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Brookview provides women and children experiencing homelessness with a safe place to live and programs to build self-esteem. These families practice the skills necessary to thrive as active and integral members of their community and, by so doing, improves the community for all of us.
Dear Friends,

Families struggle to survive in Boston, a small historic city with less than one million residents. Fewer and fewer families – the majority are women with children - can afford a roof over their head. High utilities, food, and rents positions Boston as one of the most expensive places to live; yet people continue to flock here in search of good paying jobs. The Atlantic magazine titles us a superstar city – a prosperous knowledge and tech hub where skilled workers make more than enough to cover housing costs.

Boston is also the number one city in the U.S for income inequality according to a 2016 Brookings Institute study. The Institute attributes this ranking to a decrease in earnings among the bottom 20 percent. Declining incomes of those in the lowest bracket increases the number of women and children coping with the challenge of finding affordable housing. Poor families often spend 50 – 70 percent of their income paying rent and trying to keep the lights on.

Women and children experiencing homelessness are invisible and marginalized, often sleeping in hospital emergency rooms, bus stations, and cars. As a result, people fail to realize how widespread the problem of family homelessness is, particularly here in the Commonwealth.

There is hope, and there are solutions that are very much within reach. While family homelessness is a complex issue, the solution is remarkably simple at its core and unquestionably within reach: invest in families by providing mothers with access to education and training that enables them to enter into jobs that earn a living wage. In addition, we need to provide moms with access to specialized, trauma-informed childcare and services.

Together, we can end family homelessness. Let’s invest in moms and their children. Let’s make families a priority. Families are the lifeblood of the Bay State’s neighborhoods. By helping families thrive as active and integral members of their communities, we improve these communities for all of us.

Sincerely,

Deborah Hughes
President
Board of Directors

SMARTICK
Quality Education Using Technology Solutions

Thanks to a product donation from Smartick, Brookview youth are growing confident in math. Smartick’s online fifteen minutes per day customized approach adapts to abilities and need of each child to improve mental calculation, algebra skills and logic. This unique artificial intelligence software for ages 4 to 14 gives immediate feedback at the end of the lesson to students and Brookview’s educators. “This is a wonderful opportunity for our kids,” says Mayumi Brooks, youth director at Brookview. “Smartick adapts to each child’s needs, building self-confidence and keeping them motivated.”

SCIENCE
Explore, engage, transform the world

Brookview collaborates with “e” inc. to transport weekly science events to our after school and summer programs. Hands-on activities and field trips present opportunity to learn, practice and become actively engaged in environmental challenges. Our students investigate weather and climate to learn how it is changing at an unprecedented rate, explore the composition of soil and go on field trips. The overarching theme this year is ‘Planet Protectors’ where our youth delve into Global Climate Change, Backyard Habitats, Gardens, and Growing Food.
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

REVENUES AND SUPPORT:
Contract revenue ........................................... 924,427
Grants and contributions .................................. 539,015
Program fees and other .................................... 44,761
In-kind donations ........................................... 121,634
Net assets released from restriction ....................... 342,943
Total revenue and support ................................ 1,972,780

OPERATING EXPENSES:
Transitional Housing ........................................ 298,178
Adult / Parent Development ................................ 606,394
Youth Development ......................................... 355,190
Management and General .................................. 309,187
Fundraising .................................................... 249,467
Total operating expenses ................................... 1,818,416
Changes in net assets from operations ..................... 154,364

NON-OPERATING REVENUE
In-kind donations - capital .................................. 40,779
Impairment loss on development in process ............... (20,964)
Net assets released from capital restriction ............... 20,850
Total non-operating revenue ................................ 40,665
Changes in unrestricted net assets ......................... 195,029

CHANGES IN TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS
Contributions .................................................. 380,111
Capital grants ................................................... 10,000
Net assets released from restriction ....................... (363,793)
Changes in temporarily restricted net assets .............. 26,318
Changes in net assets ........................................ 221,347

NET ASSETS, beginning of year ......................... 1,512,024
NET ASSETS, end of year ................................. 1,733,371

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS
CURRENT ASSETS:
Cash and Cash Equivalents ................................ 567,228
Accounts and grants receivable ......................... 218,000
Current portion of due from affiliate .................... 20,000
Prepaid Expenses ........................................... 23,314
Total current assets ....................................... 828,542

