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Lend A Hand Society

Helping people toward a better future



2018 Annual Report

Serving the Greater Boston Community for over 125 Years

LETTER *FROM THE* PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your commitment to Lend A Hand Society. Because of you, we are able to have immense, immediate impact in the Greater Boston Area.

I'd like to share with you a story of impact made possible by your support of LAH. A mother of two fell behind on her electric bills after her daughter was in a car accident. After paying the medical bills, she was struggling to make ends meet. Referred by a partner agency, she was able to obtain a Lend A Hand grant to keep the electricity on, and now she is getting back on her feet.

Your support makes stories like these possible for over 400 households across the Greater Boston Area. In 2018, we proudly granted over \$140,000 to families, elders, and individuals in crisis, and as we look forward to 2019, we are excited to continue making a difference in our community with you.

Warmest regards,

Nancy Inui
Board President

2,700

families were evicted in
Suffolk County in 2016,
and many more
were never reported.

OUR 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.

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Libra Foundation
Saquish Foundation
Phillips Family Charitable Foundation
Attorney General Fuel Assistance Grant

2018 LAH GRANTS *AT WORK*

810

requests for emergency assistance from over 90 nonprofit agencies averaging over \$20,000 each month.

479

emergency assistance grants made in 2018, totaling

\$140,575



over 260

Boston-area households received rent assistance grants to help prevent eviction and homelessness, totaling over

\$81,000

nearly 57% of our total emergency assistance grants made.

\$14,715

was granted to 6 different summer camp programs to provide scholarships for inner-city youth.

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There are so few organizations who are willing to support a client that is going through a crisis and needs help with cash grants. Even if they do, they require clients to jump through hoops during a time that is stressful enough as is. LAH offers grants that save clients from eviction and utility shut off through a stressless process. The support LAH provides is necessary and greatly appreciated.”

- **Viviana Ramos**
Program Manager
Compass Working Capital,
an LAH Partner Agency



\$51,000

was granted to cover utility costs, and over

\$2,600

covered medical costs.

\$2,558

was granted to cover book costs for programs at nonprofits, schools, and colleges promoting literacy and a love for reading.

2018 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

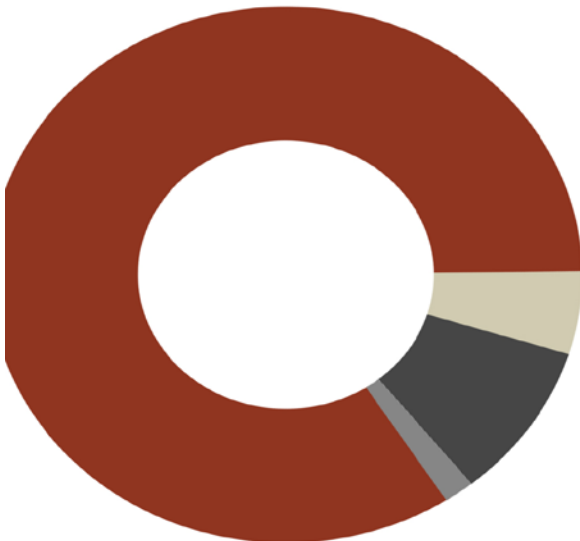
FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018

INCOME	\$332,654
Donations	\$37,655
Foundations	\$105,000
AG Gas Assistance Grant*	\$100,000
Interest & Dividends	\$53,681
Endowment Funds	\$36,318
EXPENSES	\$232,664
Grants	\$157,848
Emergency Assistance	\$132,575
AG Fuel Grants	\$8,000
Camperships	\$14,715
Book Mission	\$2,558
Operations	\$74,816

**AG Gas Assistance Grant is for a two-year period beginning November 2018.*

LAH 2018 GRANTS

84%	Emergency Assistance Grants
5%	AG Gas Assistance Grants (Nov/Dec)
9%	Camperships
2%	Book Mission



1 in 6

families in Greater Boston
are a single paycheck away
from financial crisis.

OUR MISSION

Lend A Hand Society strives to improve the lives of families, individuals, seniors and disabled people in the Greater Boston area. Working with social workers, case managers, and advocates at nonprofit agencies who make requests on the behalf of their clients, LAH provides financial assistance in a timely, dignified way to those who need help.

Grant Areas We Support



EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

rent, heat and electric bills, critical medicines, medical equipment, eyeglasses, and dental care



CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

inner-city youth attend summer programs



BOOK MISSION

nonprofit libraries lending to adults and children to promote literacy and a love of reading