

Lend A Hand Society

Helping people toward a better future



2022 Annual Report

Serving the Greater Boston Community for over 130 Years

LETTER *FROM THE* PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

Your invaluable support this past year has made our work possible and improved client lives. This annual report provides details of our activities.

Although the pandemic is waning, prices are higher and our clients continue to struggle to keep a roof over their heads and pay for utilities, medical needs and basic necessities. We are working to help, but your generosity makes the difference.

For over 130 years, LAH has been a source of critical support for people in our community who need a lending hand. We're proud of the work we've accomplished together this year, helping single parents and intact families, seniors, veterans and other neighbors meet their basic needs.

You've helped Lend A Hand to:

- pay the rent to keep a mother with young children safe in their apartment
- cover an electric bill to keep the lights on for a senior
- pay a storage bill so that a family didn't lose their belongings while temporarily in a shelter
- pay for eyeglasses to allow a senior to read
- cover a medical or dental bill for necessary healthcare or dental work for an adult

We all live in communities where there are people who desperately need help through no fault of their own. As we look around and see the plight of others, we can act. With your help, we continue to make an important difference in so many people's lives. Thank you.

Warm regards,

Erica Harmon
Board President



The number of individuals experiencing homelessness has more than doubled since 1990.”

MA Coalition for the Homeless

THANK YOU TO 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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2022 LAH GRANTS *AT WORK*

1,031

requests for emergency assistance from over 127 nonprofit agencies averaging over \$95,665 per month

510

emergency assistance grants made in 2022, totalling

\$231,765

197

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

\$17,430

Storage, moving, transportation, appliances

\$92,130

nearly 40% of our total emergency assistance grants made



\$108,199

was granted to cover utility costs

\$7,182

covered medical + dental costs, rehabilitation, eyeglasses, medicines



\$17,250

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

“

LAH is such a wonderful
program, which makes
a huge impact for our
patients. We are so grateful
for your support!”

Beckie Tachick, RN

*Street Team Manager
Boston Health Care for
the Homeless Program*

\$3,259

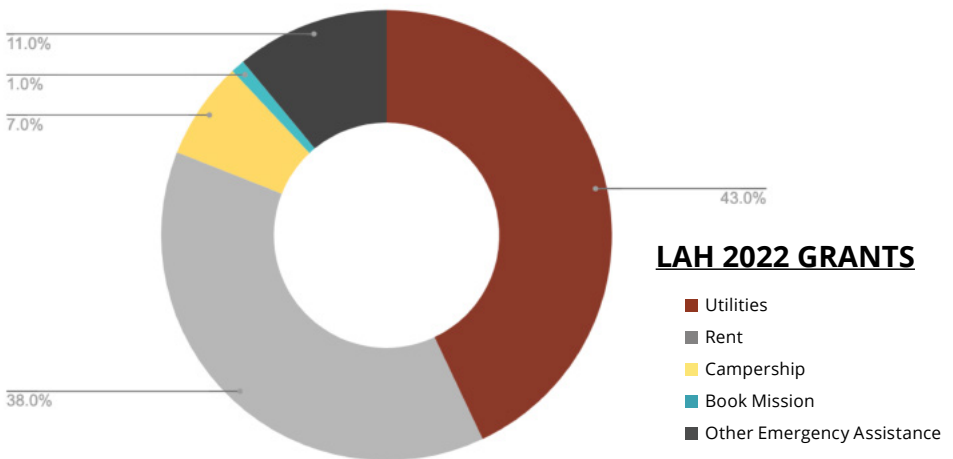
was granted to cover book costs
for programs at nonprofits, schools,
and colleges promoting literacy
and a love for reading

2022 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

LAH financial for the AR 2022

INCOME	\$292,934	
Donations		\$153,219
AGs Office Gas Grant		\$30,000
Interest & Dividends		\$109,715
EXPENSES	\$327,211	
Grants		
Emergency Assistance		\$231,763
Camperships		\$17,250
Book Mission		\$3,259
Operations		\$74,939

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



On any given night in Massachusetts, the approximately

3,000

shelter beds for individuals usually are full or beyond capacity (supplemented by cots and sleeping bags)

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.



Thank you so much for your recent awards to two amazing people I've been able to advocate for. Your fund has helped families stay warm and a senior stay housed, and relieved the related stress. Thank you!!"

Penelope Taylor

*Somerville Office
of Housing Stability*

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

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