



Father Bills & MainSpring  
NOBODY SHOULD BE HOMELESS

# News

Working to move adults, families and children beyond the dependency of shelter to housing, employment and autonomy.

## Spirit of Giving to FBMS Truly Inspirational



Tom Washington, Community Relations Manager, FBMS; Gayle Gordon, Community Relations Manager, BJs; and Laureen Browning, Associate Executive Director of Program Development, South Shore YMCA, Quincy Branch. BJ's generously donated the goods that went into the holiday gift bags for guests at our emergency shelters.



Children from the South Shore YMCA assembled holiday gift bags for guests of our emergency shelters.

Corinne “Corie” Nagle, granddaughter of Jack and Patti Conway and daughter of Michael and Carol Bulman, was just 14 years old when she decided to give back to those experiencing homelessness in a big way during the holidays. She began *Holiday Hope for the Homeless* in 2000 to provide gifts to children at the Conway House family shelter in Middleboro.

“Growing up, the holidays have always been a time of joy and excitement in our home and I want to bring that same happiness to less fortunate families,” says Corie Nagle, Founder, *Holiday Hope for the Homeless*. “Each year I am even more astounded by the generosity of so many volunteers that donate gifts and help in sorting and wrapping, even during tough economic times.”

Over the past 10 years, the program has grown by leaps and bounds. Gifts are now provided for the Conway and Evelyn House family shelters along with families staying in the hundreds of scattered sites owned or operated by FBMS throughout Southeastern, MA.

Despite the rapid growth of the program, Corie has a careful plan that provides presents for the children, ensuring that Santa brings what they ask for. She begins by having parents complete a form that details the children’s wish list. This information is then distributed to a network of groups and individuals that regularly donate gifts.

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I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to all of the volunteers and generous donors that helped make this past holiday season a joyous occasion for the guests and housing participants at Father Bill's & MainSpring (FBMS). It is very heartwarming to see many volunteers returning year after year, and some new faces helping us make the holidays special at FBMS.



*John Yazwinski  
President & CEO*

I would like to extend a special thanks to Mary Collins of Hingham, Sandy Johnson of Weymouth, Paul Anderson, Kitchen Coordinator at Father Bill's Place, and the staff at Reebok in Canton, for serving hundreds of people a Thanksgiving meal at the Christ Episcopal Church in Quincy and at Reebok Headquarters in Canton. Our gracious hosts in both locations, Rev. Clifford R. Brown, Priest-in-Charge at Christ Church, and Uli Becker, President of Reebok International, Ltd., have opened their doors to our guests annually for dozens of years.

Dinner guests often return yearly because for them, this has become their family for the holidays. Volunteers often comment on how grateful the guests are that our organization takes the time and effort to make these events special. It means a great deal to them and to everyone at FBMS that the community rallies each year to help us provide this community meal. We appreciate everyone who gives of their time to help our organization help others. Thank you.

*John Yazwinski  
President & CEO*

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Once the gifts arrive, the huge wrapping process begins. The Conway Realty office in Hingham becomes "Santa's workshop" as they generously donate space for wrapping and volunteers who work around the clock to get the job done. The program delivered holiday presents to more than 80 families during the 2010 holiday season.



*Braintree Girl Scout Troop #74569 (above) and #74550 (not shown) assembled centerpieces for the Thanksgiving Community Dinner*

Spending December in an emergency shelter, or at risk of losing one's home, is not the way children dream of spending a holiday. It is the reality, however, for hundreds of kids across the South Shore. Supporters like Corie Nagle give them a sense of joy and normalcy during a difficult time.

"We are so grateful to Corie and her family who have been so committed to our mission since the inception of the MainSpring shelter in the 1980's. Even as a young girl, Corie has displayed a rare sensitivity and compassion for those in need. It's a testimony not only to her, but where she comes from. The Conways are incredibly generous people," said John Yazwinski, President & CEO, FBMS.

FBMS is blessed with many generous donors during the holiday season. Contributions of food, toiletries, toys, clothing, time, talent and even trees pour in from November to December. Every year, a measure of joy is brought to each of our guests and housing participants.