DUE FROM AFFILIATE, net of discount ................... 90,187
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, net of
accumulated depreciation ................................. 1,516,096
DEVELOPMENT IN PROCESS ............................ 929,217
Total assets .................................................. 3,364,042

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS
CURRENT LIABILITIES:
Current portion of notes payable ........................ 172,771
Accounts payable and accrued expenses ............... 88,257
Accounts payable - development ........................ 143,028
Total current liabilities ................................... 404,056

NOTES PAYABLE, net of current portion ................. 544,631
DUE TO AFFILIATE .......................................... 4,102
CONTINGENT NOTES PAYABLE ......................... 677,882
Total liabilities ............................................. 1,630,671

NET ASSETS:
Unrestricted -
Operating ...................................................... 650,370
Property and equipment ................................... 907,000
Temporarily restricted -Time and purpose .............. 176,000
Total net assets ............................................. 1,733,371
Total liabilities and net assets ............................. 3,364,042

1ST ANNUAL WINTER WALK
Brookview is a recipient of funds raised during the 1st annual Winter Walk Boston. It was cold and snowy and the Brookview team loved it! This is the first walk intentionally scheduled in February, the dead of winter, to convey the realities of living without a roof over your head. The Winter Walk - created by Paul English, cofounder of Kayak, Robyn Glaser, New England Patriots legal counsel and event organizer Ari Barbanell - raised funds to support families and individuals experiencing homelessness. See you next year!
Grants & Contributions for the period 3/1/2016 - 4/6/2017

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POWER OF THE PURSE 2017:
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Brookview’s 2nd annual symposium with a sold out crowd featured panelists Valerie Mosley, Chairwoman and CEO of Valmo Ventures, Beth Monaghan, Co-founder and CEO of InkHouse, and moderator Jackie Shoback, EVP at Boston Private Financial Holdings.

Following the panel, auctioneer extraordinaire Susan Wornick sparked bids on custom-made purses by City Councilwoman Annissa Essaibi-George and Sarian Handbags & Accessories. Purses arrived from Los Angeles - actress Desiree DaCosta Underwood and Washington D.C - U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren. Entrepreneur and investor Diane Hessan’s black patent leather Chanel ignited a lively exchange as did handbags from actress and producer Christy Scott Cashman, State Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz, and Attorney General Maura Healey.

BROOKVIEW IN THE NEWS

- Formerly Homeless STEM Student Excels Mentoring relationship one more way her future looks bright Black Enterprise online, August 4, 2016. Robin White Goode
- The Smartick Method Helps Kids Beat Math Anxiety The Bay State Banner online, November 10, 2016. Bobbie Carlton
- Women in Charge: from Hillary to Brookview House Glass Ceilings are Breaking. WCVB TV5 Cityline, November 20, 2016
- Deborah Hughes, CEO of Brookview House Received ‘Heroes Among Us’ Award from Boston Celtics and MA State Lottery. Dorchester Reporter, December 8, 2016
- At Dorchester’s Brookview House, Yoga Fosters Growth. Once a week, the shelter turns into a yoga studio. Boston Magazine online, December 15, 2016. Jamie Ducharme
- Meet The Yoga Program That’s Offering Hope To Homeless Women. At Boston’s Brookview House, residents are introduced to yoga—and all the healing benefits that come with it. Rodale’s Organic Life, December 22, 2016. Marygrace Taylor
- The Invisible Homelessness. Majority of Shelter Population is Families Commonwealth Magazine online, March 28, 2017. Deborah Hughes

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TREND IN MASSACHUSETTS FAMILY HOMELESSNESS 2008 – 2016


33,000 Families (composed of 100,000 individuals) received shelter 2008 – 2016

84% Women head 84 percent of homeless families.

Families struggling the most staying out of the shelter system tend to be headed by a female who lives in Boston and is Black or Latina.

MA experienced one of the largest increases in family homelessness in the country compared to an overall decline in family homelessness nationally.

93% Women head 93% of families impacted by family homelessness in Massachusetts.

The largest increase in family homelessness occurred in families comprised of women and girls.

50% Shelter population comprised more than 50 percent of the most common reason for family homelessness is living in a place not suitable for human habitation.