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It was particularly gratifying to see how such outstanding partners such as the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights, the Attorney General’s Office and other such organizations on the ground. Dissemination and sharing our work on the powerful steps that have been taken to make fair access to housing opportunity is provided to the people we serve.

Among Metro Housing’s community partners is the Attorney General’s Civil Rights Division and other agencies committed to the provision of legal aid on behalf of Massachusetts residents and visitors.

We also work closely with the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights and Economic Justice, the Massachusetts Attorney General’s Commission against Discrimination in protecting the people of Massachusetts from discrimination. As we continue to investigate and expose the mechanisms of discrimination that occur in housing.

Metro Housing Names 2018 Lowell Richards Fellow

Nour Darabchi of MIT has been selected as the recipient of the Lowell L. Richards Fellowship for Leadership and Public Service. Nour, originally from Syria, will spend the next two years working with the Massachusetts Port Authority’s pedestrian program’s Planning and Economic Development, where Lowell Richards was Chief Development Officer for more than ten years.

"As another year with exceptional and very competent candidates," said Karen Richards, Lowell’s wife, "Nour exhibited a combination of life experiences and accomplishments that would have made Lowell proud to have hertripled him in her footsteps. In the end, it helped me weigh about this fellowship. It is an honor to have someone work in Housing instability toward economic security and an improved quality of life.

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The speakers outlined the positive steps that their respective organizations are taking to utilize fair housing and economic security tools to create strong communities.

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However, the graduation of 12 graduates of Metro Housing’s Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program on February 26 marked a completely different kind of transition. FSS participants undertake their own transition not just for them but for their entire families.

Through its mission to improve the health and wellness of the diverse communities they serve, the Foundation has given more than $27 million to organizations in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island non-profits and city government to help the health of older adults.

While the FSS participants may graduate, their progress continues.

“Donor Spotlight: Tufts Health Plan Foundation...”

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The Foundation’s programs that promote healthy living throughout the life span with vulnerable, older adults.

In 2016, the Foundation awarded Metro Housing|Boston’s Center for Hoarding Intervention (CHI) a three-year grant to help families in Boston and other communities deal with hoarding behavior. This support, thanks to CHI’s work, has made significant and positive difference in the lives of families.

Metro Housing|Boston is the leading affordable housing provider in Boston, serving more than 30,000 residents in 9,000 homes.

Boston. Equally impressive, the team surpassed its fund raising goal for the FSS program, the Department of Neighbor- hood Development (DHCD).

New Partnership with Boston College Center Launched to Combat Homelessness

Metro Housing Boston and Boston College Center (BMC) are connecting families at risk of homelessness with resources to help them stabilize their housing and avoid eviction. "We are excited to be part of this new partnership and to work together to prevent homelessness development (DHC)

"Astable housing positively impacts the health of families, and what we’ve seen at Metro Housing|Boston is a direct result of those efforts," said Executive Director of Metro Housing|Boston. "We are looking forward to helping Metro Housing|Boston and BMC to expand the program to more families.

“In addition to Metro Housing’s new partnership with BMC, it’s an exciting day to announce two additional homelessness prevention programs with new resources from existing partners. First, the City has approved the eligibility for Rental Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) to include single adults. RAFT’s current funding by the City covers the cost of providing rental assistance for families, who are currently eligible if they are transitioning between housing and are not eligible for federal assistance. RAFT funding for individuals will be included in the State budget for FY 19.

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Building Relationships and Impacting Budgets on Beacon Hill and Capitol Hill

As budgets are being deliberated at both the State House in Boston and in the halls of Congress in Washington, DC, the Foundation is working to ensure that resources are fully invested in homelessness prevention programs.”

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Systems Change. Their innovative program is multifaceted. In 2016, the Foundation awarded Metro Housing|Boston’s vulnerable, including older adults. The Foundation funds programs that promote healthy serve. The Foundation has given more than $27 million to the health and wellness of the diverse communities they serve. In addition to Metro Housing’s new partnership with a medical institution that incorporates housing and homelessness prevention services. This new initiative, called the FSS Graduates with Metro Housing|Boston staff.

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Team Metro Housing Makes it Rain

The co-founders of this year’s team, Metro Housing—Ari Burdick, Mia Friedman, Michael Jansen, Lane Daniel. Chris Norris, Adam Kotlikoff, and several others including John Egan, hosted the marathon Boston Marathon on April 16 with a sense of accomplishment even before the race started. Though conditions were not ideal for running—and the weather made it more difficult—the team was enthusiastic as they left Hopkinton headed to Boston. Despite the rain, the team surpassed their fundraising goal of $60,000. “I’ve been training seriously for this marathon for more than a year, but I was still in the bird team, but it was a good opportunity for me to be a part of a very diverse group of people who are passionate about our mission,” said Jansen. “I was incredibly motivated to get to the finish line last year since I had dropped out near the end of last year’s race. I was not going to let my health get in the way.” Funds raised by our marathon teams support intensive services delivered by experienced case managers to people who face extraordinary obstacles. More than 94% of the residents with the highest need are housed throughout the year. These results save millions of dollars in eviction procedures, expensive court fees, emergency shelter, healthcare, and other costs.

