SEARCH is a program that:

Provides free support services by matching trained volunteers with seniors of all faiths living in Androscoggin, Kennebec, Sagadahoc, and in certain areas of Franklin & Lincoln Counties along with Brunswick and Harpswell in Cumberland County.

SEARCH provides outreach to isolated seniors who live alone in their own homes. For seniors in our rural areas we recruit volunteers from the rural towns to help support the seniors from their own communities.

SEARCH addresses the need for assistance from a growing population of seniors while offering volunteers a rewarding way to give back and spend a few hours a week bringing joy to someone else. Our main goal is to help our seniors stay in their own homes for as long as possible, by having the support they need from our program and volunteers, so they can age in place and live more independently.

Our program and volunteers provide:

- Companionship & friendly visits
- Telephone reassurance
- Help with appointments, errands & grocery shopping
- Help with home projects & yard work
- Assistance with correspondence/forms
- Socialization opportunities
- Referrals to other services and programs when needed

Who can request services?

- Families, friends or neighbors
- Home health and social service agencies, hospitals, and senior programs
- Potential clients themselves

Who provides services?

Screened and trained volunteers, depending on their individual availability, contribute time and support services to seniors. Our community and Senior Companion volunteers come from all faiths, age groups and walks of life.

How it happens:

After we receive and assess a referral we do the client intake and then match the senior participant with a volunteer, when available. Matches are based on the senior's needs and the volunteer's availability to provide the support services needed.

How can you help?

- Spread the word about this program
- Volunteer a few hours a week or month
- Provide transportation support for a senior
- Provide financial support
- Encourage others to volunteer
- Involve your church, school or civic organization
- Become an Advisory committee member

Consider Team Volunteering!

Invite your spouse, child or a friend to join you in a caring and rewarding volunteer experience!

How do I get started?

To learn more about receiving services, volunteering or contributing please contact the SEARCH program in your area. Visit us online at **www.ccmaine.org/SEARCH**

Building supportive relationships with the elderly in our communities

Since 1975, the SEARCH (Seek Elderly Alone, Renew Courage & Hope) Program has provided volunteer support services to seniors in Androscoggin County. The program expanded to Sagadahoc County and Brunswick & Harpswell in 2004, operating as GBEON (Greater Bath Elder Outreach Network), to Kennebec County in 2013, parts of Lincoln County in 2015, and to certain areas of Franklin County in 2017.

SEARCH helps seniors who live alone feel less isolated & lonely and more connected to a caring community, while also remaining independent in their own homes. We provide free support services via trained volunteers including companionship and friendly visits, socialization opportunities, help with errands and grocery shopping, telephone reassurance calls, assistance with home or yard projects, and information and referrals to other community services and programs when needed.

The mission of SEARCH is to enable vulnerable seniors to remain independent and create a long-term support system to meet their needs.

Locations

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Bath, ME 04530
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Kennebec County
St. Michael Pastoral Center
24 Washington St.
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Franklin County
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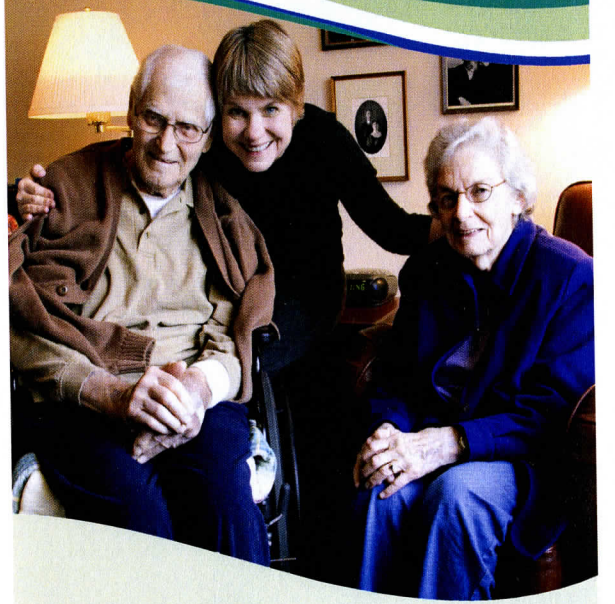

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