

MANO EN MANO HAND IN HAND 2010 FACT SHEET



HISTORY

Fifteen years ago, the small coastal town of Milbridge experienced a rapid influx of Latino immigrant workers who decided to leave the “migrant stream” and settle here in Downeast Maine. An estimated 600 Latino residents now live, work, and participate in communities in Eastern Hancock and Washington Counties. Mano en Mano is dedicated to building a stronger Downeast Maine by giving individuals the tools they need to thrive and by building bridges of understanding and joy through our programming.

MISSION

Building a stronger community in Downeast Maine by working with diverse populations to provide educational and affordable housing opportunities, remove barriers to health and social services, and advocate for social justice.



OUR VISION

Mano en Mano envisions a world *donde quepan muchos mundos* (in which many worlds are possible); a world where solidarity is evident in the actions of individuals, businesses, and organizations; a world where people treat each other with respect, recognizing our common humanity, our differing cultures, and our unique abilities; a world where racism, prejudice, and discrimination no longer exist.

Mano en Mano envisions a community as a place where we:

- Feel safe and welcome in our homes and on the street.
- Have housing that meets the needs of our families.
- Can access appropriate, high quality health care.
- Work in jobs that adequately support ourselves and our families.
- Are able to pursue educational opportunities that enhance our skills and abilities.



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OUR PROGRAMS

EDUCATION SERVICES & SCHOLARSHIPS comprise the bulk of our programs and the heart of our mission. From Adult ESL classes, to our Dollars for Scholars fund, to our contract with Maine Migrant Education, we believe that education is a tool that can make dreams possible and realize social justice.

OUTREACH & COMMUNITY EVENTS ensure that we can effectively reach the Latino community while building bridges and working within the existing communities of Downeast Maine.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING will provide all farmworkers who want to settle in Milbridge with the opportunity to live somewhere that is safe, decent, and designed with their needs in mind. Our project is the first of its kind in the state!

BY THE NUMBERS 2009

42 families served through direct outreach.

Over **200** requests for assistance from Latino residents.

2 scholarships to the Intensive English Institute at UMaine.

2 scholarships to higher education through Dollars for Scholars.

Milbridge Spanish class for **10** weeks.

ESL Classes for **26** adults.

8 community potlucks and **2** major events (Mother’s Day and Spring Fling).

\$15,000 raised through our annual campaign.