

# Family-<sup>TO</sup>-Family Project

*A program of FamilyAid Boston*

Annual Report FY2017



## OUR MISSION

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The Family-to-Family Project is now a program of FamilyAid Boston, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that provides homelessness prevention, shelter, and affordable housing to 800 families every year.

Dear Friends,



Thank you for your support of the Family-to-Family Project. As you may know by now, the past year has been an eventful one for our organization.

With the full support of both organizations' Boards of Directors as well as the Family-to-Family Project's Advisory Board and partner agencies, we made the decision to merge with FamilyAid Boston as of July 1, 2017. The Family-to-Family Project will continue to administer the same program with the same mission that your support has made possible all these years.

Ours is a union of two organizations that share a common mission and compassion for the most vulnerable families in our communities. The Family-to-Family Project and FamilyAid Boston have worked together for years to prevent and reverse family homelessness. As one organization, we now have more opportunities to grow and scale our program and to help parents and their children regain the dignity of housing stability.

Your friendship and support remain essential to our efforts. The Family-to-Family Project has grown and thrived with your support, and will continue to do so for many more years.

Sincerely,



*Ellen H. Cross*  
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Chair, Family-to-Family Project  
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# Financials



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

**\*Revenue, support, and released restrictions:** \$379,912  
**Expenses:** \$332,374

\*Funds released from restrictions to cover costs of continued operation during the merger process with FamilyAid Boston

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**Administrative** \$ 17,070

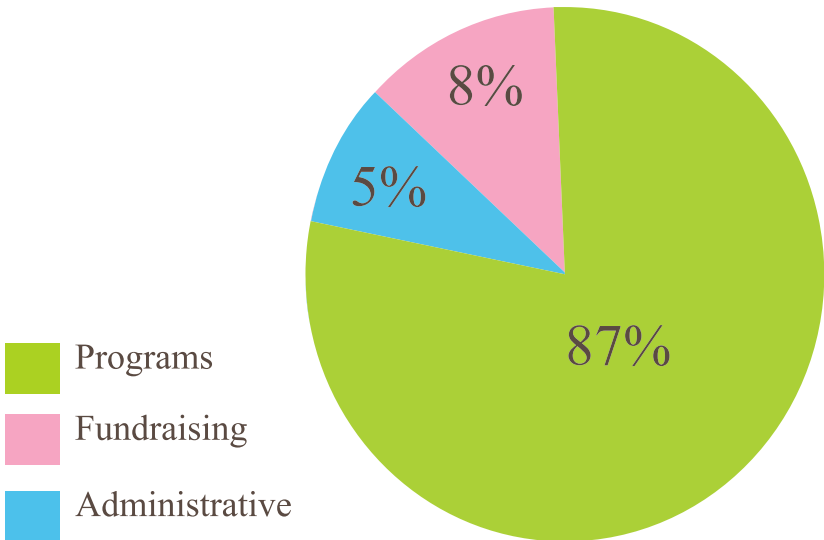
Administrative costs include all expenses related to the operations of the organization not directly related to programs or fundraising.

**Fundraising** \$ 25,864

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

**Program** \$289,440

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.





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 homeless and at-risk families in Massachusetts the opportunity to engage in life-enriching activities that they otherwise could not afford. The fund primarily supports children’s enrollment in summer camp, providing unique opportunities for recreation, social development, and time in nature as well as academic opportunities that mitigate summer learning loss.

Summer camps are also a vital source of childcare

for parents who are living paycheck-to-paycheck and cannot afford to miss work while their children are out of school for the summer.

In FY2017, the Buttenwieser Family Enrichment Fund provided grants to help 81 children access a safe, structured, stimulating environment during the summer months.



Photos courtesy of Housing Families, Inc.

*“Thanks to The Buttenwieser Family Enrichment Fund, my children were able to attend camps that they wouldn’t have been able to attend otherwise due to our financial situation. My 10 year-old son attended Nike Basketball Camp where he was able to better his skills at a sport he is very passionate about. My 8 year-old daughter was able to attend Camp Pequossette, where she was able to be with friends, make new connections, and have fun. We appreciate and are thankful to The Family-to-Family Project for the opportunity they provided us.”*

**– Kayla, Buttenwieser Family Enrichment Fund grant recipient**

## How You Helped



Thanks to the support of friends like you, the Family-to-Family Project changed the lives of 127 families over the past year, including:

- **Arlene:** Having lost everything in an apartment fire that left them homeless, Arlene and her son, who has autism, could not afford the deposit for a new apartment and were sleeping on friends' couches. With the support of the Family-to-Family Project, the family was able to move in to a new apartment.
- **Leah:** A single mother working full-time, Leah fell behind on rent when daycare costs for her 4 year-old son went up by 50%. Facing eviction, Leah sought help. Through a combination of her own savings and the support of the Family-to-Family Project, Leah was able to secure her housing and worked out a budget based on her new expenses. She is also working with an employment counselor to secure a better-paying job.
- **Joanne:** A mother of two young daughters, Joanne was hospitalized as a result of domestic violence at the hands of her ex-husband. Due to Joanne's missed hours at work, the family fell behind on rent and was facing eviction. With the help of the Family-to-Family Project and the support of her doctors and case managers, Joanne paid off her rent, stabilized her family's housing, and was able to return to work.

*Thank you so much for helping my son and I. Without the help from you and TPP, Lord knows where we would be! I am very grateful for all you have done! Again, Thank you!*

## Our Mission Statement

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

## Our Partners



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

### Community Partners

ABCD	Greater Boston Legal Services
ABCD Brighton	HomeStart
Baycove Human Services – TPP	Housing Families
Boston Area Rape Crisis Center	Lena Park CDC
Cambridge & Somerville Legal Services	Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless
Cambridge Multi-Service Center	Project Hope
City Mission Society	Somerville Homeless Coalition
Community Teamwork Inc.	South Boston Community Health Center
DOVE	The Second Step
Elizabeth Stone House	Transition House
EMPath	Urban Edge
Family Promise North Shore Boston	Wellspring House

### Strategic Partners

Homes for Families  
Citizens' Housing and Planning Association  
On Solid Ground Coalition





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The Family-to-Family Project gratefully acknowledges the donors who support our work. Your generosity provides critical resources to help families in need. Thank you!

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