



Annual Report 2019

Flowers Before Bread

Dear Friends of the Elderly,

As I put together the 2019 Annual Report I can't help but think about how much has changed from last year to now. The memories of good times spent together with neighbors and friends leave me feeling nostalgic for the pre-COVID world filled with live events and hugs.



I hope you enjoy this stroll down memory lane, and find joy in the following pages filled with stories, friendships, and good times.

Though as much as we cannot wait to be together again in person, one thing is as true today as it was last year: friendship and love is all around. Despite changes in how we interact with each other, LBFE continues to be committed to building communities that span generations and cultures to relieve loneliness and isolation. We are finding new ways to bring older and younger people together, to foster relationships, to connect neighbors, to love and be loved.

I am continuously inspired by the older adults in our programs. They are resilient and a source of strength and wisdom during a time that feels so different from any other. Together with our volunteers they are learning new technology and continue to gather [virtually] with neighbors to build communities of strength and comfort.

But as wonderful as these virtual gatherings are, I think I can speak for the whole LBFE Family when I say I can't wait to be together making art, dancing, playing games, and spending time together side by side again.

Warmly,

NA SV Nikki Shults

Executive Director



CitySites

Weekly inter-generational and crosscultural social programs for older adults living in senior housing across the city and college students.





Friendship & Flowers

Monthly visiting program in assisted living facilities and rehabs for volunteers 18+ and corporate groups.







One-time or short-term social programs and special classes.





Holiday Celebrations

Special events to celebrate the winter holidays.

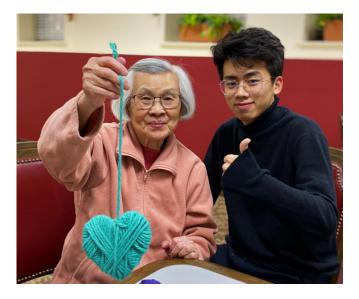


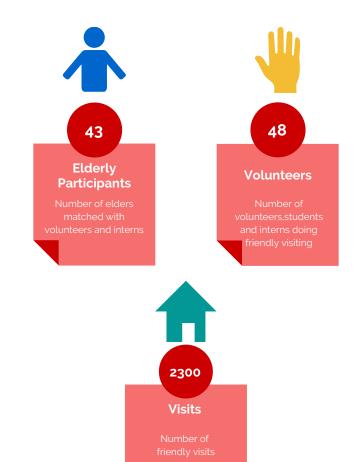


Number of holiday visits made to nursing home residents

Friendly Visiting

One-on-one visiting







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Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who celebrated with us at Friends on the Harbor. See you again in person next year!





"Meeting the students is like taking an interesting and enjoyable trip without leaving home"

-Marion, resident at a BHA CitySite

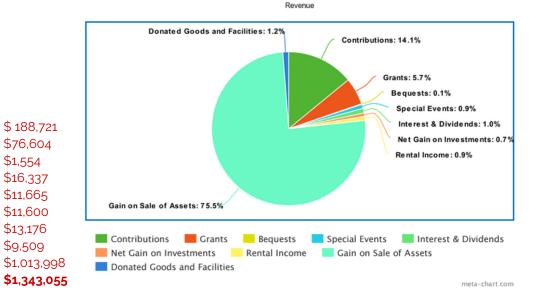
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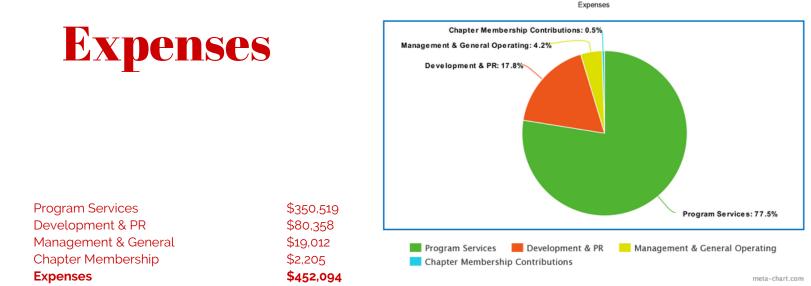
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Grants Bequests Donated Goods/Facilities/Services Special Events Rental Income Investment Income Investment gains, (loss) Gain on Sale of Assets **Total Revenues**

Contributions



Net Increase (Decrease) in Assets Net Assets at Beginning of Year Net Assets at End of Year \$ (71,469) \$ 1,043,360 \$ 971,891

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Charitable giving can be a meaningful part of your estate planning. It can help maximize tax advantages now and support philanthropic interests beyond your lifetime. You have the opportunity to develop a clear picture of funding priorities and benefits you want to achieve.

We encourage you to consider a planned gift to Little Brothers – Friends of the Elderly, Boston Chapter – a resource for your charitable giving needs. We offer several planned giving options to provide benefits for you and your family.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss planned giving, please contact Nikki at nshults.bos@littlebrothers.org or 617-524-8882.





From the Field

In 2019 LBFE Boston embarked on a program evaluation project with Northeastern's Public Evaluation Lab. Part of this evaluation included conducting focus groups with older and younger participants. Here are some of the highlights:

Older Adults

"Yes, the laughter helps in different ways, mentally, spiritually, in our daily lives because we forget a little of our problems or the loneliness we live in. So yes, we feel a little happier and it helps a lot"

"You already had fun, and we go and talking in the lobby about it, or we sit here and play more games after they've [the volunteers] gone"

"So just having something to look forward to every week when you don't have a lot to look forward to."

"You feel that the youth, not all but some, think that we older people are not worth it....I think young people who spend time with us have learned and understood that we do know, that we can. We are not dying yet and we have high selfesteem Whatever comes our way, we can take on, we never say no, are always positive and always can."

Students

"I just wanted to have a feeling of having grandparents or like having some wisdom from other people who are older than my parents, but have other opinions."

"I think it's our duty to help elderly and to keep company with them. Because if I am growing older, maybe I will feel lonely and I will want someone to keep company with me."

"I mean it's just like any relationship...you come in and you don't know anybody and it's kind of a little awkward and then you start to get to know people and their personalities and you show up and they're like, oh hi! And so it's nice. ...If I don't have anything after sometimes, I'll just hang out after."

"I met a 95 year old... she likes to dance a lot and she likes to party a lot. So I'm like... that sounds so fun! Growing up doesn't sound that bad.... so I guess it made me...look forward to getting older."



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