

Lend A Hand Society

Helping people toward a better future



2017 Annual Report

Serving the Community for 125 years

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, 2017

INCOME:	
Donations	\$26,771
Foundations	100,000
Interest and Dividends	<u>53,853</u>
Total Income	\$180,624
EXPENSES:	
Grants:	
Emergency Assistance	\$123,457
Camperships	14,000
Book Mission	2,958
General Expenses	<u>54,789</u>
Total Expenses	\$195,204
INVESTMENT ACTIVITY:	
Realized gains/losses	\$5,048
Unrealized net gain on investments	<u>313,741</u>
Net Investment Activity	\$318,789
Net Change in Assets	\$304,209

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 2017 LAH received 839 requests for emergency assistance from over 100 nonprofit agencies for their clients struggling to hold on to or obtain housing, utilities, and other basic necessities. LAH made grants to help 469 households like:

*Ms. M does not have any family in the area and was in danger of losing her apartment for herself, her newborn, and young son due to owing **back rent**.*

Referred by Codman Square Health Center

*Being seen at the clinic for health problems, Mr. B had fallen behind in his **rent** and was in fear of becoming homeless and on the street again.*

Referred by Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program

*Suffering from a number of disabling medical conditions and confined to a wheelchair, Ms. B's vision has been affected by chemotherapy and she needed **corrective lenses**.*

Referred by South End Community Health Center

*A single mother of two children, Ms. G was trying to make ends meet and fell behind in her **utility payments** during the winter months. She is struggling to keep the electricity on in her apartment.*

Referred by Second Step

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.

Small grants making a big difference in people's lives

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

LAH helped 469 households address emergency situations

Partnering with over 100 Greater Boston nonprofits

Lending a caring hand

Grants for rental assistance helped to prevent 292 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 2017

Requests received	839
Referring partner agencies	104
Grants made	469
People assisted	1,550
Amount of grants	\$123,457

Providing for basic needs of families and individuals

Back rent	66%
Security deposits	3%
Moving and storage	1%
Utility bills	24%
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	6
Amount of grants	\$14,000

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	\$2,958

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.