



## A Message from the Board of Helping Hands of Round Pond

As we reflect on 2025 and embrace the start of 2026, Helping Hands of Round Pond remains thankful for our village of wonderful residents and all the incredible people whose visits make our corner of Maine even more beautiful. We believe our mission of providing inclusive support to our community remains more vital than ever. We are thrilled to highlight our successes in the past year and to share what we are excited about for the coming year including the start of Phase 3 of the restoration of the Meetinghouse. We are grateful for everyone's continued support as we preserve this iconic building and continue to connect and support our friends and neighbors. We are all so lucky to be part of such a special community.

Nancy Evans • Jody McKenzie-Harris • Beth Billik • Rachel Goodrich • Debbie Poland

## 2025 Highlights

2 beautiful new carved Round Pond Welcome signs were installed at the North and South entrance to the village

8 Community Coffees were hosted at The Ro creating over 150 community connections

Volunteers participated in the Annual Elmer Tarr Spring Clean Up Day

265 hot dogs were sold (out) before the 4th of July Parade started

\$360 was raised in July as Hannaford's Charity of the Month

15 gallons of ice cream were served at the 4th Annual Ice Cream Social

221 tickets were sold to our fundraiser - *Lobster Country: A Conversation with Heather Cox Richardson & Rick Walhe* - raising over \$21K

10 items were auctioned in our 1st online auction raising over \$4,500

1 well attended collaboration with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office to host a presentation about *Identifying and Avoiding Scams*

96 Helping Hands cookbooks were sold in 2025 bringing our 2 year total to 367

We collaborated with the Round Pond Village Improvement Society and Jim & Sarah Matel to continue the Christmas Tree Lighting tradition

Over 450 holiday cookies were baked and 20 holiday cookie boxes were delivered to neighbors

6 donations were made to local charitable organizations that support our neighbors in so many important ways

Countless visits, cards & meals were delivered to our new and beloved neighbors



35 Volunteers contributed over 600 hours to make all the magic happen.

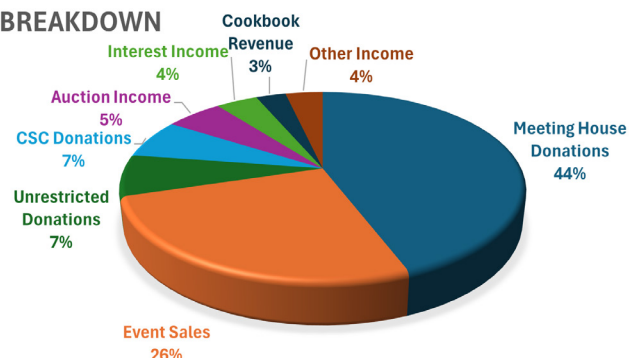
Thank you everyone!!

And we can't forget all the beautiful seasonal displays our volunteers plant and maintain at 4 locations throughout the year!



## 2025 Financial Summary

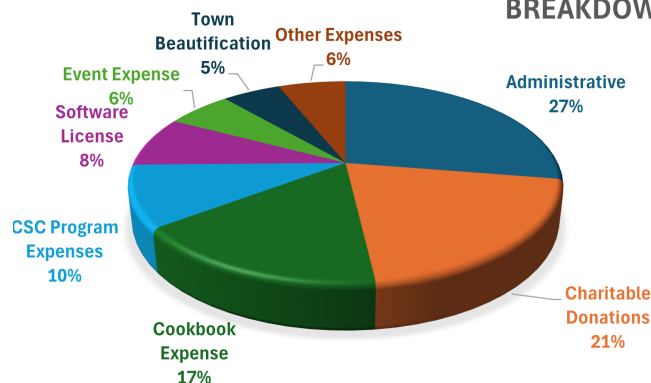
### 2025 INCOME BREAKDOWN



Expenses remained nominal in 2025 given that no building renovations were completed during the year. Expenses will be considerably higher in 2026 as we engage in the most costly phase of our 5 phase renovation plan. Software expenses were higher than average given that we paid in full for a 3 year software license. Cookbook expenses were associated with our 2nd printing of the book and will not be a recurring expense in 2026.

Helping Hands had a successful year with donations totaling almost 60% of all income generated. We were fortunate to receive donations from 14 states from as far south as Florida and as far west as Washington and Oregon. Not surprisingly, donations originating from Maine accounted for 60% of total donations followed by Massachusetts at 27%. Of the donations we received 22% were given in memory of a family member/friend.

### 2025 EXPENSE BREAKDOWN



## 2026 Plans

**2026 is going to be an exciting year for Helping Hands of Round Pond!!** Here are few of the events we are looking forward to:

**Phase 3 of the Meetinghouse Restoration** is set to begin in June! This is the most extensive and costly phase to date. As part of this project, our master restorers will be taking up the existing flooring to repair the underpinnings of the building as well as replacing rotted sills. The work is expected to take approximately 6 months to complete.

**New Helping Hands Website** will be rolled out in the first part of 2026 including a complete redesign with additional historical information, bios on all key board/committee members, financial information and ways to help and donate.

**A Town Meeting** open to all is going to be held in June to provide updates on the building construction, the work of the Community Support Committee and to get your feedback on what types of programming you would like to see at the Meetinghouse.

### Helping Hands of Round Pond Mission Statement

Helping Hands of Round Pond is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to providing support to the local community through outreach, social events, and educational programming.

### To Donate

[www.helpinghandsroundpond.org/donate](http://www.helpinghandsroundpond.org/donate)

Mail a check to  
P.O. Box 114, Round Pond, ME 04564

Scan Here:



Please join us on **Facebook** and **Instagram** for updates on the Meetinghouse Restoration and all the wonderful work of our Community Support Committee