





# Dear Friends,

This past year has reminded us just how much difference a single year, and state policy shifts, can make.

In FY2025, 175 residents called Bethany Hill Place (BHP) home, a 36% increase from the year before. With every arrival comes immediate need, and this growth required a front-loaded surge of energy and resources to meet families where they are.

Every resident begins their journey at BHP with urgent support: help scheduling doctor's appointments, navigating schools and healthcare systems or addressing food insecurity through weekly food deliveries and fresh produce. At the same time we work to restore dignity with hygiene supplies and personal coaching. With an increased number of new residents, this meant more welcome baskets, refreshed apartments, and more goal meetings to chart a path forward.

At the same time, we continued to walk alongside long-term residents like Eneida, who you will read about in our resident spotlight, who used stability at BHP to pursue education, career goals, and a new future.

Meeting residents where they are – whether in moments of crisis or along the path to positive transformation – is what makes BHP unique. Thank you for making this work possible. Together, we are scaling support with care, staying nimble in times of change, and creating the stability that transforms lives.

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#### ADAPTING TO CHANGING NEEDS

Massachusetts state family shelter policy changes brought a surge of new residents, most arriving in moments of crisis and staying only briefly. Our team responded with compassion and urgency, offering food, hygiene items, coats, and connections to critical resources. At the same time, we continued walking alongside long-term residents through coaching and goal-setting.

No matter how long the stay, every person was received with dignity, care, and the steady guidance needed to take steps toward stability.

"I found peace, encouragement, and the time I needed to set goals, confront challenges, and discover new strength and faith to go forward."



#### MEETING GROWING NEEDS

#### As demand grew, so did our response. In FY25, we:

- Strengthened partnerships for mental health, food, and hygiene access
- Tailored support to address individual resident needs, from crisis stabilization to personal growth
- Expanded 1:1 coaching to address economic, educational, and wellness goals self-identified by residents

Transformation comes through people. Every relationship formed a bridge toward stability, healing, and hope.

## TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF HOME

Housing is foundational—but it's not enough. Our work centers on the belief that healing and agency happen when people feel safe, seen, and supported.

- Every resident had access to healthy food and essential care items
- Onsite mental health counseling is available weekly
- Residents needing urgent medical care can access grant-funded transportation
- Coaching is available for navigating complex healthcare systems
- Community events foster belonging and inclusion

## BUILDING FOUNDATIONS FOR STABILITY

At Bethany Hill Place, transformation is not a program, it's a process rooted in trust, coaching, and personal empowerment.

Throughout the year, residents charted personalized paths forward. Some pursued GEDs or job certification. Others launched job searches, learned a new language, or improved financial literacy. Many were setting goals for the first time, discovering new purpose in the process.

With coaching, encouragement, and consistent support, dreams became plans, and plans became progress.

## GIVING EVERY CHILD A CHANCE AT SUCCESS

Children weren't only supported academically during the year. They were also nurtured emotionally, surrounded by a community that believed in their potential to thrive.

- 100+ hours of afterschool programming
- Summer Club for enrichment and learning
- School-aged children received backpacks, school supplies, and summer reading books

From enriching activities to homework help, our youth programs help children build confidence, connections, and a love of learning.

# BECAUSE OF YOU: a community of champions

Every success story at Bethany Hill Place is powered by a community that believes in the dignity and potential of every person.

Your generosity fuels programs, strengthens our systems, and, most importantly, reminds every resident: **you are not alone.** 

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# LOOKING AHEAD: FY2026 AND BEYOND

#### As we look to the future, our focus remains clear:

- Deepen the impact we make for each resident
- Integrate services more fully across housing, health, and education
- Pursue new funding opportunities to meet urgent and increasing needs
- Prioritize the sustainability of our unique model that pairs stable housing with opportunities for education, personal growth, and economic mobility

Bethany Hill Place is not just growing – we are evolving. And we invite you to stay on this journey with us.

#### FY25 IMPACT SNAPSHOT

# BY THE **NUMBERS**

41

safe, diginified apartments

A supportive home for **175 residents**:

**93** ADULTS

**82** CHILDREN

**3,000** HOURS

OF DIRECT,
PERSONALIZED
SUPPORT

#### **100+ HOURS**

of afterschool & summer youth programming

36%

INCREASE IN
RESIDENTS
SERVED COMPARED
TO FY24

#### WHO WE **SERVE**

At BHP, we serve individuals and families facing homelessness and housing instability.

83%

of residents live in families

are individuals

All residents qualify as extremely low- to

household income is under

**\$12,000**/year

MOST RESIDENTS FACE SYSTEMIC BARRIERS TO HOUSING STABILITY, OPPORTUNITY, AND WELLNESS

# resident spottight

When Eneida moved into Bethany Hill Place (BHP) just before Christmas in 2022, it marked the beginning of a new chapter – one defined not by survival, but by opportunity.

A longtime social services worker, Eneida had experienced housing instability on and off throughout her entire life. She raised her first son, Angel, while moving between shelters and short-term apartments. She earned her GED while living in a shelter, a moment she recalls with pride and humor. "I was top ten in my class. But my two-year old stole my shine running up to me on stage," she laughs.

Years later, expecting again and working as a live-in house manager at a women's shelter, Eneida knew the setting was no longer safe for a newborn. Unsure of what would come next, she left. It was a difficult decision – one made out of instinct and love, but without a clear plan. She spent the next stretch moving between couches and temporary housing, once again placing stability on hold while doing what she could to protect her growing family.

In 2022, while employed as a case manager with New Beginnings, a program located at BHP, she received unexpected news: her housing application from 2018 had come to the top of the list. She and her son Eli, now three years old, moved into a studio apartment just in time for the holidays. That Christmas, Eli received his first bed with Paw Patrol sheets. Eneida received a donated baking set and she recalls fondly the time they spent making brownies – "eggshells and all, part of Eli's secret recipe." For the first time in a long time, they had a safe space they could call home.



Eneida quickly became known at BHP for her bold spirit, her laughter, and her cooking. Her meals were a gift to many appreciative neighbors, and her presence and cooking lessons showed younger residents what community looks like in action. She was, from the start, a true neighbor.

At BHP, Eneida found more than a roof over her head. She found support, structure, and the space to grow. Through BHP, she was connected with a financial literacy coach who helped her build confidence in budgeting, saving, and planning for the future. These supports still benefit her today. It was during an informational session hosted onsite at BHP that she first learned about MassBay Community College's career programs. Encouraged by goal meetings with program staff and scholarship assistance, Eneida enrolled in a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) program. She graduated in June of this year and, with a renewed sense of confidence, is now exploring employment in a new field for the first time.

Now living in a townhouse in Hudson, she says, "Home is a lease with my name on it, something I built. Not that BHP wasn't home, but in the back of my mind I always heard, "This isn't your forever.' Now, it finally feels like home."

Eneida's story reflects the heart of Bethany Hill Place's mission: to offer more than housing – to offer a path forward, supported by programming, education, compassion, and community.

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