

# Lend a Hand Society

*Helping people toward a better future*



## 2014 Annual Report

Lend A Hand Society

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Boston, MA 02111

## MISSION

**Lend A Hand Society** provides financial assistance to low-income families, individuals, seniors and disabled people primarily in the greater Boston, Massachusetts area. Working with advocates at non-profit social service agencies who make requests on behalf of their clients, LAH assists in meeting the basic needs of those who need help and does so in a timely, dignified way.

## HISTORY

**Lend A Hand Society** was founded in 1890 by Dr. Edward Everett Hale and incorporated in 1892. Dr. Hale was a renowned philosopher, author, Unitarian minister and philanthropist whose philosophy of reaching out to help people in need became the guiding principle for LAH. Hale played an important role in many social issues of his day - the abolition of slavery, the temperance movement, the U.S. Sanitary Commission, the formation of the Associated Charities and world peace movements. In 1890, in partnership with Sarah Brigham, LAH began to send books to prisons, rural libraries and schools in the South regardless of the race of their students. Locally, Hale was involved in the establishment of the Floating Hospital for Children. His book, "Ten Times One is Ten" was the inspiration for the rise of over 800 Lend A Hand Clubs. Hale's philosophy and many wonderful mottos continue to teach and inspire us over a century later.

I am only one, but still I am one.  
I cannot do everything,  
but still I can do something.  
And because I cannot do everything,  
I will not refuse to do something that I can do.

Darcy and Howard Fuguet  
William and Grace Gregor  
Kasha Gula  
Miles and Linda Hapgood  
Elsie Herrmann  
Nancy and Thomas Inui  
Margaret Jackson  
Elizabeth and Stephen Kendrick  
Beth Logan  
Ian Marlier  
Mark Nielsen  
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Thomas Stenson  
Trinity Episcopal Church  
Eleanor Williams  
Howard and Lenore Winkler

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Nancy Cooper

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

For the year ended December 31, 2014

### INCOME:

Donations	\$59,174
Foundations	47,000
Endowment funds	84,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$190,174</b>

### EXPENSES:

<b>Grants:</b>	
Emergency Assistance	\$116,820
Camperships	12,000
Book Mission	2,730
General Expenses	58,631
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$190,181</b>

## SUPPORT

### Donors

Lend A Hand Society is grateful to the many donors whose contributions make our work possible. We would also like to thank the anonymous donors who are not included in this list as well as those who contribute in numerous other ways.

Paul Carroll  
Mark Chadbourne  
Richard Chute  
Chester and Ellen Clark  
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Nancy Cooper and Bruce Meltzer  
Thomas Dahill  
Mary Ann Daily  
First Church Boston  
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Ada Focer  
Robert Frank and Jennifer Coplon

## THE YEAR

**In 2014** Lend a Hand Society received a record number of requests for assistance from non-profit agencies on behalf of their clients. The extremely cold and excessively snowy winter caused higher heating bills, missed days of work to stay home with children off from school, and myriad transportation problems, all of which made for an extremely challenging winter for many, and more so for those already struggling to make ends meet.

LAH founder Edward Everett Hale had astonishing foresight, empathy and compassion for all people, and had a deep and genuine understanding of the hardship in people's lives. He created a simple solution over 100 years ago, which has helped thousands of people and is essential for so many in the Greater Boston area today.

As much as the world has changed and become more complicated, LAH has maintained the simple Hale ways. LAH treasures the ease and practicality of the program, which gets people what they need easily and quickly at a time when few if any resources are otherwise available.

The importance and efficacy of LAH continues to bring people together to lend a hand to those in emergency situations, to send inner-city children to summer camp, and to send books for kids, teens and adults to Indian reservations and urban non-profit organization libraries, in a respectful, dignified and caring manner. We are expanding the circle of LAH friends and engaging new supporters to - **Lend a Hand**.

### Partnering for results

LAH worked with 107 non-profit organizations in the Greater Boston area

### Preventing eviction

Grants for rental assistance helped to prevent over 290 evictions of families and individuals

### Making a difference

LAH helped 485 households address emergency situations

### Lending a caring hand

Helping people in a simple, dignified, respectful and caring way

## PROGRAM GRANTS 2014

Lend A Hand Society makes grants in three program areas: emergency assistance, camperships for children and teens, and the book mission.

### Emergency Assistance

#### Grants for the year

Requests received	867
Referring partner agencies	107
Grants made	485
Amount of grants	\$116,820

#### Providing for basic needs of families and individuals

<b>Back rent</b>	<b>60%</b>
<b>Security deposits</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Moving and storage</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Utility bills</b>	<b>29%</b>
<b>Medical/dental</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Job training</b>	<b>&gt; 1%</b>
<b>Daycare</b>	<b>&gt; 1%</b>

#### Partner Agencies

hospitals  
 health clinics  
 city human service agencies  
 community action programs  
 homeless shelters  
 legal aid programs  
 immigrant services programs  
 elder services agencies  
 domestic violence programs  
 job training programs  
 daycare centers  
 state human service agencies  
 state housing agencies  
 veterans services agencies  
 AIDS programs  
 child protection agencies

### How LAH Emergency Assistance grants make a difference in people's lives

- rent to prevent eviction
- security deposits to secure permanent housing
- furniture storage and moving costs to keep household belongings
- household supplies and equipment for those moving into independent living situations or settling into housing after being homeless
- utilities for clients at risk of heat or electricity shut-off during the winter months
- prosthesis replacements, orthopedic shoes, braces, special insulin pumps for diabetic patients, hospital mattresses for bedridden patients moving home after hospitalization
- medical support for AIDS and other patients
- eyeglasses, hearing aids, dentures for elderly and others
- ESL classes for individuals of foreign birth help them begin a new life in this country
- employment training and certification programs
- GED fees to help individuals begin careers and move toward financial independence

### Camperships

Grants	6
Amount of grants	\$12,000

Grants to non-profit camping agencies provided scholarships for children and teenagers. Camperships benefit inner city youth who are given the opportunity to attend creative, educational, recreational and nurturing camp programs in rural settings outside the city.

### Book Mission

Grants	4
Amount of grants	\$2,730

Grants were made to non-profit organizations, schools and colleges for the purchase of books for their lending libraries and educational programs for children, teens and adults to promote literacy and a love of books.