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Metro Housing|Boston and Metro Housing|Boston (MHB) is a multi-disciplinary grant-making organization that connects families at risk of homelessness with up to $6,000 available to families at risk of homelessness. Contact the Foundation for more information about FSS, please visit our website for more information about FSS, please visit our website.
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As the only regional funder exclusively focused on healthy aging, Tufts Health Plan Foundation builds partnerships with local non-profits and government agencies to support community-based strategies to improve the health and wellness of the diverse communities they serve. The Foundation has granted nearly $18 million to organizations in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island non-profits that work to support healthy living with an emphasis on older adults.

The Foundation funds programs that promote healthy living along the life span with a focus on preventing and addressing health disparities among vulnerable, older adults. In 2016, the Foundation in conjunction with Tufts Health Plan-Boston’s Center for Hoarding Intervention (CHI) announced a three-year grant to support an emergency room treatment program aimed at helping patients with hoarding intervention. Thanks to this support, CHI has made it possible to make significant and positive assistance and benefit older residents and neighbors feeling the effects of hoarding.

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Metro Housing Honors Property Owners

Celebrating its property owners and managers for their continued commitment to providing quality affordable housing, Metro Housing|Boston honored 50 people at the 50th Annual Property Owner Appreciation Night on April 2.

The partnerships that Metro Housing establishes with property owners are critical to ensuring that families and individuals are able to stay in the continuum of housing instability toward economic security, where Metro Housing could not accomplish our goals without these partnerships.

Chairman Jeffrey Sánchez of the House Ways and Means Committee spoke at the Property Owner Appreciation Night while crossing the Real estate market with those in support of families with low incomes who need safe and affordable homes. Representative Nakina Sanchez served as Massachusetts State Representative for the Norfolk District, which includes Mission Hill, Jamaica Plain, Roxbury, and a part of Brookline.

Three owner/managers were cited for exemplary service to tenants that are served through Metro Housing.

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"It is personally gratifying to me to have such outstanding property owners in their support of Metro Housing. From late rent to probate, extreme difficult cases of tenants who show signs of hoarding, Metro Housing about a disabled family living in an unclean unit that was infested with bedbugs. He could have stopped there, but Joe also reached out to a team of case managers and other agencies to help the family with other issues. Joe is known for his strong community ties and has a high level of support displayed by his patience, kindness, and empathy for residents.

Commemorating 50 Years of Fair Housing Act

In commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the passage of the Fair Housing Act, Metro Housing|Boston hosted a Fair Housing Act 50th Anniversary Fair Housing Act 50th Anniversary Event on April 24th. Grievance Panelists and Members of the Office of Massachusetts Attorney General’s Home Foreclosure Negotiation Panel participated in the event.

The speakers outlined the positive steps that their respective organizations are taking to utilize fair housing and economic development funding to create and support economic inclusion, respect, and, most importantly, strong community ties.

"One of the significant barriers to housing for our clients is discrimination. That is why Metro Housing established the Fair Housing Project two years ago," said Barbara Chandler, Senior Advisor on Civil Rights & Fair Housing at Metro Housing|Boston.
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George Gregory
George Gregory exemplifies the type of property owner Metro Housing could not suit alone. Twenty years ago, George worked quickly with members of the Metro Housing staff to rent an apartment to Jerry, a victim of domestic violence who recently recovered from a stroke. Because of Jerry’s health issues, George helped him out in multiple ways, big and small. For example, he helped Jerry get a lock box outside of his apartment for easy access for his family and caregivers. He also helped Jerry with a disability parking permit to make it easier for him to get to medical appointments. As Jerry’s birthday is July 4th, George included him in a large gathering for the holiday last year, and then made sure to make the event about Jerry’s birthday. Throughout it all, George made Jerry feel welcome and safe from day one.

Joe Deignan
Joe Deignan and his employee, Homesavers Inc., (HRI) of Cambridge, regularly go above and beyond the call of duty as property owners. From the moment he heard the news of his elderly tenant’s health issues, Joe developed a plan to support the resident and address the issues at hand. He is among Metro Housing’s most proactive partners, particularly with extremely difficult cases of tenants who show signs of hearing disorder. Recently, Joe contacted Metro Housing about a disabled family living in an unclean unit that was infested with bedbugs. He could have stopped there, but Joe also reached out to a team of case managers and other agencies to help the family with other issues. Joe is known for going above and beyond the call of duty, not only by showing his tenant’s patience, kindness, and empathy for residents.

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