

Family-TO-Family Project

Restoring homes and hope in Massachusetts since 1988

Annual Report FY2014-2015



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Our Mission

The Family-to-Family Project seeks to prevent and reverse family homelessness in Massachusetts by providing timely financial assistance.

Dear Friends,

We are happy to share the news of a successful year at the Family-to-Family Project. We have spent the past year focusing on two objectives: providing increased financial assistance to more families than last year, and tracking the effectiveness of the assistance we provide to ensure that our impact is lasting.

We are pleased to report that during the past fiscal year we have increased both the size of our grants and the number of families assisted. The average grant size increased from \$950 to \$1,200 per family and we assisted 130 families and 265 children; a 35% increase from the previous fiscal year.

Efforts to improve our outcomes tracking system have yielded positive results: of the families we have assisted, 95% have maintained their housing six months after receiving assistance, and 93% are stably housed one year after receiving assistance. It is clear that our model of providing timely, flexible funding on behalf of families works; these long-term housing outcomes illustrate the effectiveness of our grants.

The majority of families we reach are working diligently to gain self-sufficiency, but typically spend more than 40% of their household income on housing. The need for affordable housing continues unabated in a tight market and we are only able to fulfill only a fraction of the requests we receive.

In the upcoming year, we plan to make use of the outcomes data we gather to contribute to systemic improvements that will support families' long-term stability. We plan to raise the profile of the Family-to-Family Project so that we can share the plight of this less-visible segment of the homeless population and continue to garner more support for our mission of preventing and reversing family homelessness. We hope that you will join us in this important work.

Sincerely,



Ellen H. Cross
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Board Chair



Christina Donnelly
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Executive Director

Year in Review: By the Numbers



The Family-to-Family Project (FTFP) provides grants primarily to families who have a history of employment and have maintained housing in the past, and typically only require one-time assistance to stabilize their housing situation and attain self-sufficiency. This includes families transitioning out of shelter as well as families facing eviction or other temporary crises. By limiting grant-making to this population, FTFP is able to judiciously use limited financial resources and make a meaningful impact on the lives of families and children who do not meet state and federal eligibility for funding, despite their current or imminent homelessness.

130

families were recipients of Flexible Funding

60

children had the opportunity to attend summer camp through the *Buttenwieser Family Enrichment Fund*

265

children's housing was *stabilized* through Flexible Funding grants

\$1,200

was the average grant size

95%

of families are *still housed* 6 months later

93%

of families are *still housed* 12 months later





Please Join Us in Welcoming Three New Board Members!



Tracy Heather Strain is a documentary filmmaker and is the President and CEO of The Film Posse. A graduate of Wellesley College and the Harvard Graduate School of Education, Tracy has directed, written, and produced numerous documentary and educational films. She is currently working on *Sighted Eyes/Feeling Heart*, a feature-length documentary about the life, art and times of Lorraine Hansberry, best-known for writing the play *A Raisin in the Sun*. Tracy brings her multimedia experience and personal interest in homelessness prevention to the Family-to-Family Project Board.



Eleanor Andrews is the Senior Vice President of Internal Audit and Chief Risk Officer at the American Tower Corporation. She brings risk management, auditing, finance and accounting experience to the Family-to-Family Project's Board of Directors. Eleanor is a longtime resident of Cambridge with a passion for supporting local causes. She has been a loyal supporter of the Family-to-Family Project for many years, and demonstrates her commitment to our mission by joining the Board of Directors.



Gabe Sheets-Poling is a Manager of Trading Technology at Cargill Risk Management. He is a graduate of Harvard University, and is currently working towards his MBA at Boston College. He brings several years of financial expertise to the Family-to-Family Project Board of Directors. Gabe and his wife have shown a personal interest and commitment to helping families in their community, and Gabe looks forward to continuing to do so at the Family-to-Family Project.



Founders Paul and Katie Buttenwieser joined Family-to-Family Project Board members at their Annual Meeting in May. From left to right: Janice Rudenauer, Jordan Evans, Tracy Heather Strain, Paul Buttenwieser, Ellen Cross, Katie Buttenwieser, Bob Pulster, Abby Sosland, Kathryn Hawkes, John Tittmann.
Not pictured: Matthew Singh, Elizabeth Malloy.



Year in Review: Financial Summary of FY2014-2015

These numbers are based on financial statements that have been reviewed by our accountant. Complete financial statements are available upon request.

	FY2014-2015	FY 2013-2014
Income	\$301,497	\$234,732
Expenses	\$289,959	\$189,572

Administrative \$29,726

\$25,062

The administrative costs included all expenses related to the operations of the organization not directly related to programs or fundraising.

Fundraising \$35,344

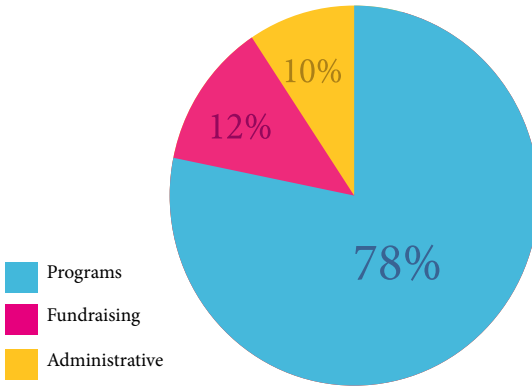
\$30,370

The fundraising costs include all expenses related to raising funds including printing, postage, event costs, and staff time.

