The mission of Father Bill’s & MainSpring is to help homeless people obtain a home by giving temporary shelter and food, finding safe and affordable housing, and providing permanent housing with supportive services. Father Bill’s & MainSpring helps people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness to achieve self-sufficiency.

FBMS Receives Secure Jobs Grant

We are extremely pleased to announce that Father Bill’s & MainSpring (FBMS) is the recipient of a $300,000 grant from The Paul and Phyllis Fireman Charitable Foundation in support of our Secure Jobs/WorkReady Family project. This is a regional partnership formed to assist formerly homeless families who are receiving short-term state rental help (HomeBASE) to secure and retain good stable jobs to sustain their housing.

This initiative builds on FBMS’ existing WorkReady program, which has a 3-year history of employment services to families. FBMS’ 10-person professional workforce development team has strong private sector recruitment experience, firm employer relationships, and proven outcomes. Over the past two fiscal years, FBMS’ workforce department has placed almost 300 people into jobs.

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Mr. Henzy Jocelyn was referred to the WorkReady Family program for training and employment search in February 2013. An FBMS employment specialist completed an assessment and developed a long and short term education and career development plan with Henzy.

The first step was to find permanent employment. Together with our job developer and employment specialist, Henzy soon found employment with Allied Barton as a full time security guard. He was extremely grateful and appreciative for the assistance he received from the WorkReady Family program at FBMS.

Henzy said, “The work program was crucial for my family—it was a big help in searching, coaching and editing my resume so I would get a better response. With out them I would be stuck, I am very grateful.” He notes that he feels “like a new person,” and “even his family and friends noticed the change.”

WorkReady Family Program participant Henzy Jocelyn now working at Allied Barton as a full time security guard.
The Honorable Timothy P. Murray, Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and Aaron Gornstein, Undersecretary for the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development, announced in December, 2012, a first-in-the-nation collaborative, interagency supportive housing initiative that will benefit formerly homeless families. With this initiative, FBMS received funds to help support the renovation of two two multi-family homes in Brockton with six total units of housing.

Father Bill’s & MainSpring was honored to host the formal announcement in Brockton, on Wednesday, December 18, 2012. The family units were both formerly foreclosed properties acquired and renovated by Father Bill’s & MainSpring and have become home to six families in recent months.

Volunteer Appreciation Event
Tuesday, April 23, 2013
5:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.
The Lantana, Randolph

Whole Foods, Hingham Cash
Register Drive to benefit FBMS
April 1st to April 30th

Project Bread Walk for Hunger
Sunday May 5, 2013
Greater Boston Area
www.projectbread.org

The Conway Country Charity
Golf Tournament
Thursday, June 13, 2013
www.jackconway.com
Dear Friends,

Thank you to one of our angels: Attorney George G. Burke, II

For Attorney George Burke, “helping the poor among us” is both a duty and a passion. George was inspired by his friend and my mentor, the late Reverend William (Father Bill) McCarthy, founder of Father Bill’s Place emergency shelter in Quincy.

It is amazing to see how George has, in his own words, learned to “live every day to see how much good I can do on this earth.” He has supported Father Bill’s & MainSpring annually since 1997, as a general benefactor and major sponsor of the annual FoodFest & Auction. We remain forever grateful not only for his financial support, but sage advice as we continue our mission to end homelessness in our region.

George “Trigger” Burke is a former high school sports star, and is listed in the Quincy High School Hall of Fame for basketball, football and baseball. While attending UMass Amherst, he was drafted to play for the Boston Celtics in 1957.

When we approached George recently about the growing population of homeless youth in the Quincy area, he never hesitated to help. Because of George’s assistance, these young people were able to complete high school, continue in sports and are well on their way to a better life.

George has held many public service roles, including Quincy area campaign manager for John F. Kennedy and John Kerry; President of the Quincy City Council; Massachusetts State Representative; Acting Mayor of Quincy; Norfolk County District Attorney, and delegate to the national and state conventions.

