



More than 10 years ago, I was 23 and homeless with two children.

Brookview staff and programs kept me motivated and inspired me to keep going, all while providing a stable environment for me and my children.

I now know my path in life and where I belong. For 9 years I have been working with families who might be facing hardships, financial difficulties, and evictions.

Brookview provides monthly group meetings for residents. The topics which inspired me during those meetings were: domestic violence, finance, and how to concentrate on my goals with my children. Brookview's Youth Director, Mayumi Brooks assisted me in achieving those goals by helping me with my children while I studied. I received my GED in 2006 at Roxbury Community College.

My housing Mentor Adrienne guided me through housing applications and housing and watched over me on a weekly basis to ensure I was making progress.

And I was! After all my hard work and with the assistance from Brookview, I received permanent housing.

Brookview helped me get on my feet and find my passion in life. I'm so grateful to the staff who have become part of my family. I know I can always come back for a visit, for advice, or to give back to this community that gave me so much.

~ Carmella L



“I have a passion for providing a helping hand like the ones I received from everyone in my journey. Because of my experience at Brookview, I am motivated to help families in need.”



Dear Friends,

By the time you read this, the country will have elected a new president, but as I write, the election is still one week away.

For me, the turbulence of this election season has been overwhelming and unsettling. With such widely varying views among our citizens, it can be difficult for one person to feel they can help make the country a better place. To combat this feeling of powerlessness, I focus on what I know I can change – my own community – by helping Brookview. I know for sure my help will make a difference because the results are right in front of me.

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS have made Brookview a national model in preventing homelessness:

- 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

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. We may not be able to control what happens in the national arena, but with your help, we will make real change right here at home—one family at a time.

Sincerely,

Djuna Perkins
Chair, Board of Directors

5 WAYS YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

1. Make a **gift** of \$250 or more
2. **Double** or **triple the impact** of your gift. Ask your employer if they will match your gift through their matching gift program
3. Set up a monthly recurring gift. Visit our website: **www.BrookviewHouse.org/Donate**
4. **Volunteer** your time and talent
5. Tell **5 friends** about us

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Helping Courageous Moms
Lift Their Children Out of Homelessness