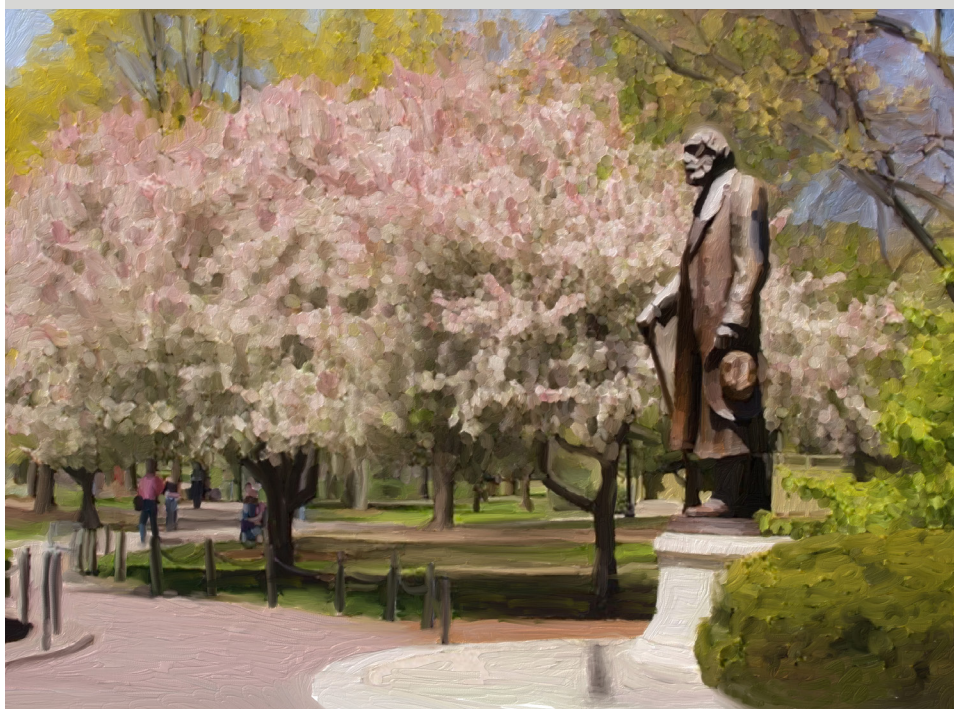


Lend A Hand Society

Helping people toward a better future



2021 Annual Report

Serving the Greater Boston Community for over 130 Years

LETTER *FROM THE* PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your commitment to Lend A Hand in a second year of unprecedented need in the Greater Boston community. You once again responded to LAH appeals with generosity, allowing LAH to help more households with emergency assistance grants than ever before.

Your support made it possible for over 600 households to pay back-owed rent and avoid eviction, catch up on utility bills, and pay necessary costs like eyeglasses, state ID fees, moving costs, and dental or medical bills.

The case workers making these requests are experts and typically come to LAH when options for help are scarce. Each household assisted in 2021 had a complex and personal narrative that brought them to LAH, as they did not have the safety net of friends or family to call on in their time of crisis. Some requests we received included:

- Helping with an electric bill from a parent reestablishing her life after suffering from the trauma of domestic violence, including financial abuse that had left her solely responsible for many bills
- Moving costs for a person with a physical disability requiring use of a wheelchair. After her landlord increased her rent, which her social security benefits would not cover, LAH offset the expense of the move
- Help catching up on a utility bill for a single parent, who fell behind after losing her job for missing too many days of work when her child was sick. Like many households, she had also lost a vital pillar of support in 2021, her grandfather, who had raised her

Lend A Hand could not have responded to these appeals from our neighbors without you, LAH's friends. Thank you for helping us make a difference in the lives of these and many other households in our community.

Warm regards,

Erica Harmon
Board President

18.9%

of the population in Boston
lives below the poverty line

An estimated
17,975
people in MA experience
homelessness on any given day

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 behalf of their clients, LAH provides financial assistance in a timely, dignified way to those who need help.

“

... thanks to Lend A Hand Society for once again stepping in to assist a client in great need. I am in receipt of the check on behalf of the family who is enormously grateful and asked that I tell you how thankful they are to LAH. Your assistance has brought a bright spot to the family, in a time of hardship.”

*Sylvia M. Kelly
Clinician*

*Housing Stabilization Advocate
City of Cambridge*

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

2021 LAH GRANTS *AT WORK*

1,077

requests for emergency assistance
from over 105 nonprofit agencies
averaging over \$81,397 per month

605

emergency assistance grants
made in 2021, totaling

\$290,995

160

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

\$5,539

Storage, moving,
transportation, appliances

\$67,469

nearly 24% of our total emergency
assistance grants made



\$202,650

was granted to cover
utility costs

\$8,998

covered medical + dental
costs, rehabilitation,
eyeglasses, medicines



\$17,250

was granted to 7 summer
camp programs to
provide scholarships for
inner-city youth

“

During this very uncertain and
difficult time, it is nice to know
that agencies, like Lend A Hand,
are there to help people in need.
Please know that your assistance
is greatly appreciated.”

\$3,259

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

*Risa and Ellen
Family Resource Advocates
Center for Early
Relationship Support
Jewish Family & Children's Service*

2021

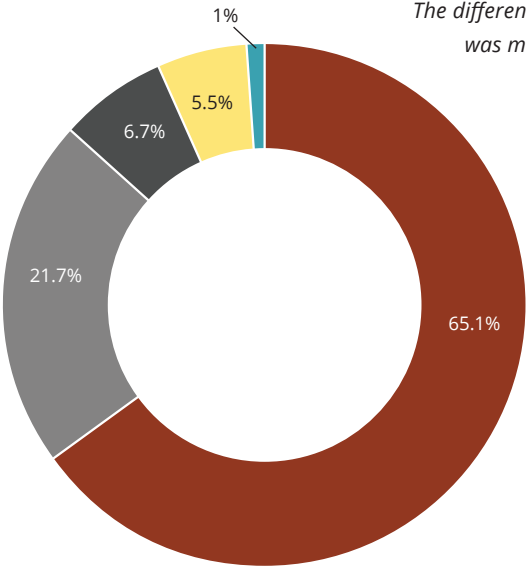
FINANCIAL SUMMARY

LAH financial for the AR 2021

INCOME	\$327,765	
Donations		\$170,517
PPP Grant		\$6,300
AG Gas Assistance Grant*		\$65,631
Interest & Dividends		\$85,317
EXPENSES	\$386,375	
Grants		
Emergency Assistance		\$290,995
Camperships		\$17,250
Book Mission		\$3,259
Operations		\$74,871

**Attorney General's Office Gas Grant is part of two year grants carried over from prior year*

The difference between income and expenses was made up by prior year generous support.



LAH 2021 GRANTS

- Utilities
- Rent
- Campership
- Book Mission
- Other Emergency Assistance

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