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Accomplishments: Running the Boston Marathon (twice) for MBHP was probably the best. Motivation:一抹抹红色的印迹留在这片金色的土地上

Values: Honesty, humility, and compassion.

Motivation: Something in either my professional or personal life inspired me. Overcoming a setback and giving back at all of the things I have completed that wound stealing from me at first. Everything works out in the end.

CAREER SPORTLIFET Response tips

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MRVP Waiting List now closed

The Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (MRVP) is a state-wide rental assistance program. Similar to the federal Tenant-Based Rental Voucher Program, commonly known as Section 8, it provides eligible households with the opportunity to rent affordable housing.

Between October 6 and November 30, 2015, MBHP received more than 2,500 applications for the MRVP Waiting List. MBHP was one of six agencies across the state accepting MRVP applications, and DHCD has compiled that more than 400 vouchers have been made available.

Motivation: When something in your life is not working as you’d like, take a look around a lot more. I ended up being the easiest part.

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Share your story with MBHP! Do you have a rental assistance success story through MBHP? Have a stable living environment given you the opportunity to improve your situation? If so, we would love to hear about it. MBHP’s building success stories for people who influence the funding for the programs we administer. Being able to share a personal story of how a program made a real difference in someone’s life is a great gift. If you would like to help us tell your story, please contact Lisa Harker at lharker@mbhp.org or (617) 425-6861.

Resources for cold relief

Winter Energy Savings Tips

Below are some tips from Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development.

• Close your curtains and shades at night; open them during the day.
• Clean or replace filters on furnaces every other month.
• When the fireplace is not in use, keep the flue damper tightly closed.
• Turn off lights when leaving the room.

Consumers, Inc. at (617) 942-7568.

For more information on these programs, test yourself and get going for “Cold Relief Information.” You can also call the Cold Relief Hotline at (800) 632-8175.

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Weatherization Assistance Program

The Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) provides eligible households with full-scale home energy efficiency services.

Home Repair and Replacement Services

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