The site at 682 N. Main Street has special meaning in the City of Brockton, as it is the former site of Phaneuf Hospital and Catholic Charities.

Father Bill’s & MainSpring is carrying on the site’s tradition of providing care and comfort to our neighbors in need by opening Montello Welcome Home Again, which creates permanent supportive housing to 23 formerly homeless individuals, including veterans.

On October 25, a group of about 150 officials and community leaders gathered to celebrate the opening of Montello Welcome Home Again, a three-story, energy-efficient building supported by a range of federal, state, and local partners. Tenants were expected to start moving in during the month of December.

“So many folks want to complain about the images of our chronically homeless population, but very few offer solutions,” Brockton Mayor Bill Carpenter said. “This is an important part of the solution.”
The Plymouth Overnights of Hospitality provides seasonal emergency shelter from late November through the end of March.

For a 15th straight year, individuals experiencing homelessness in Plymouth will have a warm, safe place to sleep this winter.

The Overnights of Hospitality program, founded in 2004 by local churches, is back to help address a growing housing problem in the town of Plymouth. The seasonal shelter, operated by Father Bill’s & MainSpring (FBMS) in partnership with the Plymouth Taskforce to End Homelessness, provides overnight beds and hot meals to local men and women who have nowhere else to go.

The shelter, which operates as a collaboration between FBMS and a group of volunteers, is hosted by two local churches – the Christ Church Episcopal Parish and First Baptist Church – on a rotating schedule between late November through the end of March.

The seasonal shelter welcomed 71 people last year, nearly double the total from two years prior. The number of seniors staying at the shelter nearly tripled over that same two-year period.

The shelter is entirely privately funded, and FBMS must raise $50,000 per year to continue operations. Generous donations from local businesses and private citizens help ensure that Plymouth’s most vulnerable residents won’t be out in the cold this winter.

In response to the growing homeless population in the Plymouth area, FBMS has been working hard to add housing options for formerly homeless residents. In the Plymouth and Wareham area, FBMS operates more than 75 supportive housing units for individuals and families.

FBMS must raise $50,000 each year to operate our seasonal shelter. To make a donation, visit helpfbms.org/donate or call Tricia Fennessy at 508-427-6448 x2238, and make sure to note the donation is for Plymouth Overnights of Hospitality.

You can support our emergency shelter in Plymouth.

SEASONAL PLYMOUTH SHELTER ENTERS 15TH YEAR

HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION

- 366 families avoided shelter due to Prevention/Diversion programs
- 96% of families assisted by Tenancy Preservation Program remained housed

SHELTER & BASIC NEEDS

- 2,661 people (adults and children) were provided emergency shelter
- 220,553 meals were served to community members in need, mainly through volunteer power

HOUSING

- 345 households moved from homelessness to housing
- 99% of FBMS tenants stay housed at least 1 year

3,797 people served

Sheltered 1,911 individuals total, averaging 233 individuals per night

401 individuals exited shelter to housing or other systems of care

256 families were sheltered, including 420 children, averaging 128 families per night

64 families ended their homelessness and moved into housing

66 people secured jobs

354 veterans served by FBMS

*Fiscal year 2018 began on July 1, 2017 and ended June 30, 2018
24TH ANNUAL FOODFEST RAISES $335,000

A cool ocean breeze, a wide array of delicious foods, and a fun group of philanthropic guests made for one successful FoodFest.

Father Bill’s & MainSpring’s (FBMS) signature fundraiser, held on July 31st at The Launch at Hingham Shipyard and Hingham Beer Works, exceeded the agency’s initial fundraising goal by more than $15,000, raising over $335,000 total. FoodFest raises money to support the agency’s range of services for individuals, families, and veterans experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness.

Inside Beer Works, guests participated in a wine pull and tried their luck in a chance raffle for prizes such as a getaway to Cancun and Patriots tickets. Supporters also placed bids on dozens of valuable auction items including a basketball signed by the entire Celtics team and tickets to see Billy Joel perform at Fenway Park.

Outside, approximately 750 people gathered under a tent where 40 of the South Shore’s most popular restaurants, bakeries, and beverage distributors served their tastings. This year’s FoodFest, the 24th edition, was supported by approximately 80 corporate sponsors, including the following three Presenting Sponsors who were recognized at the event: Arbella Insurance Foundation, Bank of America, and United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley.

“This year’s FoodFest was another reminder that we belong to a wonderful community which goes above and beyond to help our neighbors most in need,” FBMS President & CEO John Yazwinski said.

During the event, Yazwinski presented the agency’s Richard C. & Virginia A. Welch Dedicated Volunteer Award to the volunteers from Hingham Congregational Church, which has been supporting FBMS’ mission for three decades.

