



The Heartbeat

NOBODY SHOULD BE HOMELESS...



Jack's Place construction nearing completion – April 2016

Father Bill's & MainSpring Awarded \$100,000 from The Home Depot Foundation in Support of New Housing Development

Father Bill's & MainSpring (FBMS) recently received a \$100,000 grant from The Home Depot Foundation. The awarded funds are being used to support the development of Jack's Place, which will provide 20 new units of permanent housing for formerly homeless veterans and individuals with disabilities. Patti's House, an adjacent duplex, will house two formerly homeless families.

The Home Depot Foundation annually awards grants to nonprofits for the development or renovation of veteran housing. At least 50% of the units at Jack's Place will be directed to US Veterans, adding to the 22,000 units the Foundation has funded nationwide. Their efforts toward ending veteran homelessness total more than \$100 million in support since 2011.

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Tim in his new home – Winter 2015

Participant Profile and Success Story: Tim

For more than a decade, Tim lived in a small wooden shack along a riverbank on Brockton's south side...

Born and raised in Brockton, Tim was one of eight children. As an adult, he spent years installing carpets and hardwood floors for a living. During this time, Tim was renting rooms around Brockton.

Eventually, work slowed down, and Tim was unable to maintain rent. Around the same time, Tim's oldest sister began to require his assistance, as she was diagnosed with MS and living alone in a high-rise in Brockton. In order to be closer to his sister, Tim began camping out in the shadow of the building – in a small wooden shack along a riverbank. As he puts it, if his sister needed his help, she would shout

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Corporate Spotlight: Citizens Bank

Father Bill's & MainSpring (FBMS) is proud to highlight the exceptional work of Citizens Bank and their partnership with us to help end homelessness in our region. In late 2015 FBMS received a \$20,000 contribution from Citizens Bank to create housing for formerly homeless individuals who participate in workforce development programs in Southern Massachusetts. Following a campaign for community members to match donations, FBMS received an overwhelming response, raising an additional \$22,500 in donations for supportive housing programs.

"We are thrilled that our partnership with Father Bill's & MainSpring helped exceed their campaign goals," said Jerry Sargent, President, Citizens Bank, Massachusetts. "Supportive housing is a long-term solution for so many issues formerly homeless people face. Citizens believes strongly in helping to improve the lives of our neighbors

in Southern Massachusetts who are homeless or at risk of homelessness."

These contributions to FBMS are utilized to support the Quincy Workforce Housing Project so that men and women in our workforce programs are able to access housing and case management services as they prepare for a new life of economic independence. Participants in the program benefit greatly from living together in a cohesive and stable environment in which work-ethic is emphasized and where staff and more experienced participants model soft skills needed to maintain future employment such as attendance, promptness and reliability.

Last summer, John Yazwinski, President and CEO of Father Bill's & MainSpring, hosted a tour for Citizens Bank CEO Bruce Van Saun and Jerry Sargent, President, Citizens Bank, Massachusetts, at Father Bill's Place emergency shelter in Quincy.



John Yazwinski, FBMS President and CEO hosts a tour at Father Bill's Place for Citizens Bank CEO Bruce Van Saun and Citizens Bank Massachusetts President Jerry Sargent

"It's great to have funders meet with us in our programs so they see exactly where their money is being spent," said Yazwinski of the visit. "Citizens has been a strong supporter of Father Bill's & MainSpring for more than a decade, and we are grateful that they continue to help us help others achieve long-term self-sufficiency."

Thank you to Citizens Bank for your longstanding and continued support to ending homelessness, one life at a time.



In Memory of Paul Harrington (1966-2016)

This past winter, Father Bill's & MainSpring (FBMS) lost valued employee, Paul Harrington, who fought a courageous

battle with cancer. Paul served as a crew supervisor for WorkExpress, FBMS' social enterprise that provides job readiness skills and employment experience for individuals struggling with homelessness.

Paul was a dedicated leader and mentor as a crew supervisor – uniquely qualified for this position, as he had graduated from the program only two years prior.

Paul had spent more than a decade struggling to cope with the loss of loved ones and depression – leading to dependence on drugs and alcohol, loss of his job and, ultimately, homelessness. He entered MainSpring House in December 2012 and enrolled in WorkExpress. With a renewed sense of responsibility and newfound sobriety, Paul thrived in the program and graduated a year later. Shortly after graduating, FBMS hired him as a full-time employee. In June 2014, Paul moved into his own apartment, supporting himself without any financial assistance. He maintained his sobriety for the rest of his life.

Paul will be remembered for his kind and generous spirit – using his holiday bonus to

take his crew out for pizza, and arranging for his belongings to go to someone in need after he passed away, which ultimately provided the final steppingstone for a veteran to become housed.

It is only because of our caring community of supporters that we were able to help Paul end his homelessness, secure employment and become independent. While we continue to mourn the loss of a truly special individual, we celebrate Paul's life, his contributions to FBMS and his legacy that will continue for years to come.

To learn more about WorkExpress, the social enterprise that helped Paul and continues to help countless others, visit www.WorkXpress.org.

