



THE MAYHEW PROGRAM

...a good start on the future

FALL 2025 NEWSLETTER

More than a Place

PETER SALIBA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

When I arrived at Mayhew just over a year ago, Ed Thompson was kind enough to give me a few choice Mayhew t-shirts from our history. We have quite a collection and my favorite is from 2020 which says on one side, "More Than A Place". This captures the essence of what we do. While we are blessed with facilities, resources, and a program that allows us to make a difference, it's our relationships with the boys that get things done. Creating strong relationships is the foundation of our community and I hope you feel this in our Fall Newsletter. From Xavier giving back, to our volunteers helping us keep up with the needs of the island, or people coming together to replace our pontoon boats, Mayhew thrives on the quality relationships we foster. My relationship with Mayhew has burgeoned over the past year as I learn firsthand the "Mayhew Magic" that lets us make a difference. As I reflect on my time so far, not only am I grateful to be part of this team, but I'm so pleased to have you as part of our community. Simply stated, Mayhew would not exist without our supporters, our volunteers, and the entire community!



With gratitude,
Peter Saliba

Teach a Man to Fish



Octhinel and his newfound passion for fishing

Fishing had always been something Octhinel enjoyed, but it wasn't until this summer that it truly became a passion. During a Mayhew Linkup trip to Belle Island on Newfound Lake, he reeled in his very first bass. From that moment on, he was hooked.

Since then, fishing has been at the forefront of his mind. By his own request, most of his mentoring visits with his outreach worker now take place on the water, casting lines in ponds and rivers around his Concord neighborhood. While he's had his share of impressive catches, what really stands out is the attitude he brings, with his curiosity, and genuine desire to share what he's learning.

Fishing has become more than just a pastime for Octhinel. It's a way to connect with his community. On his own time, he often walks or bikes out to local spots, usually with other kids from the neighborhood in tow. He doesn't just drag them along either. He teaches them what he knows,

offering tips and encouragement. On a recent visit, he even guided another Mayhew boy to catch his very first fish along the Merrimack River.

Recently, while driving through Concord to meet with other Mayhew boys, Outreach Worker, Tolia saw Octhinel pedaling down the road, a fishing rod in one hand, and another local Mayhew boy following close behind. They were off to explore a new fishing hole and maybe get their next big catch together.

Giving Back

Xavier built a birdhouse at home, brought it to camp, painted it in art, and then donated it to the Island community!



Xavier donating the birdhouse to Mayhew.



Volunteers Making It Happen!

Mayhew is grateful for our dedicated volunteers ranging from local individuals to corporate-sponsored work groups. The countless hours of time and talent donated by our volunteers each year leave more of Mayhew's financial resources available for direct programming to boys and extends the Mayhew Community well beyond the shores of Mayhew Island. Thank you to our amazing postcards pals, NH Marathon Volunteers and Spring and Fall Clean up Crews! Some of our work crews were Interlakes Properties, The Hart Family and Friends, J Jill, NH Electric Co-op, Eversource, Bristol Hannaford, Junior Service League of Concord, Eastern Bank/Cambridge Trust, and the New Hampton School.



Granite United Way Day of Caring Volunteers



Curtis with his new car

Building Confidence, Building Community

When Curtis turned 16 this past winter, he wanted to start working but felt uncertain about how to take the first step. Applying for jobs can be intimidating for any teenager, but with the help of his Outreach Worker, Tanner—and the broader Mayhew community, which provided guidance, encouragement, and resources—Curtis found a way forward. Together, they created a plan: Curtis made a list of restaurants and shops he might enjoy, and during a visit, the two visited each place one by one. Tanner coached him on what to say and how to present himself as Curtis filled out applications—first with Tanner by his side, and then independently as his confidence grew.

That determination paid off. Curtis landed his very first job at Wendy's in Rochester, a milestone that has taught him responsibility and boosted his confidence. He continues to work there today while also gaining experience in the Mayhew Island kitchen this summer. Curtis's dreams of a future in culinary arts where he hopes to provide meals to those in need. It's another way of giving back to his community, and it's a vision that can inspire others to dream big.

Perhaps most exciting of all, Curtis recently celebrated saving enough from his paychecks to buy his first car!



Batista and his car detailing service

Batista Finds A Community Need!

In Manchester, Batista has found value in helping others and has become a shining example of a Mayhew role model. Batista noticed a few months ago that people in his neighborhood needed their cars cleaned and offered help. Building upon his community values and work ethic he started letting his entrepreneurial spirit develop and started a small company called Squeaky Clean Car Detailing. He now has a few clients and recently acquired new tools and equipment to help him speed up his work.





Summer staff christening the new pontoon boats

Mayhew Welcomes The Belle and The Cliff

On June 20th, days before the summer session on Mayhew Island began, the staff christened two new boats.

The Samuel P. Hunt Foundation, the McIninch Foundation, and the Madelaine G. Von Weber Trust were instrumental in providing these boats for the program. Portsmouth Rotary Club, Concord Kiwanis Club, Hooksett Kiwanis Club and the Eastern Bank Foundation supported Mayhew by outfitting the boats. Mayhew's neighbor, West Shore Marine ordered and delivered to the boats. The Belle and Cliff are named after the other islands on Newfound Lake.



Thank you golfers and sponsors for a successful Fore the Boys Fundraiser!

Fore the Boys Hits Record Year

Thank you to our amazing sponsors, volunteers, and golfers who made our 26th annual Fore the Boys Golf Tournament a huge success! Thank you to the amazing staff at Montcalm Golf Club for hosting us! This year's event raised over \$60,000 for the boys!

Thank You To Our Community Partners This Year Providing Free Programming & Experiences For Our Boys!



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