

Lend A Hand Society

Helping people toward a better future



2016 Annual Report
Celebrating 125 years of service

Lend A Hand Society

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Lend A Hand Society strives to improve the lives of low-income families, individuals, seniors and disabled people primarily in the greater Boston, Massachusetts area. Working with advocates at nonprofit social service agencies who make requests on behalf of their clients, LAH provides financial assistance to meet the basic needs of those who need help and does so in a timely, dignified way.

History

Lend A Hand Society was founded in 1890 by Dr. Edward Everett Hale and incorporated in 1892. Dr. Hale was a renowned philosopher, author, Unitarian minister and philanthropist whose philosophy of reaching out to help people in need became the guiding principle for LAH. Hale played an important role in many social issues of his day - the abolition of slavery, the temperance movement, the U.S. Sanitary Commission, the formation of the Associated Charities and world peace movements. In 1890, in partnership with Sarah Brigham, LAH began to send books to prisons, rural libraries and schools in the South regardless of the race of their students. Locally, Hale was involved in the establishment of the Floating Hospital for Children. His book, "Ten Times One is Ten", was the inspiration for the rise of over 800 Lend A Hand Clubs. Hale's philosophy and many wonderful mottos continue to teach and inspire us over a century later.

I am only one, but still I am one.
 I cannot do everything,
 but still I can do something.
 And because I cannot do everything,
 I will not refuse to do something that I can do.

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

For the year end December 31, 2016

INCOME:

Donations	\$23,306
Foundations	50,000
Endowment funds	116,619
Total Income	<u>\$189,925</u>

EXPENSES:

Grants:	
Emergency Assistance	\$120,114
Camperships	13,369
Book Mission	2,651
General Expenses	<u>53,791</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$189,925</u>

SUPPORT

Donors

Lend A Hand Society is grateful to the many donors whose contributions make our work possible. We would also like to thank the foundations and anonymous donors who are not included in this list as well as those who contribute in numerous other ways.

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THE YEAR

In 2016 LAH received 820 requests for assistance from over 100 nonprofit agencies for their clients struggling to hold on to or obtain housing, utilities, and other basic necessities. LAH helped 442 households like:

A widowed senior on a fixed income who fell behind in her utility bills after her husband passed away. She lives in her own home and hopes to remain independent.

Referred by Mystic Valley Elder Services

Ms. E, a single mother of three children from 3 months to 8 years. She works 40 hours per week, but at \$13.00/hour and rent of \$1,600 plus utilities, she is struggling to pay her rent and other bills.

Referred by Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership

A cancer patient with 3 children and 4 nieces and nephews to care for. She recently moved to a new apartment with more space for the large family. She is working but had to cut back due to cancer treatments and now owes back rent. Ms. B. is a hardworking caring woman who needs a little help to get back on her feet.

Referred by Boston Medical Center

Mr. D, a disabled veteran and single father who is trying to make ends meet after losing his job. He now has a new job but is only able to work 24 hours per week due to his disability.

Referred by Boston VA Health Care

LAH has maintained Hale's simple approach continuing the simplicity and practicality of the program, which gets people who are in crisis what they need easily and quickly at a time when few if any resources are available.

Making a difference in people's lives

Helping people in a simple, dignified, respectful and caring way

LAH helped 442 households address emergency situations

Partnering with over 100 Greater Boston nonprofits

Lending a caring hand

Grants for rental assistance helped to prevent over 280 evictions of families and individuals

Program Grants

Lend A Hand Society makes grants in three program areas: emergency assistance, camperships for children and teens, and the book mission.

Emergency Assistance

Grants 2016

Requests received	820
Referring partner agencies	105
Grants made	442
People assisted	1,525
Amount of grants	\$120,114

Providing for basic needs of families and individuals

Back rent	61%
Security deposits	4%
Moving and storage	1%
Utility bills	28%
Medical/dental	4%
Job training	1%
Daycare	1%

Partner Agencies

hospitals
health clinics
human service departments
community action programs
homeless shelters
legal aid programs
immigrant services programs
elder services agencies
domestic violence programs
job training programs
daycare centers
housing agencies
veterans service agencies
AIDS programs
child protection agencies

Grants Assist

low-income
individuals, families,
seniors, children,
teens, veterans

LAH Emergency Assistance Grants making a difference in people's lives

Housing

rent to prevent eviction
security deposits to secure permanent housing
furniture storage and moving fees to keep household belongings

Utilities

gas, electric, water bills to prevent shut-offs during winter months

Medical and Health

eyeglasses, hearing aids, dentures, dental work for basic health needs
prosthesis replacements, orthopedic shoes, braces
mattresses and medical supplies for people going home from the hospital
medical support for AIDS patients
substance abuse rehabilitation program fees

Employment and Training

English classes for people starting a new life in this country
GED fees for people working to finish their education
employment and certification program fees for those working toward financial independence

Camperships

Grants	7
Amount of grants	\$13,369

Grants to nonprofit camping agencies provided scholarships for children and teenagers. Camperships benefit inner city youth who are given the opportunity to attend creative, educational, recreational and nurturing camp programs in rural settings outside the city.

Book Mission

Grants	4
Amount of grants	\$2,651

Grants were made to nonprofit organizations, schools and colleges for the purchase of books for their lending libraries and educational programs for children, teens and adults to promote literacy and a love of books and reading.