*Elizabeth Solomon, Katherine Furniss, Thomas Saluti, Joyce Killian, Pat Walker, Herb Surette, Nancy Savage and Mary Baryski from State Street help assemble gift bags for the guests of Father Bill's Place, Quincy*



Quincy Culinary Arts Teacher, Mark Kelley shows his students how to prepare a Thanksgiving turkey. The program prepared many turkeys for the Community Dinner held on Thanksgiving at the Christ Episcopal Church, Quincy.

**Here are just some of the dedicated and benevolent holiday 2010 donors:**

- Reebok, Canton
- Christ Episcopal Church, Quincy
- BJ's Wholesale Club, Quincy
- South Shore YMCA, Quincy
- Girls Scouts, Braintree Troops #74569 and #74550
- Magnet Direct & MCS Marketing, W. Bridgewater
- Granite Telecom, Quincy
- Target
- Corie Nagle, *Holiday Hope for the Homeless*
- Bank of America
- Smokey Bones, Stoughton
- Masoneilian
- Queset on the Pond
- Brockton NAACP
- Brockton VA Campus
- Tina White Elite Twirlers, Brockton
- Congregational Church, Hingham
- Possibilities Ministries, Inc.
- Churchill Church, Norwell
- Heights Elementary School, Sharon
- St. George Lodge, A.F. & A.M., Brockton
- Temple Beth Emunah, Brockton
- Fire & Ice
- Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Sharon
- Jack Conway and Company
- Good Samaritan Hospital, Brockton
- Circe's Grotto, Scituate
- WB Mason, Brockton

## Volunteer Profile: Carolyn Sammon

*"Volunteering has been a very fulfilling and gratifying experience. I consider it to be a privilege."*



Carolyn Sammon, volunteer in the office at Father Bill's Place, Quincy

Carolyn Sammon is a regular volunteer at the Father Bill's Place emergency shelter. She donates her time and talent two days a week by providing a variety of administrative and supportive services. Her involvement with Father Bill's & MainSpring

(FBMS) began in June of 2010. She came to the shelter with a donation and inquired about volunteering. After completing an application and speaking with community relations manager, Tom Washington, she decided this would be a good fit.

On Mondays and Wednesdays, Carolyn volunteers for about 6 hours. She helps with ordering supplies, answering phones, directing donations, and helping guests access services. Carolyn has frequent contact with the volunteers and the staff.

Carolyn values her time spent volunteering because it has taught her to be more compassionate. Seeing the different faces and stories of guests has shown her that many of us are just a few paychecks away from similar circumstances. Carolyn said, "I've learned most people need help at some point in their lives, and should be treated with respect."

Volunteers are the lifeblood of Father Bill's & MainSpring. They are essential to our mission of ending homelessness. To learn more about current volunteer opportunities, please visit our website at [www.helpfbms.org](http://www.helpfbms.org), or call the volunteer hotline at 617-770-3314, ext 229. Please leave a message regarding your interests. Phone and online inquiries are returned within 48 hours.

# Corporate Philanthropy Partner Profile: HarborOne

HarborOne Credit Union has been supporting Father Bill's & MainSpring (FBMS) in our mission to end homelessness for more than 20 years. Through donations, volunteering, and financial education, HarborOne has consistently helped FBMS provide programs and emergency assistance to those in need.

HarborOne is based in Brockton and originally became involved with the MainSpring House emergency shelter. Community service is a major part of their mission, so HarborOne and FBMS are natural partners. Leo MacNeil, Senior Vice President of Community Relations, reports that both staff and customers benefit from a business that has a positive effect on the community.

"Our philosophy of 'what is good for the community is good for business' has helped our partnership grow," he said.

For years, HarborOne employees have served meals twice a month at MainSpring House. Last year more than 30 of their employees served meals through the Meal-a-Month program.

"The staff at HarborOne feels part of something bigger through volunteerism, which is valuable not only at MainSpring House, but throughout the community because of the awareness it creates," MacNeil said. FBMS volunteers are often the best source of information about the needs people face at the shelters and encourage others to volunteer.

HarborOne has also taken their personal involvement one step further by using their financial expertise to help our guests and housing participants. MainSpring House

hosts Money Sense seminars, teaching the basics of money management including saving, checking accounts, credit, and budgeting. HarborOne hopes to empower people through financial literacy.

Through corporate sponsorship of our past events, HarborOne has consistently supported our emergency shelters, prevention, workforce development and housing programs.