A Kind and Gentle Force Behind Ending Homelessness

RECOGNIZING REVEREND ADOLPH H. WISMAR, JR.: FORMER BOARD CHAIR AND CURRENT BOARD MEMBER, FATHER BILL'S & MAINSPRING

After 15 years of leadership and 30 years of commitment and dedication to the homeless population in Southern Massachusetts, Reverend Adolph H. "Pastor" Wismar stepped down as chair of the Father Bill's & MainSpring Board of Directors in 2016. He will remain on the board as a member.

Pastor Wismar, along with fellow interfaith colleagues, is one of the founders of Father Bill's Place. He played an integral role in the merger between Father Bill's Place in Quincy and MainSpring House in Brockton in 2007. Pastor championed the agency's housing direction and was instrumental in the development of several strategic plans, all of which have and continue to guide the organization's mission to end homelessness.

John Yazwinski, President & CEO, said of Pastor, "He is one of those rare individuals who can walk into a room and calm all anxieties. His kindness is abundant and he has been a true champion for those less fortunate since I first met him at Father Bill's Place in 1996. He has been a mentor, a friend, and incredible leader through a very high-growth period for our agency. His guidance has been invaluable in helping us serve the amount of people we have been able to serve over these many years. I am grateful to him."

Pastor Wismar became pastor of Wollaston Lutheran Church in Quincy in 1983. The church was one of the first sites to shelter people locally. He and members of his parish remain dedicated volunteers, preparing and serving meals for those in need at the agency's shelters.

We are grateful to Pastor's contributions to Father Bill's & MainSpring. While his chairmanship will be missed, he remains an integral part of our board and we are grateful he remains a friend and advocate of our mission to end homelessness.

*John Yazwinski, FBMS President and CEO,
with Pastor Wismar, former FBMS Board
Chair, current FBMS Board member*



Strategic Plan (2015-2019)

In 2015 FBMS launched a new 5-year strategic plan that we are confident addresses our area's growing problem of homelessness in a cost effective and permanent way. The plan includes four main performance goals:

HOUSING RESOURCE CENTER MODEL

FBMS will develop a housing resource center model to reduce the need for emergency housing with three major components: (1) comprehensive day services designed to divert people from shelter and move them to housing or treatment more rapidly, (2) reduced emergency housing for short term needs, and (3) permanent supportive housing for the most vulnerable homeless individuals.

FAMILY PROGRAM MODEL

FBMS will develop and implement a new model for family programs that achieves better outcomes for families. The model will align with our resources and programs more effectively so more families avoid shelter, have shorter stays in shelter, and exit to housing, employment, and greater stability.

HOUSING

FBMS will undertake an ambitious housing program required to implement the new housing resource center model, making it possible to reduce substantially the number of shelter beds. Our goal is to create 100 units to support the housing resource center model, plus an additional 25 units to address other high need populations.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

FBMS will develop and implement a new community relations plan to "tell our story" more effectively. The purpose is to enhance understanding of our mission and explain the full scope of services we provide so that the community fully grasps our value as a community partner in ending homelessness.

FBMS Properties

With high housing costs, many low income and disabled individuals and families simply cannot afford rent or access housing on their own. Father Bill's & MainSpring creates and provides affordable, safe housing with supportive services for individuals and families who had once been homeless.

FBMS Owned Permanent Supportive Housing



SHEILA MCINTYRE HOUSE
8 units for veterans



O'NEIL HOUSE
3 units for individuals



TOM'S HOUSE
3 units for individuals



JEFF'S PLACE
*32 units for individuals
(15 units dedicated to veterans)*



3 units for families



14 units for individuals



3 units for families

Permanent Supportive Housing Units by Town – Operated by FBMS*

Abington – 1	Carver – 1	Kingston – 1	Randolph – 2
Boston – 4	Halifax – 1	Marshfield – 1	Rockland – 2
Braintree – 22	Hingham – 11	Onset – 4	Stoughton – 2
Brockton – 74	Holbrook – 3	Plymouth – 46	Wareham – 6
Canton – 2	Hull – 11	Quincy – 170	Weymouth – 52

* Not inclusive of Jack's Place and Patti's House.

In addition to 92* units of housing owned by FBMS, we administer and operate 324 additional units of permanent supportive housing in partnership with local landlords and housing agencies, most notably NeighborWorks Southern Mass. In total, we support 416 individuals and families in permanent housing throughout the region.



COMMANDER PAUL F. ANDERSON HOUSE
6 units for veterans



3 units for families



3 units for families



12 units for individuals



2 units for families



JACK'S PLACE
Coming Soon!
20 units for individuals
(10 units veterans preference)



PATTI'S HOUSE
Coming Soon!
2 units for families

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With a goal of improving the lives of military veterans and their families, The Home Depot Foundation identified FBMS as an ideal partner to further their mission. Our veteran's track provides targeted services such as emergency, transitional and permanent housing, connections to veteran-directed benefits and resources, and job training programs. We are able to help hundreds of veterans each year

get back on their feet and rejoin their community; the generosity of The Home Depot Foundation will allow us to serve even more this year.

