

# ISLE AU HAUT

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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Dear friend:

December 3, 2019

The year 2020 marks the 30th anniversary of ICDC's formation. For thirty years, both year-round and seasonal residents of Isle au Haut have been working hard to strengthen the year-round community and provide opportunities for people to grow and thrive. We are asking you to consider making an annual gift to the ICDC to support programs that directly benefit the island's year-round population.

ICDC is best known for its affordable rental homes and microloan opportunities. Currently our homes house ten year-round residents, four of whom are students in the school. We are working on purchasing another home to add to our rental stock and exploring other opportunities to create cost-effective housing for single people and couples.

Your gift will support the year-round community in one of two ways: The first priority is to strengthen ICDC and its ability to subsidize rents on its houses so that they remain affordable. The second priority is to create more opportunities to increase the number of year-round residents; to this end we hope to acquire Bob Gerber's house this winter. We are also starting the process of subdividing the remaining ICDC land on Coombs Mt. behind the existing rental house. This will open up possibilities for future development on the land that has been set aside by the town for affordable housing.

Island life makes one thing clear - while we might not always agree with each other, we do and always will need each other. Like an Isle au Haut potluck, this effort requires that we each bring something different to the table. Will you commit to giving annually to the infrastructure of the island? With your help, this community will continue to thrive long into the future.

Sincerely,

**The ICDC Board:**

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# NEWS/UPDATES

## ICDC's Impact

3 rental homes

10 year-round residents in ICDC homes

4 school children in ICDC homes

25 micro loans financed to date

## Community engagement

Over the past year, the town Housing Committee worked to gather feedback from the community about which types of new housing they would like to see on the island. This process helped ICDC to identify goals and objectives for the next few years.

*Through this process, we learned that island residents would like the ICDC to take a more expansive approach to creating sustainable housing that considers a range of family types, incomes, and living styles.*

## New house acquisition

We are in the process of acquiring Bob Gerber's house as a year-round rental. We extend our sincere thanks to Bob for keeping the Isle au Haut community in mind and working tirelessly to put this house back in the year-round housing stock. We hope to have this house ready to rent in 2020.



BOB GERBER'S HOUSE WILL BE THE NEWEST ICDC RENTAL.



VOLUNTEERS LOAD RETURNABLES INTO A LOBSTER BOAT TO BE DELIVERED TO SEDGWICK REDEMPTION. THIS BOTTLE DRIVE IS PART OF AN ONGOING EFFORT LED BY YEAR-ROUNDERS TO RAISE MONEY FOR HOUSING.

## Fundraising from the ground up

In light of the recent housing challenges faced by the island, several community members decided it was time to start fundraising to boost ICDC's capacity to take on new housing projects. This effort, led by year-rounders, has raised close to \$2000 since the beginning of the summer.

## In search of new board members!

ICDC is taking on several large and significant projects in the coming years, including an annual fundraising campaign, the purchase and renovation of Bob Gerber's house, and potential new development on Coombs Mountain. We are in need of new board members who are interested in being part of these efforts! This is an excellent opportunity to make your voice heard on an important project with a lasting impact on the community. Please let us know if you would like to take part!

## New funding for Maine Islands may be coming

New funding may be available in the coming year for island organizations that are working on year-round housing projects. This would be a second round of the Affordable Housing Initiative which provided \$355,000 to ICDC in 2010 for the last round of rental houses. Funds raised through our annual campaign can be used as match if this funding becomes available.

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