



The Heartbeat

Father Bill's & MainSpring is committed to ending and preventing homelessness in Southern Massachusetts, with programs that shelter and connect people to housing, jobs and services. We help people who are struggling with homelessness or are at risk of homelessness to achieve self-sufficiency.

SPRING 2014 NEWSLETTER

Announcing *Montello Welcome Home*

Father Bill's & MainSpring awarded state funding to build housing for homeless veterans, individuals and families.



We are extremely pleased to announce that Father Bill's & MainSpring (FBMS) has been awarded \$2.6M by the MA Department of Housing and Community Development to create 22 units of permanent supportive housing in Brockton – *Montello Welcome Home*.

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Spring Street Resident Joao Cipriano

Success Story: Joao Cipriano

When you first meet Joao Cipriano, you are instantly pulled in by his contagious personality and infectious smile. But when you really get to know John, you may wonder how he ever had hope.

For close to a decade, Joao had been living in Perkins Park in Brockton, heavily drinking and using drugs. Because of his drug use, he had lost his job as a union painter and was estranged from his family and friends.

After 8 years of living on the streets, Joao decided he had to make a change in his life. "By the grace of God," as he states, Joao discovered MainSpring House, and in November 2008, he turned in his bag, and "turned over his life."

Since that day, Joao has not looked back. He participated in and graduated from FBMS' WorkExpress program. The program required a commitment to sobriety and provided Joao with paid on-the-job training, case management and the life skills training he needed to transition out of homelessness.

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FBMS Receives State Funding for WorkReady – South Shore



Father Bill's & MainSpring is the grateful recipient of almost \$250,000 from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development to create WorkReady – South Shore. WorkReady – South Shore is a project that will engage job seekers who are homeless and will provide them with training and skills needed to place them into employment.

WorkReady – South Shore will build on a longstanding partnership between Father Bill's & MainSpring and the Quincy Career Center and expand the model to all three Career Centers in the region. The program will add more job-readiness and training resources and open these resources to all individuals and families experiencing homelessness and in need of short-term job-readiness assistance in order to obtain employment.

FBMS is one of seven organizations that received funding as a part of a \$1.7 million statewide initiative to place more than 320 individuals experiencing homelessness into stable employment. We would like to thank the Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development for their commitment in helping people experiencing homelessness get back to work, as we believe this resource is a great investment in helping people achieve self-sufficiency.



Announcing Montello Welcome Home (continued from page 1)

Montello Welcome Home will provide housing to formerly homeless veterans and disabled individuals and families, along with critical supportive services to help tenants gain self-sufficiency. At least 50% of the units will be directed to US Veterans. FBMS will construct a 20-unit building for individuals (efficiency-style apartments) and an adjacent 2-family duplex (two 2-bedroom apartments) on a vacant parcel in the Montello neighborhood in Brockton. Construction is estimated to begin in summer 2014, with completion in late spring of 2015.

Montello Welcome Home is FBMS' third full construction project in four years, including The Residences at Spring Street/Brockton for veterans and chronically homeless individuals in 2010 (32 units), and The Commander Paul F. Anderson House/Hingham for veterans in 2012 (6 units).

When completed, the project will bring FBMS' housing inventory to 380+ units, increasing our agency's capacity to provide the most vulnerable in our community with housing and support. Montello Welcome Home will also increase FBMS' owned inventory of veteran-specific housing by 25%. In response to growing need, FBMS has dramatically expanded veteran housing and services. In FY13, we served 576 veterans across all programs, 35% more than in FY12. With our help, 250 veterans were able to move to housing.



PLANS FOR MONTELLO WELCOME HOME 2-FAMILY DUPLEX

Did you know?

IN FISCAL YEAR 2013...

