



Brookview Taught Me About Giving Back and So Much More...

I work as a Teacher's Aide in the public schools and Volunteer at Brookview. If they ask me to help I will

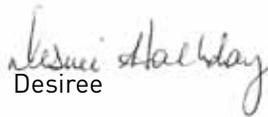
jump to the occasion. That's my way of giving back to this wonderful place we once called our home.

I entered Brookview with my three girls in July 2013. I didn't know what to expect but as the weeks went by I realized we were safe and in a good place. The staff was very kind and we got the help we went there for. I am proud to say Brookview was a home and a new beginning for my family.

My 3 children really benefited from Brookview. Sadia and Miniek still attend the Brookview after school program. Sadia was very shy and didn't really socialize with anyone until she got to know some of the other kids. Miniek was the only one who wanted to know the other kids and play with them. My oldest, Keyana, attended the Girls Who Code class and this past summer got a job working in the Brookview summer program.

Living at Brookview House isn't just a place to lay your head and sleep. It's a place where you go for help from loving and caring staff who educate you on housing and so many other things we deal with in everyday life. It is also a place where you meet people from so many professional organizations. I found out if I had any issues I couldn't handle there were people there to talk to. Being at Brookview taught me not to take anything or anyone for granted because you don't know when you're going to need help.

I received my housing subsidy and was very happy. But the thought of being on my own was another thing. We moved into permanent housing March 2015 and I'm happy to say that we are doing well.


Desiree

"If anyone asked me how I feel about Brookview, I would say it's a place of hope. Without the help I got from the staff I don't know where my kids and I would be today."

- Desiree

Dear Friends,

This past year has been an incredible one for Brookview. Plans are proceeding for building Brookview III, which will provide housing for twelve more families and services for hundreds of women and children; the Massachusetts Conference for Women honored our executive director, Deborah Hughes, with a 2014 Be the Change award for her vision in developing and implementing programs that provide homeless families the assistance and skills they need to find and keep permanent homes; and Brookview celebrated its 25th year serving homeless families, that's thousands of families for whom Brookview's help made all the difference.



Your contributions made Brookview a national model:

- 92% of our families maintain housing long-term after leaving Brookview.
- 88% of our youth program participants complete high school, compared to a 25% graduation rate for homeless students nationwide.

We know what we do works. **Your gift does more than just lend a helping hand** – it provides the support and skills families need to find and maintain permanent homes, which in turn creates a more stable and productive society. With your help, we'll change the world—one family at a time. Join us, and you too can Be the Change.

Sincerely,



Djuna Perkins
Chair, Board of Directors

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4. Volunteer your Time and Talent
5. Tell 5 friends about us.