

Building supportive relationships with seniors in our communities

Since 1975, the SEARCH (Seek Elderly Alone, Renew Courage & Hope) Program has provided free support services to seniors through a network of dedicated Volunteers.

SEARCH helps seniors who live alone feel less isolated and more connected to a caring community by providing:

- 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.

SEARCH addresses the need for assistance from a growing population of seniors while offering Volunteers a rewarding way to bring joy to someone else.

SEARCH helps 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.

Locations

Androscoggin County (Main site)

270 Minot Ave. • Auburn, ME 04210
T: (207) 784-0157 • F: (207) 784-2453
Project Coordinator: T: (207) 450-4213
TTY: Maine Relay 711

Sagadahoc and Lincoln Counties

St. Mary's Parish • 144 Lincoln St./PO Box 155
Bath, ME 04530
T: (207) 837-8810

Kennebec County

St. Michael Pastoral Center
24 Washington St. • Augusta, ME 04330
T: (207) 530-0137

Franklin and Oxford Counties

St. Rose of Lima Parish
1 Church St. • Jay, Maine 04239
T: (207) 200-0844

Penobscot County

St. Michael's Center
436 South Main St. • Brewer, ME 04412
T: (207) 245-8042

Somerset County

Christ the King Parish
291 Water St./PO Box 2027 • Skowhegan, ME 04976
T: (207) 576-5730

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for Maine's seniors

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Who we serve

SEARCH provides FREE support services by matching trained Volunteers with seniors of all faiths who live alone in their own homes.

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.

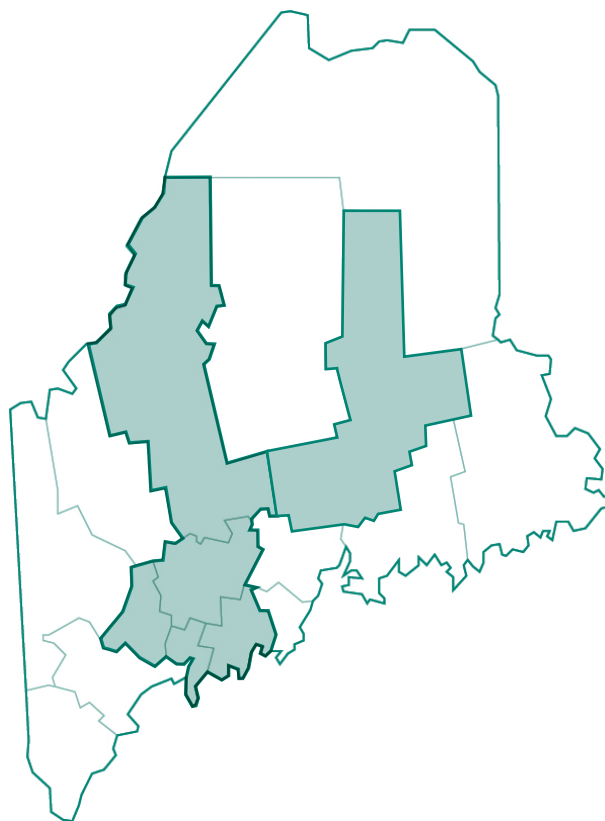
Who can request services?

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

Who provides services?

Community Volunteers provide the support services. SEARCH screens and trains all Volunteers and takes great care in matching Volunteers and seniors for compatibility.

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



Where we serve

Androscoggin County
 Kennebec County
 Sagadahoc County
 Somerset County
 Areas of Franklin, Lincoln, Oxford and Penobscot Counties
 Brunswick & Harpswell in Cumberland County

**For seniors in our rural areas we recruit Volunteers from the rural towns to help support the seniors from their own communities.*



How do I receive services?

Submit a referral to the SEARCH site in your area. After we receive and assess a referral, we complete 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 I help seniors in my community?

- 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