- Father Bill's & MainSpring served more than 4,400 individuals last year.
- We added 35 units of housing, increasing FBMS housing inventory to 360.
- We sheltered 193 families, 28% of which exited to housing.
- We sheltered 2,102 adults last year, 29% of whom exited to housing or treatment.
- 178 people secured jobs through our Workforce Development programs.
- We served 576 veterans, including veterans who were homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless.
- We prevented homelessness for 290 households, or 96% of those assisted through our Tenancy Preservation Program.
- Our community lunch program, *The Table*, served almost 50,000 lunches.



Honor a loved one this Memorial Day with a commemorative brick.

For information call the Development Office at 617-376-2255.

2013 Holiday Review

The holidays have come and gone and spring is fast approaching. We would like to take a moment to share our gratitude for our wonderful donors and volunteers who give so much of themselves throughout the holiday season.

The holidays were off to a great start in November, with two wonderful Thanksgiving Community Meals. For many years Reebok has served dinner at their headquarters in Canton for our Brockton guests and residents and this year's did not disappoint! Our Community Meal at Christ Church Quincy is always a great success as well. The Quincy High School culinary program prepared the turkeys, which were donated by the Worthwhile Life Foundation. Dave Capozzi, our Food Service Manager, oversaw meal preparation with the help of many volunteers. Between the two events, we served more than 300 turkey dinners, and volunteers delivered about 150 meals to those who were unable to attend, usually because of age or disability.



Above: One of the 300 guests at our Thanksgiving community meals

Right: MainSpring House guests pose with Santa and Mrs. Claus



In December, volunteers from the "Spirit of State Street" retirees from the company and Jack Conway & Co. assisted Father Bill's Place and MainSpring House in hosting a "holiday shopping day" for the shelter guests. Guests could select a few items they wanted and had the opportunity to have their gifts wrapped.

The spirit of giving continued with more than 100 generous employees from Granite Telecommunications in Quincy donating fully decorated trees and wrapped gifts to 18 families in need. The trees were delivered by Office Products in Stoughton, which has happily played Santa for many years. And speaking of Santa, the merry gentleman made a quick stop at Conway house in Middleboro to have a photo op with the kids, courtesy of HarborOne. The kids were thrilled!

We couldn't get through the holidays without our amazing donors who coordinate drives to gather much needed items for those served by FBMS. We are so grateful to have so many dedicated partners to help us make the holidays special for everyone.

How Can You Make a Difference?

Host a Donation Drive for FBMS

Father Bill's & MainSpring provides shelter guests with basic essentials such as shampoo and soap, flip flops for the shower, towels, and new clothing. Throughout the year, businesses, church groups, school clubs and individuals collect these items by hosting donation drives. In 2013, generous individuals and organizations hosted 35 drives, ranging from collecting toiletries, clothing or toys, to creating "Welcome Home" kits for individuals and families moving into housing.

Interested in hosting a donation drive, but not sure where to start?

Check out our website at helpfbms.org for the latest wish lists for our shelters and housing.

Contact the Development Office at 617-376-2255 or email Janna Stanke at JStanke@helpfbms.org for a Donation Drive Kit to get started.



Save the Date



Father Bill's & MainSpring
Supporting our mission to end homelessness

NEW OUTDOOR LOCATION!



Granite Links
100 Quarry Hills Drive, Quincy

Tuesday, July 29, 2014

Premier Sponsor



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Volunteer Profile: Heather Fernald



Little did Father Bill's & MainSpring know that, when Heather Fernald became President of Bridgewater State's Circle K Club almost 20 years ago, the agency would be the recipient of her volunteer services for years to come. As the Club's president Heather started bringing groups together to volunteer at MainSpring House; she has been organizing groups and volunteering with FBMS ever since.

Heather, who works at Jack Conway Realtors, manages to find the time to support FBMS in so many ways: "I spread the word no matter where I am so everyone knows how easy it is to join in and support FBMS. This includes everything from serving dinners to donation drives in my office – from the holiday 'shopping event' to filling my car with donations."

But Heather's support does not end at the shelter. She continuously educates others about FBMS' mission and frequently brings in new volunteers. "I have helped open the eyes of numerous people who may have had misconceptions about shelters before joining me, and now they are some of our strongest supporters. It seems that no matter where I am or what I'm doing, FBMS is always at the top of my mind."

