

Annual Report

2025

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,

As we forge ahead into 2026, I'd like to start with a word of gratitude for you and all the friends of Lend A Hand. To say that last year was challenging is an understatement. But with your help, Lend A Hand helped more people in dire need than the year before.

As you'll see in this 2025 Lend A Hand Annual Report, we remain a critical resource for friends and neighbors in our community who continue to struggle financially. Over the past 10 years, Lend A Hand emergency assistance grants have helped 5,866 households, enabling them to meet critical financial challenges to remain housed and stable.

With your generous donations to Lend A Hand, together we provide grants to:

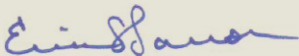
- **keep heat and power on for seniors who have fallen behind on utility bills**
- **help our hard-working neighbors when they fall behind on their rent**
- **cover the out-of-pocket cost of medical equipment and dentistry when costs are prohibitive**

In tandem with support services from one of over 250 partner agencies, a Lend A Hand grant helps solve a pressing problem and gives hope for better days ahead. Even during this tumultuous time, we can make a difference for our neighbors.

Please consider “lending a hand” by making your donation today. Fully 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,
thank you for your
generosity.

Warm regards,



Erica Harmon
President

LAH support not only helped my client remain in her home but also provided the breathing room she needed to focus on her children's well-being and move forward with greater stability.

Maria Inés Folta
Paralegal | Housing Unit
Greater Boston Legal Services

In Massachusetts, nearly 1 in 10 residents live in poverty, despite our standing as one of the wealthiest and most highly educated states in the nation.

Action For Boston Community Development (ABCD)

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.

The grant LAH provided has supported our client immensely! The client and BARCC are grateful for your continued support!

*Maeve Linnane
Case Manager
Boston Area Rape Crisis Center*

Grant Areas We Support



EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

rent, heat and electric bills, moving and storage, critical medicines, medical equipment 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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LAH GRANTS AT WORK

1,488

requests for emergency assistance from over 200 nonprofit partner agencies

482

emergency assistance grants made in 2025, totaling

\$252,378

assisting households comprised of over 1,400 adults, children, seniors, people with disabilities, veterans, and others



\$182,511

in grants for rent helped to prevent eviction and homelessness of

311

Greater Boston area households

\$54,746

was granted to cover utility costs

\$7,431

covered medical + dental costs, rehabilitation, medicines



\$7,690

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

OTHER
PROGRAM
GRANTS

\$21,900

was granted across 8 summer camp programs for scholarships for Greater Boston city youth

\$4,000

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

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Despite an abundance of new apartments, high rents have left more people than ever cost burdened, and have contributed to a sharp rise in homelessness.

*2025 The State of the Nation's Housing,
Joint Center for Housing Studies of
Harvard University*

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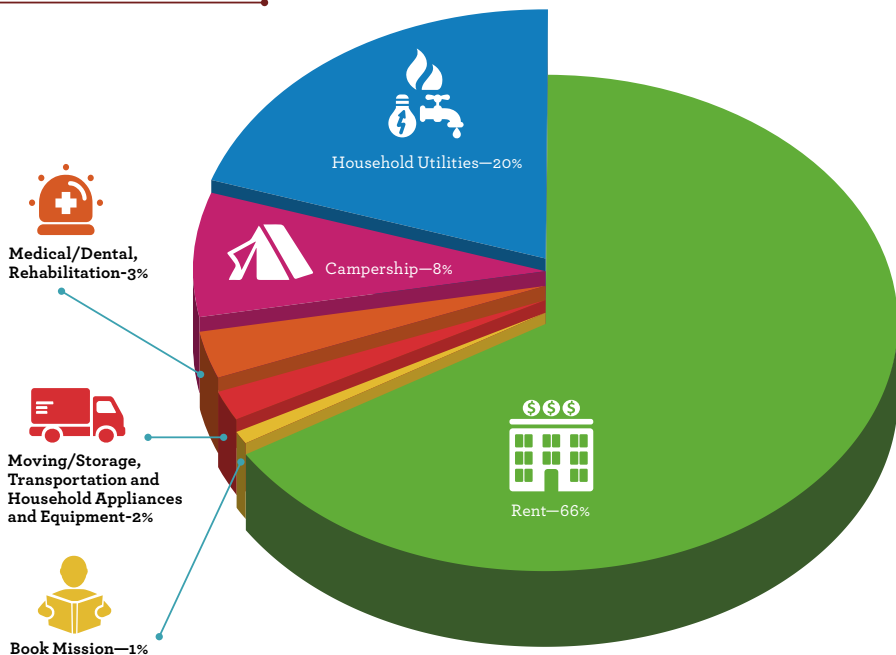
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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Fiscal year ending December 31, 2025

REVENUE AND SUPPORT	\$394,876
Donations.....	\$225,991
Interest & Dividends.....	\$168,885
EXPENSES.....	\$366,020
Grants	
Emergency Assistance	\$252,378
Camperships.....	\$21,900
Book Mission	\$4,000
Operations.....	\$87,742

LAH 2025 GRANTS



THANK YOU

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