VENDORS:
- Costco, Phillip’s Candy House, Rescuing Lefover Cuisine; 110 Grill, Davio’s, FBMS FoodWorks; Simpson Spring, Lawshey Dunn Catering; Mary Lou’s Coffee, Alma Nove, Boathouse Bistro, Butterons Grill, Capital One Cafe; The Greenside Grille; Legal C Bar, Menchie’s Frozen Yogurt; Nonna’s Homemade Ice Cream; Peel Pizza Co; The Quarry Restaurant; Sadie Mae’s Cupcake Cafe; Smokey Stax BBQ, Trader Joe’s, Trident Galley & Raw Bar, Wahlburgers, Jake’s Seafood Restaurant; Townie Frozen Desserts; The Tinker’s Son, The Fours Restaurant; Fratelli’s Pastry Shop, Fuji at West of Chestnut; Ginger Betty’s Bakery; Montilio’s; Punjab Cafe; The Lantana; Jac’s Cafe; Player’s Sports Bar & Grille; Galley Kitchen; Cupcake Mojo.

PHOTO 1: FBMS Distribution Center Coordinator Carol Kryzanek, FBMS Board of Directors Chair Dr. Michael Kryzanek, and Jack Conway Realtor CEO Carol Bulman.
PHOTO 2: FBMS employees Sandra Masson, Tyrene McKenzie, Khenna Yoyo, and Nicole Ambrosichio.
PHOTO 3: Penny Balter, chair of the Hingham Congregational Church’s Board of Outreach, and the Rev. Dr. Peter Allen, pastor at Hingham Congregational Church.

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- 25th FoodFest: Tuesday, July 30, 2019
BANK OF AMERICA INTERN MAKES IMPACT IN QUINCY

Yi Lin, a North Quincy High School student, completed an eight-week internship this past summer at Father Bill’s Place in Quincy as part of the Bank of America Student Leaders program.

For years, Bank of America has been a major supporter of Father Bill’s & MainSpring’s mission, including a Presenting sponsorship at the 2018 FoodFest fundraiser. Bank employees also regularly volunteer in the kitchen at Father Bill’s Place in Quincy, preparing and serving meals for shelter guests.

Yi, who will be a senior this fall, was selected by Bank of America to take part in the paid internship program, which connects 200 civic-minded students from across the country to organizations that demonstrate how the public and private sector intersect to address community issues. As part of the program, the students participated in a leadership summit in Washington, D.C.

"Yi has been a tremendous asset to Father Bill’s Place as a highly motivated individual who truly cares about each guest who is experiencing homelessness," said Taylor DeSanty, Triage Services Coordinator at Father Bill’s Place.

Bank of America’s Students Leaders program allows students to connect with peers and find additional inspiration to strengthen their neighborhoods. Yi remains actively involved in his community, volunteering for Quincy Asian Resources, Inc.

Thank you for your support, Yi! ❤️

ROGER - CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6

Roger said the staff at MainSpring House never abandoned him, and he appreciated the agency’s progressive-engagement approach, in which staff are patient and set incremental, realistic goals with guests.

Today, Roger attends 12-step meetings and works hard to maintain his sobriety. He also volunteers his time helping prepare and serve meals for guests at the MainSpring House. He calls his case-management team at FBMS his “Dream Team,” and he’s grateful for all the positive changes in his behavior and his state of mind.

“I can sit with myself way better than I used to be able to,” Roger said. “The best is yet to come, I feel it.”❤️

ROGER ENJOYS NEWFOUND STABILITY, BALANCE

Roger’s first time sleeping out on the streets came when he was just 11 years old. He was scared, angry, and lonely — feelings that followed him through most of his adult life.

Growing up in an abusive home and then struggling with addiction and homelessness, Roger never felt like he belonged anywhere. That changed three years ago when, at 52 years old, Roger moved into Jeff’s Place, a supportive housing property owned and operated by Father Bill’s & MainSpring (FBMS) in Brockton.

"Father Bill’s & MainSpring is my foundation," Roger said.

Roger keeps his apartment at Jeff’s Place clean and organized, and on his wall hang several certificates that recognize his completion of various health-and-wellness courses. He takes great pride in the relative calm and balance in his life today, as compared to the decades he bounced in and out of hospitals, detoxes, and homeless shelters.

From 1993 to 2015, Roger had several lengthy stays at MainSpring House, FBMS’ emergency overnight shelter in Brockton. FBMS employees tried to help him throughout the years, but he said he wasn’t comfortable receiving compassion and care. He preferred chaos and dysfunction.

“They hugged me,” Roger said of FBMS. “I didn’t grow up with that. They saw something in me I wasn’t able to see in myself.”

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MONTELLO WELCOME HOME AGAIN

The $5 million development is across the street from Jack’s Place & Patti’s House, two properties for formerly homeless individuals and families that FBMS opened in 2016. FBMS now operates approximately 500 permanent supportive housing units across Southern MA.

Bob Shumeyko, a regional director for the U.S. Department Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD), said developments like Montello Welcome Home Again go a long way in improving lives and changing people’s perspectives about how to end homelessness.

"It’s about community, and it’s about changing people’s minds," Shumeyko said.❤️

Jack’s Place & Patti’s House

2 units for families
(opened in 2016)

Montello Welcome Home Again
23 units for individuals
(opening December 2018)

Thank you...  

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