



**THE BOSTON HOUSE:
HOPE AND HEALING FOR
CHILDREN WITH CANCER**

REPORT OF GIVING 2024





\$1.5M+

TOTAL UNAUDITED
REVENUE IN 2024
FROM 1,320 DONORS.

DEAR FRIENDS,

As you will read in the following report, 2024 was quite a year for The Boston House. From the completion of a crucial large-scale capital project on the premises to the re-opening of The House to its full 22-family-per-night capacity for the first time since March 2020, we've had an eventful first year as Co-Executive Directors. Through it all we have been able to fulfill our mission to serve the families of children with cancer, even during construction, at pre-pandemic levels. With nearly 40 families housed in the first month of 2025 alone, we know we are gearing up for another busy year helping families.

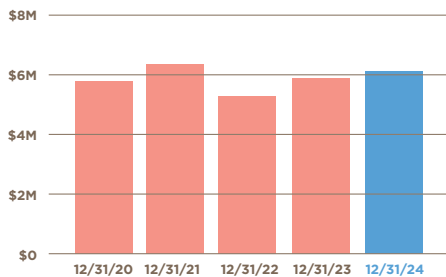
Of course, we couldn't do it without our team – our small but mighty staff, our brilliant, loyal and hard-working roster of volunteers, our thoughtful and dedicated Board of Directors and advisors, and the often unsung but always appreciated group: the individuals, corporations and foundations whose financial and in-kind contributions enable us to literally keep the lights on (and the heat going and the pantry filled and so on). Each of you plays a role in making the everyday operations of The House possible, but beyond these essential factors, please know that you provide the all-important extra ingredient. Because the families who stay with us have a no-cost, carefully considered, homelike place to rest and reconnect while traveling to access world-class pediatric cancer treatment, they have one less major hurdle, clearing the way so they can focus on their children's care and not where they might stay that night.

It is our privilege and honor to remain a clean, safe and compassionate home for as many families as possible, and we are continually humbled by the open hearts of the community that helps us do our jobs, simply because they care.

With love and gratitude,

Dawn Emerman and Mike Emerman
Co-Executive Directors
*The Boston House: Hope and Healing
for Children with Cancer*

ENDOWMENT VALUE



At the end of 2024 our endowment was \$6,029,233.

“THE BOSTON HOUSE PROVIDES AN ESSENTIAL WE HAVE NOT FOUND ANYWHERE OTHER THAN OUR OWN HOMES; A SAFE SPACE TO BE WITH OUR FAMILIES AND OTHERS LIKE OURS WHERE WE CAN STILL THRIVE. WE ARE INDEBTED TO THE BOSTON HOUSE AND COULDN'T BE MORE GRATEFUL FOR WHAT THEY PROVIDE TO ALL OF US.”

2,950

NIGHTS WERE
PROVIDED AT
\$0 COST FOR
OUR FAMILIES.

VOLUNTEERS

In 2024, The Boston House was busy with volunteers helping in all kinds of ways. It makes such a difference to us and to our families to have these kind faces on site, and the addition of weekly bakers this year made The House smell divine. Runners and walkers participated in the ASICS Falmouth Road Race; cyclists rode in the Rodman Ride for Kids; golfers and guests joined us for a beautiful day of golf in September. Our friends also: joined us to shop for a cause at J. McLaughlin; ran independent Wishlist drives; designed our mailings and, for the first time in many years, returned to fully staff shifts on site at The House, doing everything from answering phones to watering plants to tracking down extra blankets for families! The Boston House would not be quite as welcoming to our families without these kind gestures.



CAPITAL PROJECT COMPLETED THANKS TO YOU!

In 2024 we embarked on a large construction project aimed at replacing the aging parking deck above the Annex's studio apartments. Originally built 30 years ago, the deck had reached the end of its lifespan, leading to compromised structural integrity and an increasing number of inconveniences for our families. The project, which included replacing the deck, installing an updated waterproofing system, and adding underground drainage cost around \$700K to complete. The new deck, which can accommodate 12 vehicles, now ensures that our families have free, convenient parking during their stay and with a projected lifespan of 20-40 years, this upgrade will serve families for decades to come. We are deeply grateful to Elaine Construction for their help with managing this construction project and to the Bolger Foundation, whose matching gift challenge helped us raise over \$263K for this project. Thanks to the support of our community, we were able to quickly address these critical issues, avoid potential water damage, and continue providing a safe, supportive environment for families facing pediatric cancer treatment.

“WHEN PEOPLE ASK US HOW THEY CAN SUPPORT US, WE ENCOURAGE THEM TO SUPPORT THE BOSTON HOUSE BECAUSE IT HAS DONE SO MUCH FOR US AND KNOWING IT WILL BE THERE IN THE FUTURE MEANS ONE LESS HURDLE TO WORRY ABOUT WHILE FIGHTING SUCH A BIG BATTLE.”

\$130

EACH OF OUR 22
ROOMS/APARTMENTS
COSTS \$130/NIGHT
OR \$47,450 PER
YEAR TO OPERATE.

