

Brookview House, Inc.



Building a foundation for families for more than 20 years.

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Mission

Helping Families Achieve Personal & Economic Self Sufficiency
Founded in 1990, the agency's mission is to help homeless and at risk families learn the skills necessary to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty. With sites in Roxbury and Dorchester, Brookview House provides a safe, community setting with customized services to give homeless moms and kids the help and skills they need to succeed.

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Heal, Thrive & Grow: Shamiaka's Story

After receiving my Associate's degree in Business at Bunker Hill Community College, I was accepted to the University of Massachusetts Amherst where I am currently studying to receive my Bachelor's degree in Marketing.

I lived at Brookview House for about a year with my mother and my youngest sister and brother. I assumed it would be like all the other shelters we lived in and that nothing would change, but I was wrong. There I met the individuals that would shape my life.

I saw so many things in my adolescence that could have deterred me from becoming a successful member of society. Drug and domestic abuse, and homelessness could have been leading factors in who I would become. But being a part of the Brookview House teen program and the Brookview House environment allowed me to place my future into perspective.

Graduating high school was no easy feat but the staff and members of Brookview House were there every step of the way making sure I stayed on track. The members of the Brookview House team collected donations so that I could go on the Black College Tour during my senior year. They believed in me and helped me take steps toward college.

Brookview taught me to be respectful of myself. They offered so many activities and kept us all so engaged that we didn't want to be anywhere else. The staff encouraged me to be innovative and creative with programs like the First Night Parade where we built our dream homes with arts and crafts materials; and Tent City's film program where we developed a documentary on self-esteem in the inner city.

I am so glad to have had the opportunity to be a part of such a unique and loving environment. I lived in many different shelters, and not one compares to the experience I obtained while at Brookview House. Brookview House became so much more than a homeless shelter, it became my home.

TJX Cos. Support Families

DORCHESTER, MA (May 2011) – In celebration of two new locations in Dorchester, HomeGoods and T.J.Maxx, divisions of the TJX Cos., Inc. contributed to the surrounding community by presenting \$11,500 to Brookview House at their opening ceremonies. "We are excited to be a part of the Dorchester community and thrilled to be able to give back to the area," said Jerome Smalls, V.P./Director of Community Relations. "For more than 25 years, TJX Cos has built a deep relationship with a not-for-profit organization dedicated to making lasting, positive changes in the lives of disadvantaged families and their communities."

About HomeGoods. HomeGoods, the country's only major off-price store dedicated to home fashions, opened a 26,000 square foot store in the Fields Corner Shopping Center on May 5th.

About T.J. MAXX. T.J.Maxx is a Massachusetts-based off-price retailer with over 900 stores in 48 states. With the addition of the new Dorchester store, T.J.Maxx will operate 50 stores in the Boston market.

The Outspoken Voice

I am not some fictional character
as seen on B.E.T.
I am wut my ancestors fight
history to b
I am not a menace II society
Even tho there's a Caine deep
inside of me
Wanting to b accepted and waiting
to break free
...I am here to erase this stereotype
set by Black men
Just bcuz I have copper skin
I must act unruly to fit in
And that's something I chagrin
So I choose to illuminate the light
I have within
And I only hope by doing so others
would begin
To let their own light shine
And the way they define
Being Black in this day and time
Then maybe our race can be refine

Arthur 'Munchies' Veale





Letter from the President

When you're 10 years old and you have already experienced domestic violence, substance abuse and homelessness – You don't expect anything good to happen in your life. In fact, attending school is the last thing on your mind.

If you are a homeless youth the odds of succeeding are against you. Research says:

- You will drop out of high school
- You will be a teen mom
- You will be incarcerated if you are male
- You will be homeless as an adult.

Brookview Youth Development programs change this dynamic. Our mission is to help school-age youth break the cycle of homelessness and poverty. Youth in our programs are resilient and don't accept being victims of their situations. They take action to improve their lives, their neighborhoods and their schools. Brookview helps

youth envision something better for their life.

The article in this newsletter written by Shamiela is just one example of our success. With support and guidance from caring, committed, highly trained staff and volunteers at Brookview, Shamiela beat the odds. She not only graduated from high school – she is in college.

Support from friends like you has helped make Brookview House a leader and an innovator. For us to continue to lead the way in youth development, we need your commitment today.

That is why I hope you will join me and support Brookview House. Your gift will help provide: After school, Full Day Summer Enrichment, and Saturday programs for homeless and at risk youth.

Your contribution will enable us to help more kids, like Shamiela, who come to Brookview without hope, and leave with a new perspective for their future.

Respectfully,

Janet Van Zandt, President
Board of Directors

Growing Up and... Taking on the World

The Outspoken Voice

Anthony, 19, has been involved with Brookview Youth Programs for six years.

Career Goal: To be a writer and a fashion-related small business owner

Passions: Photography, fashion, poetry

"I've always had imagination. In the beginning my poetry was



for myself, but then it built into this behemoth in my mind and I wanted to share it. I see my words as art. I want to give you the full details. But sometimes people don't want to hear the truth."

In addition to poetry, Anthony is passionate about fashion and fashion design. He hopes to build a career out of finding "the place where fashion and words intertwine."

I Found a Home...

Now Watch Me Change the World



The Confident Scholar

Dayan, age 14, lived with her mother and siblings at Brookview House for two years; the family moved into permanent housing Spring 2010.

Career Goal: Obstetrician

Accomplishments: Started a successful can drive at her school to benefit other homeless families. She is excelling in Algebra II as a high school freshman.

"Before I came to Brookview House I had a terrible attitude about everything. But everyone here was so nice to me, it made me want to be nice too, and to do better in school and everything. I was tired of hurting my mom. I have a much better attitude now.

I am going to college. Definitely. I love math. I'm going to be a doctor. I'm going to help women deliver babies."

Growing Up and... Taking on the World

The Compassionate Activist

LaGina, age 16, has participated in Brookview youth programs for two years.

Career Goal: Psychologist & Mentor for at risk youth

"At Brookview they offer me guidance. They really care; help you understand right from wrong. That's what I want to do. I want to help people see things differently. Look at things from another view. I want to make a difference."



Invest in a Child's Future

Your support for Brookview House changes lives. Your gift today will ensure that homeless youth enjoy a creative, fun summer jam-packed with activities.

For more than 15 years Brookview House has delivered a high quality summer program licensed by the MA Dept of Education. Our summer enrichment program is a delightful and rewarding experience that complements school-year learning and boosts self-esteem. Through hands-on learning and recreational activities, we ignite leadership and social skills. Full day sessions for seven weeks enhance a child's independence and builds character while providing memories that last a lifetime.

Donate Today. Help homeless youth develop skills and pursue their dreams. Use our secure website: www.BrookviewHouse.org or contact the Development Office at: 617-265-2965 x 208.

Thank You!

The key to our success rests in people like you.

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Garden workday 2011

Thank you to our Volunteers.
Once, volunteering was for dreamers...
We were – and some still are – pioneers in compassionate enterprise.
It was the way we
Got good things done before there were big
Budgets or bureaucracies.
Once, volunteering was a legacy...
It was an inheritance from family, friends, or
Faith, an unself-conscious way of living out
Basic values.
Volunteer was just the way we were, a private matter of public consequence.
Once, volunteering was a power.
We didn't react to trends, we CAUSED them.
We didn't supplement staff, we CREATED them.
Politicians didn't use us; we used them.
And we made dreams happen.
Once, volunteering was for dreamers.
May it soon be so again.

– Ivan Scheter