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









#### **DEAR FRIENDS,**

We hope this letter finds you well. 2023 was a year of tremendous change and transition at The Boston House. In addition to the

retirement of our longtime Co-Executive Directors Peg Enright and Andrew Richards, we added several brand-new staff members and volunteers, and the Board of Directors finalized a sweeping Strategic Plan. Add to that continuing to navigate the ever-changing state of COVID while ensuring the safety of our guests, and we've been a busy bunch. Through it all one thing remains: we have provided a safe, caring, no-cost home for families while their children received internationally renowned cancer treatment.

This would not have been possible without the unending kindness shown by members of a dedicated group, which includes our donors. As you peruse the report of last year's giving and the picture it paints of financial success, we hope you will keep in mind how everything we do—that YOU do—is in service of supporting the larger goal of helping The House remain a stable, well cared for and compassionate home for so many. All thanks to this generous community.

Though we have big shoes to fill as Co-Executive Directors, please know that our experience with The House goes back almost to the very beginning. (Dawn's family stayed at The House during its first year while her sister, Danielle, received treatment for a brain tumor. Though Danielle did not survive, Dawn began as a volunteer in 1994 as a way of repaying the kindness shown to her and her family, and she's been with The House ever since. Mike began volunteering over 20 years ago, and officially joined the staff in 2017.) It is our privilege to witness the incredible fortitude and loving spirit shown by the children and families who stay with us, and the ways that our most loyal and caring friends show up for them when they need it most. We look forward to many years of growing with The House.

With love and gratitude,

Dawn Emerman and Mike Emerman

Dawn + Thike

Co-Executive Directors

The Boston House: Hope and Healing for Children with Cancer.



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IN 2023, 73 FAMILIES **STAYED WITH US** FOR A TOTAL OF 1,894 NIGHTS

#### 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.



SHARE-A-NIGHT **GIFTS MADE IN HONOR** OF PEG ENRIGHT AND
ANDREW RICHARDS'S RETIREMENT.

\$64K +47= 477!

Total \$63,919.76 47 donors That covers 477 nights! "THE BOSTON HOUSE HAS BEEN OUR HOME AWAY FROM HOME. IT HAS EVERYTHING WE NEED TO KEEP OUR FAMILY TOGETHER DURING THE HARDEST MOMENT OF OUR LIFE. THAT MEANS THE WORLD TO US."

### \$153K+



#### ASICS FALMOUTH ROAD RACE

40 team members raised \$153,367, yet another record year for The House.

# \$29K+

#### RODMAN RIDE FOR KIDS

Our three participants collectively raised \$26,250 and Rodman for Kids donated an additional \$3,460 to bring this year's total to \$29,710.



### THE BOSTON HOUSE 27TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT AND SILENT AUCTION

We had 94 golfers enjoying a spectacular day at Tedesco Country Club golfing, socializing and bidding on auction items. Overall we raised \$95,121 for The Boston House.







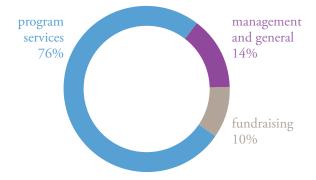


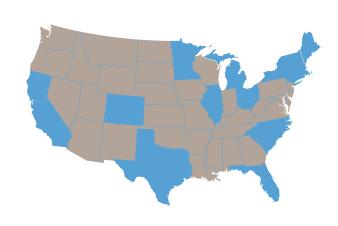
### \$1.1M+

TOTAL UNAUDITED REVENUE IN 2023 FROM 1,337 DONORS

#### FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

from 2022 audited statement Total Expenses \$1,076,323





#### 2023 GUEST FAMILIES

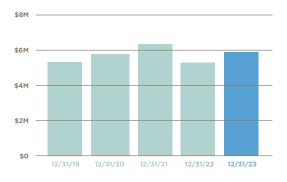
In 2023 we had families stay with us from 18 states and territories including California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Massachusetts, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, North Carolina, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, and Vermont, as well as from Honduras and Peru.

### **\$134**

#### THE COST PER ROOM PER NIGHT

Each of our 22 rooms/apartments costs \$134/night or \$48,910 per year to operate.

#### **ENDOWMENT VALUE**



# 11 DAYS

#### AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY

Average length of stay in 2023 was 11 days at \$0 cost for our families, a savings of around \$2,640 (based on a \$240 a night average cost of a Boston hotel)

"THE BOSTON HOUSE HELD US THROUGH THANKSGIVING, CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S, FOR OVER 5 MONTHS OF CHEMOTHERAPY AND THEN THROUGH 6 WEEKS OF DAILY RADIATION. WE SURVIVED AND ROSE ABOVE IN PART DUE TO THE GENEROSITY OF THE BOSTON HOUSE."





#### **VOLUNTEERS**

In 2023, The Boston House was able to welcome volunteers back into The House for regular shifts. It made such a difference to us and to our families to have these kind faces on site! In addition to our regulars who returned, several new volunteers signed on to help keep The House cheerfully staffed every day of the week. 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 October (and a whole crew of volunteers did the hard work of organizing and staffing these events). Our friends also: joined us to shop for a cause at J. McLaughlin; ran independent Wishlist drives, fundraising and awareness-building events; designed our mailings; decorated The House for the holidays; provided individual homemade dinners for our families on holidays (and regular days, too); helped maintain and beautify The House with fix-it and seamstress expertise and much, much more! The Boston House would not be quite as welcoming to our families without these kind gestures.

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#### MEMBERS OF THE LEGACY SOCIETY

We have 9 members of The Legacy Society. The Legacy Society honors those who through their estate plans have made a commitment to the future of The Boston House

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## TOTAL NUMBER OF DONORS INCLUDED IN THE HOPE AND HEALING SOCIETY

The Boston House celebrates the members of The Hope and Healing Society, which recognizes donors who have demonstrated their dedication to The House by making a gift, at any level, for five or more consecutive years. A complete list of Society members appears on our website.

#### THANK YOU

#### 2023 SUPPORTERS

Honoring the dedicated parents and medical and business professionals who had the vision and determination to establish The Boston House in 1979, The Founders Society recognizes annual donors to The House for their leadership giving support.

#### CHAMPION

\$25,000 AND ABOVE

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#### GIFTS IN KIND

The Boston House appreciates the generosity of those who contributed goods or services in support of The Boston House and our families in 2023. These gifts once again included Macy's and Christmas Décor's holiday decorations, Elaine Construction's guidance and expertise, brand new appliances for every studio apartment courtesy of GE and the Yale Appliance Foundation, and many generous silent auction donations, meals, pantry staples, toys, blankets, hats, cleaning supplies, handyman services, and gift cards for restaurants and retailers. Thank you!

AND FINALLY, THANK YOU TO THE 1,139 GENEROUS DONORS OF GIFTS AT THE \$1-\$499 LEVEL. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOSTON HOUSE COMMUNITY FOR THEIR SUPPORT.