Heather tells us that she truly loves being a part "of the bigger picture and making a difference in someone's life." Thank you, Heather, for being such an enthusiastic volunteer, for treating our guests with dignity, and for truly making a difference to those served by FBMS!

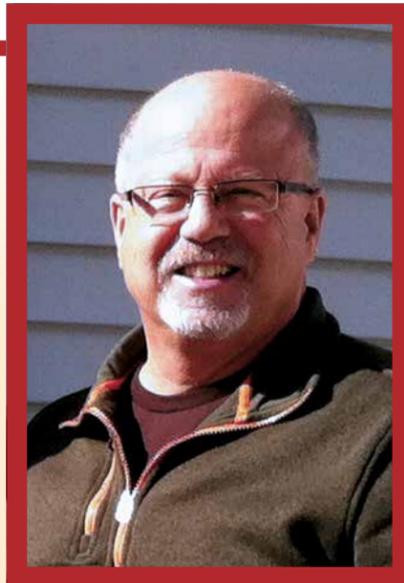
Welcome Returning Board Member, Ken DeDominici

Before the great partnership of Father Bill's Place in Quincy and MainSpring House in Brockton in 2007, Ken DeDominici served on the Brockton Area Coalition for the Homeless board for more than a decade, helping to facilitate the merger discussions that created our agency today, Father Bill's & MainSpring.

Mr. DeDominici is the President of Churchill Linen Service established in 1932 as a Brockton-based, family-owned linen company serving primarily the restaurant and health care industries. His business acumen and commitment to great customer service make him a well-respected business owner in the Brockton community.

Another of Mr. DeDominici's interests is real estate, and he is a registered agent in the State of MA. He also serves on the finance and capital committees for the Town of East Bridgewater, is a member of the New England Laundry Association and the Metro South Chamber of Commerce.

We look forward to working with Mr. DeDominici in our mission to end homelessness in Southern Massachusetts.



Ken DeDominici, FBMS Board Member and President of Churchill Linen Services

FBMS Success Story: Joao Cipriano *(continued from page 1)*



He currently lives in FBMS' supported housing units in Brockton and is a model tenant. Perhaps most importantly, with the support and services from Father Bill's & MainSpring, Joao celebrated 6 years of sobriety last November.

Due to a physical disability, Mr. Cipriano is unable to continue his work as a painter. But his disability does not stop him from giving back to his community in whatever way he can. Joao currently leads the AA programs at MainSpring House every week and works on small painting projects for FBMS when needed.

"I am very grateful for the place I have to live and for the people here who have helped me," said Joao. "Who knows where I would be now if not for MainSpring. I decided to 'let go and let God,' and God has been very good to me."

Planning Your Estate?

When planning your estate, please consider a gift to FBMS in your will. Called a "charitable bequest," this type of gift offers three primary benefits:

- **Simplicity:** Just a few sentences in your will or trust states your intentions. "I, (name), of (city, state, ZIP), give, devise and bequeath to Father Bill's & MainSpring (written monetary amount, percentage of your estate, or description of assets or stocks) for unrestricted use or for use in greatest area of need."
- **Flexibility:** You can change the amount or percentage of your gift at any time based on your needs, desires or family. You can structure the bequest to leave a specific item or amount of money, make the gift contingent on certain events, or leave a percentage of your estate.
- **Tax Deductable:** Your estate is entitled to an estate tax charitable deduction for the gift's full value.

To make a charitable bequest, you need a current will or revocable living trust. Most attorneys who deal with estate and financial matters can work with you to create a will or revocable living trust that suits you and your family.

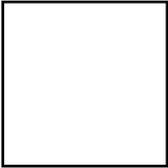
If you have questions or would like more information on making a planned gift to help those experiencing homelessness, please contact Lucille Cassis, Chief Development Officer: 617-376-2255 x222.





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