



Lend A Hand Society

Helping people toward a better future

Annual Report

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Serving the Greater Boston Community for over 130 Years

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

Thank you for being a friend and supporter of Lend A Hand. With your help, we continue to make an important difference in the lives of so many of our neighbors in need throughout Greater Boston.

The enclosed LAH Annual Report provides a description of our work and the grants made in 2023, as well as an accounting of our year-end finances.

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. Some grants from this past year that exemplify the stories behind the statistics included:

- **Helping with rent for a senior with a disability who lives alone and fell behind on his payments**
- **Paying an electric bill to prevent a shut-off for a mother of a special needs child, who is also caring for her elderly mother**
- **Covering moving costs for a mother and child who had to relocate because of domestic violence**

LAH provides support to people who don't have a safety net of friends or family to call on in their time of crisis. Your continued support is greatly appreciated by us at LAH and those who benefit from your generosity. Thank you for helping LAH help so many people. Thank you.

Warm regards,

Erica Harmon
Board President

Thank you for the impactful work you do in supporting individuals in our community.

*Doris Romero
Housing and Stabilization Program
Women's Lunch Place*



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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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2023

LAH GRANTS AT WORK

1,190

requests for emergency assistance
from over 130 nonprofit agencies

465

emergency assistance
grants made in 2023, totaling

\$215,762

assisting households comprised of
over 2500 adults and children

243

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

\$114,876

nearly 53% of our total emergency
assistance grants made



\$77,962

was granted to cover
utility costs

\$7,400

covered medical + dental
costs, rehabilitation,
eyeglasses, medicines



\$15,524

Storage, moving,
transportation, appliances

Every year, 7.6 million individual
renters are threatened with
eviction, many of them children.

The Eviction Lab

OTHER PROGRAM GRANTS

\$18,000

was granted to 7 summer
camp programs to provide
scholarships for Greater Boston
city children and teens

\$3,260

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

2023

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

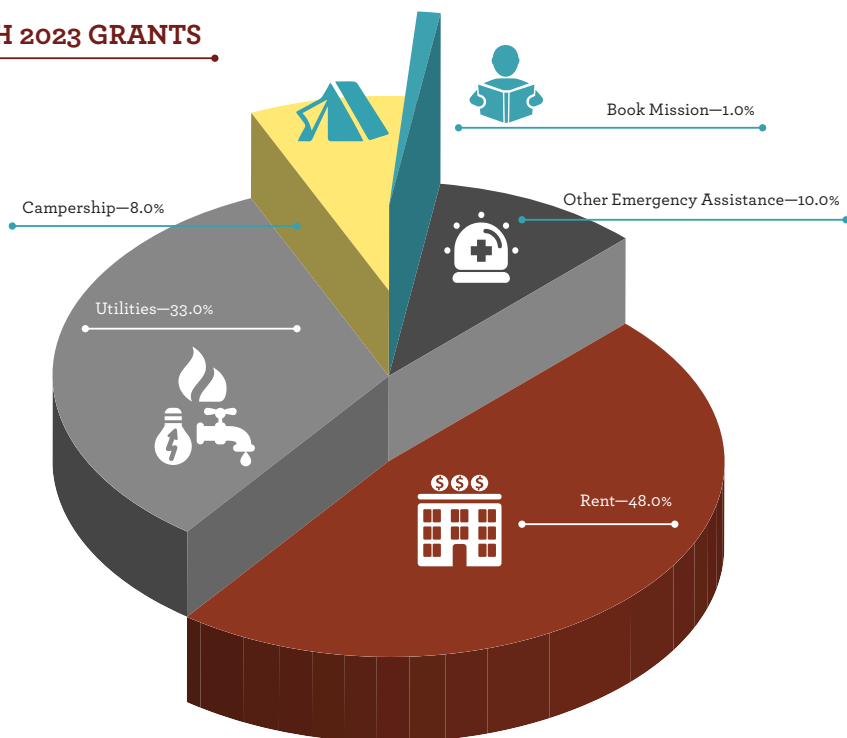
Fiscal year ending December 31, 2023

INCOME.....\$291,652
Donations.....\$189,180
Interest & Dividends.....\$102,472

EXPENSES.....\$324,918
Grants
Emergency Assistance.....\$215,762
Camperships.....\$18,000
Book Mission.....\$3,260
Operations.....\$87,896

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

LAH 2023 GRANTS



More than 17 million older adults age 65+ are economically insecure with incomes below 200% of the poverty level.

National Council on Aging

OUR MISSION

Lend A Hand Society strives to improve the lives of families, individuals, seniors and people with disabilities 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.

A Lend A Hand grant helped my client pay a security deposit for a new apartment. He didn't have the funds to pay the first month's rent and security deposit on top of other moving costs. We're so grateful to Lend A Hand for all the help he has received.

Ashley Cruz,

*Case Manager,
Housing Families*

Grant Areas We Support



EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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



CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

Greater Boston city children and teens attend summer programs



BOOK MISSION

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

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