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501(c)3 nonprofit
organization.*

***All contributions are tax
deductible.***

*“There are many people in need of help in
our community. Our approach is low key but
hands on with everyone who stays with us.
The ultimate goal is for them to resume their
lives and successfully reintegrate themselves
back into the community.”*

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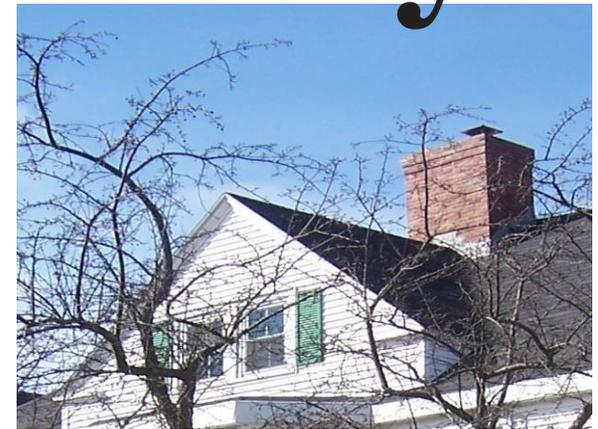
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73 South Street
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The Maine Way



Our Mission

Provide housing and links to
community resources for those at risk
of becoming homeless in Biddeford,
Saco & Old Orchard Beach.



Housing First

The Maine Way

Working to Build a Better Community

How it Works



Our History:

The Maine Way Inc., was established, in 1999, to provide affordable housing and resources to assist those needing help transitioning from homelessness to independence.

Our network is comprised of municipal leaders, social service and health care providers, public officials, businesses and private citizens who care about the needs of those at risk in our community.

The building, at 73 South Street in Biddeford, was purchased in 2004 and renovated into 7 private rooms. All share a kitchen area, living room and computer-resource area. A small apartment for the live-in manager was included to help monitor the progress of each resident and provide security to those living there.

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Our Goal

The Maine Way wants to provide **affordable housing** and access to **resources** that can effectively assist homeless and at risk individuals with their transition back toward **independence**.

The intent is for our residents to gain the **life skills** that most of us take for granted but are crucial to surviving and leading **productive** lives.

While in residence, assistance is provided to connect to support services, such as job training and financial counseling. Residents are able to remain at 73 South Street for up to 18 months, until their lives have become stable and they are prepared to move on.

Residents are referred to The Maine Way by area agencies and local health officials. In order to qualify for housing, residents must be capable of independent living and committed to making positive changes in their lives. Careful screening of potential occupants eliminates those with a violent or criminal background and sexual offenders. Drugs and alcohol are not permitted on the premises.

OTHER PROGRAMS

The Maine Way established the **Representative Payee** Program. This program assists our residents and others in the community, with monthly budgeting. The **Rep Payee** works out an agreement resulting in all their bills being paid including rent and utilities, while at the same time leaving enough of their income to cover day-to-day necessities such as; food, clothing and medical expenses.

We also work closely with local housing agencies and property owners to place our residents in the community once they have completed their stay at the Maine Way.

Safe and Healthy Living Environment