Our work would not be possible without champions like The Home Depot Foundation – as their belief and support of our services has been paramount to this project's success. Because of such contributors, we are



Jack's Place construction - April 2016

on track to complete the project and open the doors of Jack's Place and Patti's House this summer.

Save These Dates!



THANK YOU TO PARTICIPATING EMPLOYERS!

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CAREER FAIR

APRIL 28, 11AM
The Lantana, Randolph



JACK'S PLACE & PATTI'S HOUSE RIBBON CUTTING

MAY 19, 10AM
695 N. Main Street, Brockton

The Jack Conway Memorial Golf Tournament for the Homeless



JACK CONWAY MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

JUNE 9, 8AM
Easton Country Club
jackconway.com/golf



FOODFEST 2016

JULY 26, 6PM
Hingham Shipyard and
Hingham Beer Works, Hingham
helpfbms.org/FoodFest2016



For more information about these events contact the development office at 508-427-6448, or visit helpfbms.org/events.

Participant Profile and Success Story: Tim

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for him from her balcony and, being so close, Tim could hear her and come running.

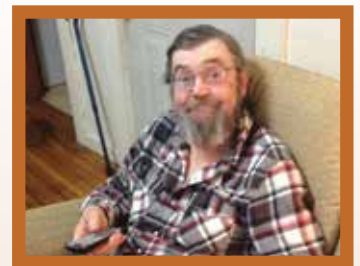
Tim collected cans as his primary source of income, walking miles daily until his shopping carriage was full. In 2008, Tim rescued a kitten that someone had abandoned near his campsite – “Cuddles” quickly became Tim’s best friend, and would often be the first one to greet his visitors.

Father Bill’s & MainSpring began consistently reaching out to Tim in 2013, through our outreach program. Brandon, our outreach worker, would visit Tim bi-weekly to discuss housing, gather essential documents and build trust. While Tim felt comfortable meeting with Brandon at his campsite, he had become comfortable living outside and was reluctant to seek shelter indoors.

Last winter, however, was a turning point. His cat fell in the river, and despite Tim’s best efforts, could not be saved. His health then began to decline. For the first time, Tim began to talk about his



Left: For more than a decade, Tim called this place home



Right: Tim in his new home – Winter 2015

housing goals. He was hospitalized for close to three months, but through a collaborative effort between Father Bill’s & MainSpring, Brockton Neighborhood Health Center, LYNN Ministries and Brockton Hospital, we were able to coordinate his discharge to secure his first apartment in more than 11 years.

Tim recently moved to Jeff’s Place, one of Father Bill’s & MainSpring’s permanent supportive housing developments. We are proud of the steps that Tim has taken toward housing and self-sufficiency and we hope to help him feel at home once again.

Volunteer Spotlight: Temple Kol Tikvah

Father Bill's & MainSpring (FBMS) proudly recognizes the ongoing contributions from the congregants of Temple Kol Tikvah, in our mission to end homelessness.

The Temple's most recent support comes from the children who volunteered at Evelyn House, our emergency family shelter in Stoughton. As part of their fall semester exploration of what it means to make a home peaceful and welcoming, the children and their parents visited Evelyn House. They received a tour of the shelter and had the opportunity to speak with families experiencing homelessness staying in shelter.

As the semester culminated in January, the children made items, including beautiful hand crafted tiles, colorful paintings, and welcome signs. Others collected toys for the children and put together gift bags to give to families moving out of shelter and into housing. One talented young lady even produced a video tour of Evelyn House!

You Can Help Change Lives With a Simple Gift

IT IS A SIMPLE IDEA, YET A REMARKABLY POWERFUL ONE:

Making a planned gift to Father Bill's & MainSpring can change lives, and also be one of life's most satisfying experiences. Learn how a charitable gift, like a bequest in your will or living trust, can match your goals, values, and what you hope your lasting legacy will be.

Visit our new website and download our **FREE Estate Planning Guide at Giving.helpfbms.org/Guide**

The planning you do today could change the lives of countless individuals and families tomorrow.

Please contact us for further information at:

Lucille Cassis, 508-427-6448 x2222, lcassis@helpfbms.org

The projects were showcased at the end-of-semester jamboree and then delivered to the shelter. John Yazwinski, President & CEO of FBMS, attended the jamboree to personally thank the children, who also wrote letters to the families. These were delivered to Evelyn House by Rabbi Randy Kafka, David Blocker, education director, and Randy O'Brien, temple president.

Inspired by the children, the Kol Tikvah Sisterhood organized a successful clothing drive for the

shelter, and members of the temple's social action team will be doing yard cleanup and landscaping at Evelyn House this spring.

Thank you to Temple Kol Tikvah, and particularly to this special group of children, for your compassion and kindness to those experiencing homelessness!

To view the video tour of Evelyn House – visit bit.ly/1PJXvvh.



Children from Temple Kol Tikvah created and donated items to Evelyn House family shelter.



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

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