VOLUNTEER MADE MEALS RETURN

We are delighted to share that the House Dinner Program returned in 2024 after a hiatus during the pandemic. This program enables individuals or groups to come into The Boston House and prepare meals for the families staying with us. We had 14 groups join us at the end of 2024 to serve meals to our families, including on Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, and New Year's.

These dinners have been so appreciated by our families, who usually spend most of their day with their children at our partner hospitals. Coming back here to a warm, home-cooked meal can not only provide nutrition, but also a sense of normalcy, of community, and a reassurance that they are not alone in their battle against childhood cancer. In addition to the benefit to the families staying at The House, volunteer groups have found the meal prep process to be great for bonding and team building too.

We are looking forward to having a full schedule of House Dinners for our families in 2025. If you are interested in serving a meal, please reach out to info@thebostonhouse.org.

22

WE CAN SERVE 22
FAMILIES A NIGHT,
24 HOURS A DAY,
365 DAYS A YEAR.

“YOU PUT A SMILE ON MY FACE AFTER A LONG DAY AT THE HOSPITAL. I KNOW I’M NOT ALONE HERE IN BOSTON SO FAR AWAY FROM FAMILY IN TEXAS. I HAVE MY FAMILY AT THE BOSTON HOUSE.”

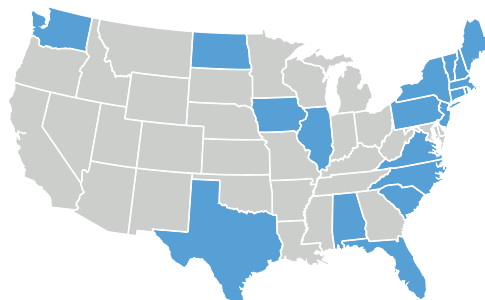


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IN 2024, WE **HOUSED**
118 FAMILIES.

2024 GUEST FAMILIES

Families who stayed with us in 2024 came from 20 states and territories (AL, CT, FL, IA, IL, MA, ME, NC, ND, NH, NJ, NY, PA, PR, RI, SC, TX, VA, VT, WA) and Honduras and the Dominican Republic.



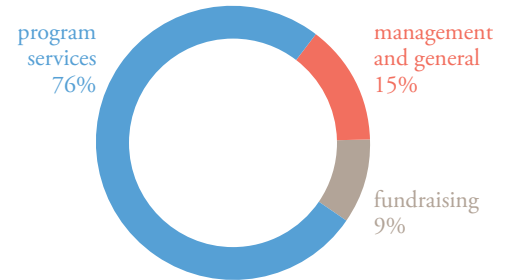
ASICS FALMOUTH ROAD RACE: 45 team members raised \$179,607, yet another record year for The House.

RODMAN RIDE FOR KIDS: Our 4 participants collectively raised \$16,722 while riding on the rainiest day of the year.

THE 28TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT AND SILENT AUCTION: 107 golfers enjoyed a spectacular day at Tedesco Country Club golfing, socializing and bidding on auction items. Overall we raised \$135,339 for The Boston House.

We held a brand-new event, **THE DOUGLAS RODMAN MEMORIAL MINI GOLF TOURNAMENT** on October 5th. This family-friendly event was a huge success with over 100 attendees and \$20K raised.

FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
from the 2023 990.
Total Expenses \$1,216,256



\$293

**WAS THE AVERAGE
GIFT MADE BY
INDIVIDUALS.**

GIFTS IN KIND

The Boston House appreciates the generosity of those who contributed goods or services in support of our families in 2024. These gifts once again included Macy's and Christmas Décor's holiday decorations, and Elaine Construction's guidance, expertise and new carpeting. Care and activity packages for families and patients were made by Tessera/Boston Cares, Connor's Kindness Project, Symetra, Charles River Labs and Troop 25 Attleboro. Rasta Rootz, the Brookline Police Department, and many individuals and families donated toys and supplies throughout the holiday season. In addition, we received many generous silent auction donations, meals, pantry staples, toys, cleaning supplies, and gift cards for restaurants and retailers. Your support of the families we serve made an incredible impact on their time at The Boston House. Thank you!

“FROM THE MOMENT WE PULLED INTO THE DRIVEWAY OF THE HOUSE WE FELT THE FAMILIAR SENSE OF ARRIVING ‘HOME.’ WE WERE JUST GRATEFUL TO HAVE A SAFE PLACE TO SLEEP BUT IT TURNED OUT TO BE SO MUCH MORE.”

MISSION

Since 1979, The Boston House: Hope and Healing for Children with Cancer has served as a home away from home for children with cancer and other life-threatening hematological diseases and their families. As an essential part of their overall care, The House provides its guests with no-cost and convenient accommodations in a safe and comfortable home-like setting. Here, children, families, and caregivers find comfort and support among staff, volunteers, and other families facing the life-changing realities of childhood cancer.



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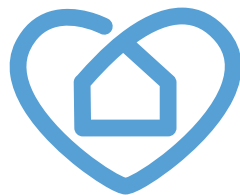
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HOUSE COMMUNITY FOR
THEIR SUPPORT.**

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