HarborOne Credit Union has continued to show support for FBMS in both traditional and unique ways.

John Yazwinski, President & CEO, said, "With every new program or venture, HarborOne is one of the first local businesses to ask for more information and ways they can help. We appreciate everything that Jim Blake and his team has done for us over the years. Our ability to take care of those in need in the Brockton community is due largely to their generosity."

Time after time, HarborOne has shown that they believe in doing well by doing good.



HarborOne Employees (front to back), Carrie O'Halloran, Wayne Dunn, Maria Couture, Bernadette Deleon-Rees, Maria Colosi, Kim Goddard, Leo MacNeil and Megan Goulart

## Visit Our New Web Site

[www.helpfbms.org](http://www.helpfbms.org)

Monthly giving  
option is easier  
than ever!



**W**e are proud to announce the launch of our new website, designed to enhance our partnership with you in support of our mission. Our goal is to create a user-friendly place for visitors to find what they need. We are hopeful the design is cleaner, more organized and easier to navigate.

The most prominent feature of the new site is the ability for visitors to create a log in, which allows you to view your past gifts to us, apply

# “Spring for Hope” Campaign Launches

## About the Residences at 26 Spring Street

This housing development provides permanent and transitional housing with supportive services for 31 formerly homeless men and women and one on-site supervisor. Fifteen units are reserved for veterans through collaboration between FBMS and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Residents have access to health care, counseling, job training and education.

### “Spring for Hope”

The campaign provides many ways for organizations and individuals to be part of this innovative development that helps formerly homeless veterans and primarily disabled residents. Designed to be an 18-month campaign, this fundraising effort provides internal and external naming opportunities at multiple giving levels. Funds raised will provide ongoing operational support and reserves that will help maintain this high quality housing for those in need.

### This project and the City of Brockton

The Brockton community is known for its patriotism and pride. In fact, there are two U.S. Medal of Honor winners from the City of Brockton who fought courageously for our freedom. In addition to providing secure and affordable housing for veterans, this development adds stability to a city struggling with foreclosures. The Residences at 26 Spring Street adds value to Brockton, while caring for our nation’s heroes with supportive housing.



The Residences at 26 Spring Street, Brockton (Photo credit: Jack Foley Photography)

## Individual & Corporate Naming Opportunities:

### Interior

Floor .....	\$50,000
Community Room .....	\$30,000*
Foyer .....	\$25,000
1st Floor Office Suite .....	\$15,000
2nd Floor Office Suite .....	\$10,000*
Apartment Units .....	\$5,000
Thank You Wall (per name) .....	\$1,000

### Exterior

Garden .....	\$50,000
Terrace .....	\$25,000
Flag Pole .....	\$10,000*
Granite Marker at Flag Pole (per name) .....	\$1,500
Tree .....	\$5,000
Bench .....	\$2,500
Paver .....	\$500
Brick .....	\$250

*\*Organizations have already committed to these areas, but many units are still available.*

For more information on naming opportunities at the residences, please contact Lucille Cassis, Chief Development Officer, at 617-376-2255, ext 222.

for volunteer positions, receive email updates, view job openings, and more. You can even download a complete report of your giving history for tax purposes. This saves time, money and the environment by using less paper. The money we save helps ensure that 86 cents of every dollar goes directly to the those we care for.

Another feature is monthly giving, a convenient and cost-effective way to remember your favorite charity on a consistent basis. Just think, no more writing checks, licking stamps and trudging to the mailbox. Once you complete the online donation form and check the box next to “recurring gift,” we take care of the rest. You simply provide your credit card information, and then

you choose the date you’d like to give each during each month. Even a small donation of \$5, \$10 or \$20 monthly adds up quickly and helps us provide a meal and roof over someone’s head throughout the year. Our new site and transaction process is completely secure and you can revise your terms with us at any time.

We hope you will consider our monthly giving club. If you have any questions about monthly giving, please contact Andrew at 1-855-HELP-FBM, ext 231, or (1-855-435-7326).

# Considering a Planned Gift to FBMS?



We hope you might consider including a gift to FBMS when planning 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-Deductible:** 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. You may be interested in reading about a recent planned gift to FBMS below.

