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Lend A Hand Society

Helping people toward a better future



2019 Annual Report

Serving the Greater Boston Community for over 125 Years

LETTER *FROM THE* PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

As you read this, we are well into 2020, and our world is in the grip of the devastating COVID-19 pandemic. This Lend A Hand Annual Report is for the calendar year 2019, so you can expect next year's report to be significantly different.

In 2019, thanks to your generosity, LAH provided a record number of grants to our friends and neighbors throughout Greater Boston. That means 738 households received a helping hand from LAH, with over 365 evictions prevented and more than 290 households able to keep their utilities on.

You can take comfort knowing that your gifts help real people manage real-life obstacles of daily living. Just one example is Sonya M. who struggles on a fixed income, living with a disability and unable to find a job in today's shrinking economy. After making a payment plan with her landlord, a \$500 LAH grant helped bring her rent up to date. And Sonya's working with her medical care team to better manage her disability, in hopes of finding a job suited to her capabilities.

Thank you for helping Lend A Hand reach out to so many in need in 2019. And thank you in advance for your continued support for the growing number of those who will turn to us in 2020.

Best regards,

Nancy Inui
Board President

20.5%

The poverty rate in
Boston is 20.5%,
one out of every 4.9.

OUR DONORS *AND SUPPORTERS*

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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2019

LAH GRANTS *AT WORK*

1082

requests for emergency assistance
from over 130 nonprofit agencies
averaging over \$35,000 each month.

738

emergency assistance grants
made in 2019, totaling

\$224,024



over 365

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

\$6,015

Storage, moving,
transportation, appliances

\$94,000

nearly 42% of our total emergency
assistance grants made.

\$16,000

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

“

Lend A Hand has been helpful for
people with disabilities who are
not eligible for many programs.
The funding has been critical in
the past to preserve tenancies
that would have been lost without
it, and now especially more than
ever, is critical, direly needed and
extremely appreciated.”



\$118,452

was granted to cover
utility costs, and over

\$5,557

covered medical + dental costs,
rehabilitation, eyeglasses, medicines

\$2,258

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

Anne-Marie Celestin
*Senior Specialist
Tannecy Preservation Program,
Bay Cove Human Svices
A LAH Partner Agency*

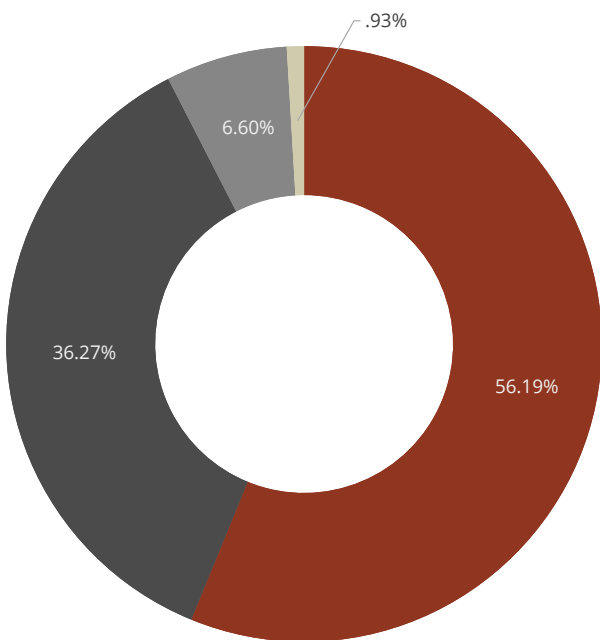
2019 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019

INCOME	\$371,798
Donations	\$89,814
Foundations	\$66,000
AG Gas Assistance Grant*	\$150,000
Interest & Dividends	\$65,984

EXPENSES	\$310,832
Grants	\$242,282
Emergency Assistance	\$136,136
AG Fuel Grants	\$87,888
Camperships	\$16,000
Book Mission	\$2,258
Operations	\$68,550

*Attorney General's Office Gas Assistance Grant is for a two-year period beginning December 2019.



LAH 2019 GRANTS

- Emergency Assistance Grants
- AG Gas Assistance Grants
- Camperships
- Book Missions

1 in 6

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

OUR MISSION

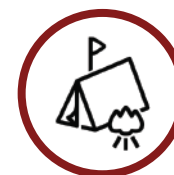
Lend A Hand Society strives to improve the lives of families, individuals, seniors and disabled people in the Greater Boston area. Working with social workers, case managers, and advocates at nonprofit agencies who make requests on on behalf of their clients, LAH provides financial assistance in a timely,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