



Friends of Boston's Homeless

helping the homeless move beyond shelter

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Thank you for helping end homelessness for our community's most vulnerable people. We greatly appreciate that you included us in the Environmental Business Council of New England's Winter Garden Party. The donations you and your group collected will help people who've struggled for years with homelessness move from the streets and shelters into homes of their own and get the support they need to rebuild their lives.

Especially with the closing of Boston's Long Island Bridge displacing so many from the island's emergency shelter and programs there, it's essential we continue to provide permanent dignified housing to those living on the streets and in shelters, and help them get started on their journey to leading peaceful, independent lives.

Your generosity will help more people like Charity, who by 33 had spent five years living on the streets. Suffering from severe trauma and a paranoid disorder, she was afraid to come into shelters and primarily used the emergency room for respite when the weather got too cold. Despite this, Charity always envisioned her own home. Through Friends' **Housing First Initiative**, she got that home and finally found the serenity and stability she needed to rebuild her life. Today, Charity not only takes care of herself, but with her newfound confidence and independence, she started her own non-profit. *"My apartment has given me the stability I've needed for years. This gives great joy."*

With your support this coming year, through our Housing First Initiative alone we expect to help well over **100** more people move beyond homelessness into their own homes - many for the first time in their lives. *We, and they, couldn't achieve this without you.*

Thank you for being an important part of this work - we're very fortunate to have supporters like you.

Sincerely yours,

Mariann Bucina Roca
Executive Director

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