If you have questions or would like more information about making a planned gift to help those experiencing homelessness, please contact Lucille Cassis, Chief Development Officer at 617-376-2255, ext. 222.

## Spring Wish Lists:

With four emergency shelters for individuals and families, and approximately 280 units of permanent, supportive housing, we are always in need of basic, NEW items:

- Twin bed sheets
- Towels (all sizes)
- Socks & Underwear (male & female)
- T-shirts/Sweatshirts (male & female)
- Grocery, Target or Walmart Gift Cards (helpful to those moving into new housing)

Personal Hygiene Items (travel size preferred):

- Feminine Products
- Nail Clippers
- Cotton Tipped Swabs
- Disposable Razors
- Deodorant
- Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Dental Floss

Please drop items at one of our emergency shelters: Father Bill’s Place, 38 Broad St., Quincy, or MainSpring House, 54 North Main St., Brockton. We regret that due to storage constraints, we are generally unable to accept used clothing, household items or furniture. For a list of our community partners who accept these items, and from whom our guests and participants often receive items, please visit our web site: [www.helpfbms.org](http://www.helpfbms.org). Best times to drop off in-kind donations at the shelter are: 9:30-11:00 a.m., 1:00-3:30 p.m., 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thank you.



## Second Largest Planned Gift in FBMS History

The late Mary Kowalker was born and educated in Weymouth and formerly worked for the town of Weymouth. In 1968, Mary and her late husband, George, opened the Automatic Alarm Company in Braintree. Upon George’s passing, Mary continued to operate the business as its president until her retirement. Despite her success, she lived a quiet, unpretentious life.

In keeping with her nature, Mary put a great deal of thought into her estate plan. She designated the bulk of her estate to various charities close to her heart. It gave her great pleasure to know her hard work and personal sacrifices would be used to make a positive difference in the world.

To date, Mary’s example of decisiveness, planning, and generosity has left Father Bill’s & MainSpring with the second largest planned gift in the organization’s history. We are so grateful to her for the legacy she has left to us.

Thank you to Attorney Peter J. Hayn of Milton for providing content for this story.

# Summer is Coming! 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Food Fest & Auction

**Tuesday, July 26, 2011  
The Ocean Club  
Marina Bay, Quincy**

Last year, more than 1,000 people enjoyed food tastings from dozens of the South Shore's premier restaurants and food and wine purveyors. The view of Boston Harbor is spectacular, and the Ocean Club feels like a tropical island! Join us for live music, raffle drawings, and live and silent auctions. This is the South Shore's most popular summer event at the Marina. Reserve your tickets today at [www.helpfbms.org](http://www.helpfbms.org). To sponsor our event or to donate an auction item, please contact the Development Office at 1-855-HELP-FBM (1-855-435-7326). We look forward to seeing you at the Ocean Club!



Colossal cake donated by Montillio's, a 17-year veteran participant of Food Fest (Photo Credit: Berry Photos)

## Memorial Mass for "Father Bill" McCarthy

A memorial mass for Reverend "Father Bill" McCarthy was held December 9<sup>th</sup>, on what would have been his 84<sup>th</sup> birthday. Held at St. John the Baptist Parish in Quincy, where Father Bill was pastor in the 1980's, the



Reverend William "Father Bill" McCarthy pictured with John Yazwinski, President & CEO, FBMS (Photo credit: Bill Brett)

mass was well attended by members of the community whose lives were touched by Father Bill. Despite the frigid temperatures, many came to remember Father's life and legacy of never turning away anyone in need. Pastor Richard E. Cannon, a most gracious host, drew comparisons of the plight of

Mary and Joseph and their newborn son Jesus to those who seek refuge from the cold and were helped by Father Bill. Father Bill's vocation of helping those experiencing homelessness lives on here at Father Bill's & MainSpring as we continue to help those in need.

To commemorate his vision and dedication, we have created the Father Bill's Legacy Fund. Donations to this fund go directly toward the acquisition, building, and support of high quality and affordable housing units.

When making a donation by check add **Father Bill's Legacy Fund** in the memo section or donate online at [www.helpfbms.org](http://www.helpfbms.org) and select other in the designation section then fill in **Father Bill's Legacy Fund**. Please contact the development office at (617) 376-2255 with questions regarding this fund.



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