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**Trinity Jubilee Center in Lewiston Awarded $55,000 Grant to Launch New Shower and Laundry Initiative for the Homeless**

*Lewiston, ME* — The Episcopal Diocese of Maine has been awarded a $55,000 grant from the United Thank Offering (UTO), a ministry of The Episcopal Church, to staff the creation of a much-needed shower and laundry initiative for unhoused individuals at Trinity Jubilee Center in Lewiston. This grant, part of a global initiative by The Episcopal Church to address water and sanitation needs, will support the expansion of essential services for those most in need.

Since 1991, the Trinity Jubilee Center has been at the heart of providing comprehensive support to Lewiston-Auburn residents, offering food, shelter, medical care, employment assistance, and much more. In early December 2024, the Center broke ground on a new, expanded facility that will also offer daily showers and laundry, helping guests to improve their dignity, health, and employability. The new building at 123 Bates St., Lewiston is expected to open this coming winter.

The funds awarded to the Center are part of more than $1 million in UTO grants recently approved by The Episcopal Church Executive Council to support 27 innovative mission and ministry projects focused on water-related issues around the world. “The grant awards emphasize both the physical and spiritual importance of water in our lives,” said Karin Elsen, president of the UTO board. “Many lives will be positively impacted.”

“We are so grateful that the UTO chose our project for funding,” said Erin Reed, executive director of the Trinity Jubilee Center. “A hot shower and clean, dry clothes will mean the world to our homeless guests.”

To learn more about the Trinity Jubilee Center and to support its mission, please visit trinityjubileecenter.org. For more information about the UTO, visit unitedthankoffering.com.