Despite these prominent positions George never forgot his humble Quincy roots. He provided funds to build the George G. Burke Fitness Center at Quincy High School, and saved an important piece of Quincy history from a Sotheby’s auction - the John Quincy tankard - currently on display at city hall.

Having lived what he calls a ‘great life’ in Quincy, we thank George and his family for helping others in our community find their way toward a ‘great life’ as well.

Sincerely,

John Yazwinski
President & CEO

Welcome New Board Members

We are thrilled to welcome five new members to our voluntary board of directors:

- Mr. Al Becker, Jack Conway & Company, Inc., VP of Marketing & Operations
- Mr. Ronald Chapman, DHS, U.S. Coast Guard, Facility Manager
- Ms. Katrina Hartwell, Aqua Leisure Industries Inc., VP Product Development & Marketing
- Ms. Joyce Livramoto-Young, South Shore Workforce Investment Board, Executive Director
- Mr. Robert M. Pineau, Electro Switch Corp., President & CEO.

We also recognize our long-time honorary members: Mr. William Fitzgerald, Sr. Miriam Patrice McKeon and Deacon Gerald P. Ryan for their years of commitment and dedication in supporting our mission. Bill, Sr. Miriam, and Deacon Gerry will stay involved in an advisory capacity so critical to our progress in moving forward in our mission.
As parents we all strive to raise children who are considerate, polite and think of others. Active participation is the best way to learn, but how do we teach our children about homelessness in our communities? Statistically, any one of our children may share a classroom with a child who is experiencing homelessness. There are many grown up reasons why people find themselves without a home, so it is difficult to explain how and why to a child.

Experts agree one should always wait for the child to bring up the subject and not to overwhelm them with too much information, and reassure them they are in a stable environment. If they are old enough, there are safe ways to get involved, by saving money, or collecting basic items to donate. Focusing on being thankful for what they have and sacrificing a bit to help others is a lesson that will last them well into adulthood.

And finally, talk to them about how being homeless doesn’t make someone a target to be made fun of, but an opportunity to share compassion and understanding that homelessness is not a choice but something that is often situational and with help, temporary.

Talking to your Children about Homelessness

Each year hundreds of individuals, groups and corporate volunteers donate thousands of hours supporting our mission. It could be serving meals, doing yard work, painting or cleaning at any one of our properties, wrapping holiday gifts or running drives that enable us to keep the basic necessities of toiletries and home goods in supply. The reality is that we simply could not manage without volunteers, as their support saves us tens of thousands of dollars in operating costs annually.

Often we have volunteers who stand out from the crowd; people like Ellen M. Ward. Ellen has experienced great personal grief in her lifetime with the tragic loss of several family members. It would be understandable to crumble under the circumstances, but Ellen has an amazing capacity to work through her grief by giving to others in need.

She practices yoga to help heal “the huge black hole she had in her heart” and donates time to the community with a passion. This winter, Ellen ran multiple drives for FBMS working with Mayor Joe Sullivan of Braintree, The Weymouth Club and Braj Mandir Hindu temple in Holbrook. Through Ellen, Open Doors and Jai Yoga Studios in Braintree donated gift certificates and yoga mats. She also coordinated efforts with the Principle of the Hollis Elementary School in Braintree and students to design and deliver more than 100 holiday cards to the FBMS shelters.

At times she compares herself to the scene in “The Wizard of Oz” as Dorothy steps out into the light after surviving the tornado. When asked how she keeps going she quotes the same classic book, “When all things are difficult and seem the darkest look within; because that is where the answer to your question has always been.”

Thank you Ellen for your heroic efforts and to all our dedicated volunteers.

Volunteer Profile: Ellen M. Ward

Left to right: Councilor Paul “Dan” Clifford, Norfolk County DA Michael Morrissey, Councilor Tom Bowes, Mayor Joseph Sullivan, Ellen Ward and Council President Charles Kokoros.

– Photo provided by the Braintree Patch.
Warm weather, sunny skies and gentle ocean breezes can only mean one thing: FoodFest19!

Please join us on **Tuesday, July 30th, 2013** at the beautiful Ocean Club at Marina Bay, Quincy (courtesy of DePasquale Ventures) for the 19th annual FoodFest & Live Auction supporting our mission to end homelessness on the greater South Shore.