Program \$224,899

\$134,320

The program costs include all expenses related to our efforts to prevent and reverse family homelessness. This includes financial assistance for families in addition to staff time.



Our Mission Statement

Through our strategic planning efforts, the Board voted to update our mission statement to better reflect our purpose with more clear and concise language. Our mission of preventing and reversing family homelessness has not changed. We believe this updated mission statement better communicates the essence of our work.

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Buttenwieser Family Enrichment Fund



The Buttenwieser Family Enrichment Fund was launched in 2007 in honor of founders Katie and Paul Buttenwieser and their family. It is designed to provide at-risk, formerly homeless, and homeless families and children in Massachusetts the opportunity to engage in life-enriching activities they otherwise could not afford. The fund is primarily used to fund children's enrollment in summer camp, which is a vital source of childcare for single parents who cannot cut back on work hours during the summer months when their children are not in school. It is also a positive experience for children from at-risk or homeless families, as they are exposed to opportunities for recreation, increased social development, and academic opportunities that mitigate summer learning loss. The ability to maintain steady family income directly contributes to housing stability. In FY2014-2015, FTFP provided \$17,000 in grants to help 60 children access a safe, structured environment during the summer months and enable parents to maintain consistent work schedules.





A Story of Success: Anna's Family

A single mother of three young girls, Anna left an abusive relationship to protect herself and her daughters and ensure a positive future for them all. After overcoming the initial financial adjustments necessary to manage being the sole provider for her family, Anna moved into a new apartment with her girls. In another step towards independence, Anna secured full-time employment and purchased a vehicle, which allows her to get to work and get her girls to school, as public transportation is not reliable where they live. After having come so far, when Anna had car trouble she faced a difficult trade-off: spend the money on car repairs so that she could get to work and earn her wages, or put the money towards rent at the risk of losing her job. Anna made the repairs to her car, and expected to be able to catch up on the rent over time. When her landlord's patience waned, Anna sought advice from her caseworker at the Second Step, who made a referral to the Family-to-Family Project. We were able to provide Anna with a grant for \$1,300 so that she and her girls could remain stably housed and continue on their path towards self-sufficiency. The Second Step continues to work with Anna on life skills such as budgeting, so that she can build savings for emergencies in the future.

Words of Thanks from Anna's Family

So rarely in life you get a chance to meet people like the Family-to-Family Project that unselfishly help and ask for nothing in return. Reaching out when I needed help was a bit of a scary thing for me. Family-to-Family came through for me at a very critical point of my life. Independence was given to me and for that I am forever grateful and will always be paying it forward and mindful of how I treat others. Thank you does not seem like enough but it is what I have to give and eternal gratitude for Family-to-Family; for their kindness and generosity and I hope that they know how much their generosity and selflessness has been appreciated...
thank you from my family to yours.





Our Partners

The Family-to-Family Project partners with direct service providers in the community from Eastern Massachusetts including Greater Boston, North Shore, South Shore, and the Merrimack Valley. We choose our partners carefully based on a strong track record in excellent case management. Case managers from the following agencies submit requests on behalf of families in need.

Direct Service Partners

ABCD	Greater Boston Legal Services
Baycove Human Services – TPP	HomeStart
Boston Area Rape Crisis Center	Housing Families
Boston Commission on Affairs for the Elderly	Learn Your Options
Cambridge & Somerville Legal Services	Lena Park Community Development Center
Cambridge Multi-Service Center	Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless
Career Collaborative	Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership
City Mission Society	Project Hope
Community Teamwork Inc.	Somerville Homeless Coalition
Crittenton Women’s Union	South Boston Community Health Center
DOVE	The Second Step
Elizabeth Stone House	Transition House
FamilyAid Boston	Urban Edge
Family Promise North Shore Boston	Wellspring House

Strategic Partners

Citizen’s Housing and Planning Association
Homes for Families
On Solid Ground Coalition

Did you Know?

- An estimated 738,514 people in Massachusetts live in households that fell below the poverty threshold (\$23,021 for a family of four).
- In the 2014-2015 academic year, public schools across Massachusetts were able to identify and serve 19,515 students who were experiencing homelessness.
- As of August 14, 2015, there were approximately 4,250 families with children and pregnant women in Massachusetts’ Emergency Assistance shelter program. This number does not count those families who are doubled up, living in unsafe conditions, or sleeping in their cars.

The data listed above was compiled by the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless. This information and more can be found at www.mahomeless.org/about-us/basic-facts

Families Helping Families: Our Donor Families

July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

The Family-to-Family Project gratefully acknowledges the donors who support our mission. Your generosity provides the Family-to-Family Project with the critical resources needed to maintain our efforts and to maximize our impact on the lives of families in need. We cannot do this without you and your family. Thank you!

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makes every effort to ensure that
our lists are complete and accurate.
If you believe there may be an error
or omission, please notify us.**

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