



2020

ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Friend,

This year began as we have for 26 years at Bethany Hill Place. We are a neighborhood of individuals and families in a 42-unit building in South Framingham. With a small staff, a dedicated board, and fantastic partners and volunteers, our model seeks to restore control and agency to people who have experienced the effects of homelessness, poverty, and loss.

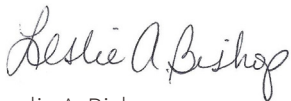
This spring, COVID-19 rapidly overtook our state and closed down schools and businesses, exacerbating the same challenges residents already faced before the pandemic of food insecurity, underemployment, mental health issues, and lack of internet access. Bethany Hill Place residents were in the 'same storm, but in different boats.'

Our Board, volunteers, community partners, and friends reached out to us and stayed connected. We marshaled the donations of food, face masks and supplies, and supermarket gift cards that poured in, offering a lifeline of stability amid job losses, school closures, interrupted services, and isolation. We held meetings and programs virtually, and offered dedicated access to a mental health clinician via telehealth to counter the anxiety and loneliness felt by many. Our garden brimmed with life as many new converts found peace and certainty working the earth.

Where technology and internet access became the solution for business and education at every level, closing our computer lab - that so many of our residents relied on - for safety reasons effectively ended access for many in our building. We pivoted overnight and rose to the challenge, finding ways for people to connect kids to education, reach medical and mental health care, make needed purchases, and communicate with friends, family, and supports. The plan to bring wireless internet to all parts of our building stopped being a dream and became a social justice imperative. We have begun a capital needs project to extend free wireless internet service to every apartment.

As we reckon with the truth and horror of continued systemic racial injustice towards Black people, we know that the fight for justice and equity are historically and deeply entwined with both elements of our mission: housing and education. The earliest work of our founders, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston, was to empower the most marginalized in 17th century France; the women who sold themselves to feed their families. The Sisters taught them the profitable trade of lace-making, restoring dignity and self-determination to their lives.

While there is no one solution to systemic inequity, Bethany Hill Place is committed to carrying the CSJ legacy forward to create equity and empowerment in our community and beyond. With your support, we seek to level the playing field for those who have been denied access to grow and thrive. On behalf of our residents, staff and Board, thank you for being right here with us.



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THE SAMPSON FAMILY

RESIDENT PROFILE

Three years ago Monique home-schooled her 8 year-old son and cared for her 5 month-old daughter while her husband Stephen worked as a Youth Mentor in the Public Schools. Stephen was thrilled to get his acceptance letter to Emerson College, but his spirits plummeted when the school district made cuts and sent out pink slips. The family's life was turned upside down. Having experienced family shelter as a child, Stephen knew it wasn't a good experience. He worried about the environment his son, Jamai would have to navigate. Instead, what they found at the transitional apartment at Bethany Hill Place surprised and calmed them.

Goal-setting meetings with Program Director Courtney were key: "This was the first time I was able to set goals, have actual reliable accountability and follow-through," said Stephen. Finishing college while in shelter was stressful, but they received help paying for tuition and books and took part in every opportunity and program Bethany Hill had to offer. Jamai and his little sister, Eden, had a safe place to grow, learn, and make friends.

Monique credits the workshops and community at Bethany Hill Place for helping her grow as a person and realize her own potential. She focused her efforts on homeschooling her kids while exploring prep school options for Jamai. "My children are such a huge success story for me...knowing my son deserves this – that was driving me!"

The Sampson family is poised to move on. Jamai is now a student at a rigorous private school in Boston, and Monique was offered a job at his school. They have found an apartment near the school. Stephen graduated with a BFA in Theatre Performance from Emerson College and is looking for work while he pursues his long-time dream of forming a company that brings theatre into the schools to engage urban youth.

Monique reflects "First, I never thought that we'd ever be in shelter, and second, I never imagined that being in shelter could ever benefit us. But I can't imagine any other situation where we would have achieved what did. Only at Bethany Hill."



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We rely on volunteers to support the work of our lean staff and are grateful for their time and talent in helping us bring our mission to life.

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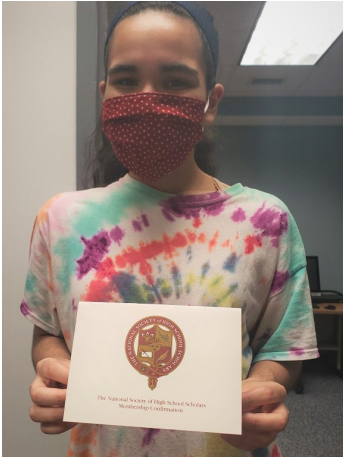
INCOME

Corporations & Foundations	219,500
Individual Contributions	313,088
Interest Income	52,521
CSJ in-kind Contributions (rent)	150,000
Rental Income	750,008
Other income	5,929
Fund Balance	(142,854)
Total Income	\$ 1,348,854

EXPENSES

Personnel	343,972
Debt Service & Fees	55,843
Property Related Expenses	145,829
Administrative Expenses	63,367
Professional Fees	178,976
Rent & Occupancy	150,000
Direct Program Expenses	151,670
Utilities	120,710
Depreciation	137,834
Total Expenses	\$ 1,348,854

Net gain(loss)	\$ -
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