This year’s event will offer more entertainment, unique auction items, celebrity guests and of course the most delicious selections from the area’s top food and beverage purveyors.

Corporate sponsorships offer exciting packages that include: pre and post event publicity with significant multi-media exposure reaching more than 8,000 constituents across the South Shore and about 1,000 event attendees. Tickets are great for employee summer outings, or friends and family.

To become a sponsor, participate as a restaurant, or donate an auction item, please call: Dawn Hayes at 617-376-2255 x232, or email: dhayes@helpfbms.org.

For ticket information please visit our website: www.helpfbms.org.

Top to bottom: Bunny’s Brownies & Bread a.k.a...Your Secret Baker of Taunton serves at FoodFest18.
The Fruit Center Marketplace of Milton serves at FoodFest18.
Wild Willy’s of Quincy serves at FoodFest18.
Burtons Grill of Hingham serves at FoodFest18.
The holiday season may be behind us, but we continue to receive generous donations from corporate and personal drives, and we could not be more grateful! We are in constant need of toiletries, new bath towels, sheets and new household items to help individuals and families get back on their feet.

We have many dedicated supporters who have been offering their time and resources for many years:

This holiday season the giving began with Reebok, The Quincy High School culinary program and dozens of volunteers working together to serve about 300 hot dinners on Thanksgiving Day at the beautiful Reebok building in Canton and the Christ Church in Quincy. Volunteers also delivered 150 hot meals to those who cannot travel.

Granite Telecommunications and more than 100 employees in Quincy donated fully decorated trees and gifts, which were delivered by Office Products in Stoughton, for 13 extremely appreciative families in the area.

HarborOne Insurance returned once again to the Conway House in Middleboro to make 20 little ones very happy with a visit from Santa.

The Spirit of State Street volunteers assisted the emergency shelters in Quincy and Brockton to hold a “holiday shopping day” for guests.

The 2012 drives are almost too numerous to mention, but include: St. Clare’s Parish, Braintree; JLS Mailing Services, Bridgewater; Yellin McCarron, Boston; Town of Braintree; Ellen M. Ward; The Weymouth Club; Orange Leaf, Canton; WholeFoods in Hingham; Mohawk Rubber Sales, Hingham; New England Thunder Motorcycle Club; Leathernecks Founding Chapter of MA.; Bridgewater Boy Scout Troop 88 with the help of Arbella Insurance; Bridgewater Savings Bank; Roche Brothers; Bank of America, and many others.

Thank you to all our partners.

If you are interested in running a spring/summer drive for us please contact: Janna Stanke at 617-376-2255 or email jstanke@helpfbms.org.

Left: Bridgewater Boy Scout Troop 88 Holiday Drive.

Middle: Granite Telecommunications of Quincy annual Giving Tree.

Right: Office Products of Stoughton lends a hand.

Bottom: Quincy High School Culinary Students pitch in for a great cause.
The project will assist 100 participants a year; with the goal of placing 80 individuals annually in jobs. We want to build a strong network of advocates committed to ensuring the most vulnerable in our community can support their families and remain in the place they call home. If you are a potential employer and would consider working with us to place qualified applicants, please contact **Paul Key, Workforce Development Director, at 508-894-8520 x201.**

Collaborating partners in this effort include: United Way of Greater Plymouth County/South Shore Regional Network, Massasoit Community College, South Shore Housing, Old Colony YMCA, and Brockton CareerWorks, all of which are committed to working toward a regional shift to a model focused on better employment outcomes for families. Matching funds from South Shore Housing is allowing the project to continue into a second year.

We are grateful to The Paul and Phyllis Fireman Charitable Foundation, for their commitment to our shared vision. Created by Paul Fireman, former CEO of Reebok International, and his wife Phyllis in 1985, the foundation is dedicated to ending homelessness and a range of other causes in Massachusetts by working in collaboration with government and other sectors to deepen their impact. We are also very grateful to South Shore Housing for their financial support of this effort.

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 at 617-376-2255 x222.
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