

Annual Report

2024

Lend A Hand Society

Helping people toward a better future



Serving the Greater Boston Community for over 130 Years

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friend,

With the first quarter of 2025 behind us, it's evident that the coming months will be especially difficult for families in Greater Boston struggling to make ends meet. The increasingly high cost of living makes our job at LAH — and yours — more challenging.

As you'll see in this 2024 Lend A Hand Annual Report, we continue to be a critical resource for our community. For over 130 years, we've provided emergency grants to an ever-increasing number of our neighbors. Thanks to friends and supporters like you, we've risen to the challenge each year.

Going forward, your continued generous support is more important than ever, and together we can:

- **Help parents working two and three jobs but still living paycheck to paycheck make a rent payment to avoid eviction**
- **Cover a medical expense to give an elderly couple access to an essential healthcare need**
- **Keep heat and power on for a young mother who has fallen behind on a utility bill**
- **Combat financial insecurity for our most vulnerable neighbors at a time when the cost of living is increasing — and the availability of community resources is declining**

Each of us has the power to help. Please consider “lending a hand” by making your donation today — 100% of your tax-deductible gift provides direct financial assistance for people who need it. Simply go to lend-a-hand-society.org to make your gift online or click to donate through your donor-advised fund.

On behalf of Lend A Hand and those in our community who are struggling through no fault of their own, thank you for your generosity.

Warm regards,

Erica Harmon
Board President

Lend A Hand is an integral part of our day-to-day operations and is essential to our patients health and well-being.

*James Apt
Medical Case Manager
Boston Health Care for the Homeless*

The Federal Reserve reports that 37% of Americans could not cover a \$400 emergency expense

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.

Your grants have saved my clients from becoming evicted on numerous occasions and I cannot thank you enough....This type of support is invaluable.

*Nina Lordi
Case Manager
Community Day Center
of Waltham*

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

2024

LAH GRANTS AT WORK

1,389

requests for emergency
assistance from over 120
nonprofit partner agencies

478

emergency assistance
grants made in 2024, totaling

\$236,736

assisting households comprised
of over 1,500 adults, children,
seniors, people with disabilities,
veterans, and others

\$137,267

in grants for rent helped to prevent eviction
and homelessness of

258

Greater Boston area households



\$67,634

was granted to cover
utility costs

\$16,167

covered medical + dental
costs, rehabilitation,
eyeglasses, medicines



\$13,707

covered essential storage, moving, transportation, and household equipment for safe and independent living

OTHER PROGRAM GRANTS

\$18,250

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

21.6%

of Boston's population lives in poverty.

Boston Indicators

\$3,963

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

2024

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Fiscal year ending December 31, 2024

REVENUE AND SUPPORT\$422,615

Donations.....\$257,513

Interest & Dividends.....\$165,102

EXPENSES.....\$350,398

Grants

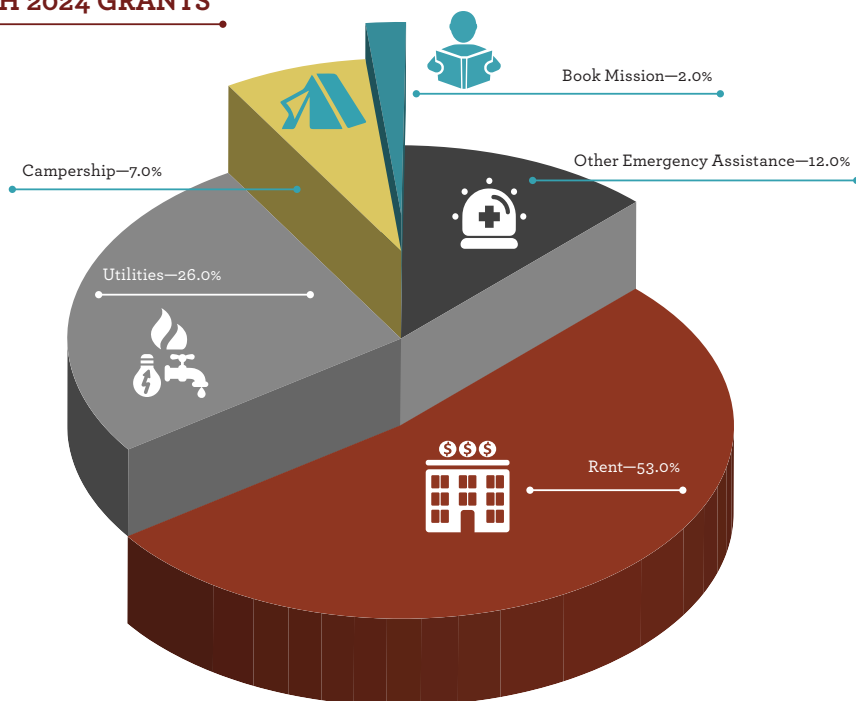
Emergency Assistance\$236,736

Camperships.....\$18,250

Book Mission\$3,963

Operations.....\$91,449

LAH 2024 GRANTS





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