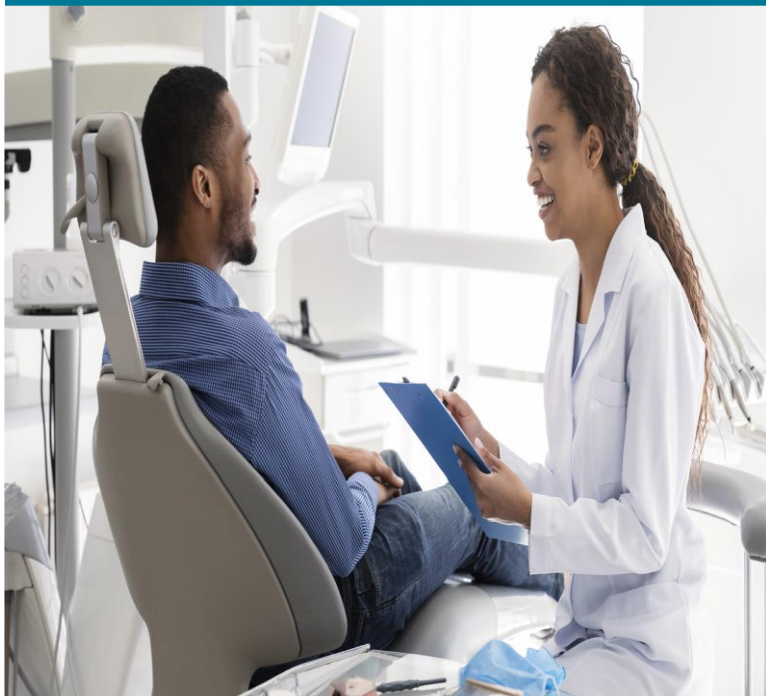
**FOR INFORMATION & APPLICATIONS, CONTACT  
SCSEP.OADS@MAINE.GOV OR  
CALL AT (207) 287-9200**

To be eligible you must be over the age of 55, be unemployed and looking for work, and meet low-income requirements



# Free Financial Assistance with Dental Costs!

Is your dental health impacting your ability to find and retain employment?



- Contact Workforce Solutions today to learn about ways we can help. If you are:

- long-term unemployed (26+ weeks with no employment) or recently laid - off from employment, and
- impacted directly or indirectly by the Opioid crisis
- actively pursuing employment and training goals

You may be eligible for a workforce program that can make direct payments for dental health needs.

Other services you will receive include career counseling, life navigation, job placement assistance, and support with training or other supportive service needs costs. Dental health financial assistance is first come, first serve and cannot be provided at any point beyond December 31, 2022.

Take the next step:

[jeffrey.martinelli@workforcesolutionsme.org](mailto:jeffrey.martinelli@workforcesolutionsme.org)

Text or call (207) 747-7290 TTY: Maine Relay 711



*Workforce Solutions programs are 100% funded through U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration and managed by the local Workforce Development Board, Coastal Counties Workforce Inc. Workforce Solutions is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.*

[Workforce Solutions Maine \(workforcesolutionsme.org\)](http://workforcesolutionsme.org)





# CAREERS BEGIN HERE

## TRAIN

Successful careers require a strong foundation.

## LEARN

Further your education and gain new skills to advance your career.

## LIVE

Become part of a community that encourages growth and success.

## CONNECT

Network with employers and community leaders.

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Job Corps is tuition-free to income-eligible young men and women.
- Job Corps is open to ages 16 through 24.
- There are 126 centers across the nation.
- Job Corps offers hands-on training in high-demand industries like health care, information technology, advanced manufacturing, and many more.
- Training programs take approximately 8 to 15 months to complete.
- Job Corps works—80 percent of Job Corps graduates either enter the workforce, join the military, or go on to higher education or an apprenticeship.

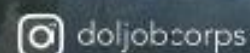
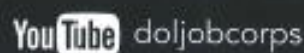
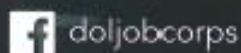
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[recruiting.jobcorps.gov](https://recruiting.jobcorps.gov)

[mifuturo.jcbcorps.gov](https://mifuturo.jcbcorps.gov) (español)



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# Are you interested in working in Healthcare? Not sure where to start?

**A Healthcare  
Workforce  
Navigator can  
help you find  
your personal  
pathway to a  
career in the  
healthcare field!**

If you are interested in a career in Medicine, Nursing, Behavioral Health, Direct Care, or Dentistry, the Maine Department of Labor's Healthcare Workforce Navigators are available to help guide you through your education, training and employment options and next steps – at no cost to you!

## **BENEFITS OF WORKING WITH A NAVIGATOR INCLUDE:**

- Help identifying and providing connections to relevant free and reduced cost training via [maine.gov/healthcaretrainingforme](http://maine.gov/healthcaretrainingforme)
- Customized employment and training plans
- Specialized support to help advance skills and earning potential
- Referrals to healthcare job placement opportunities, including Registered Apprenticeship
- Assistance with enrollment in Maine JobLink and one-on-one support with how to use this online database for connecting with hiring employers
- Resources to support translation and assessment for foreign-trained or military healthcare professional credentials.

Contact us! [healthcaretrainingforme@maine.gov](mailto:healthcaretrainingforme@maine.gov).

Sign up TODAY : [maine.gov/healthcaretrainingforme](http://maine.gov/healthcaretrainingforme)

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