

Building Foundations for Change

The Elizabeth Stone House partners with adult and child survivors of domestic violence and related trauma—mental illness, housing instability and substance misuse—to achieve safety, stability, and overall wellbeing, thereby contributing to the strength, resiliency, and health of the community we serve.

Walking 161 miles for Stone House

What did you do on Thanksgiving Day? This past Thanksgiving, David Spillane spent his day, plus the following eight days, walking from Stockbridge to Boston, Massachusetts. He walked these 161 miles all to raise money for the Elizabeth Stone House and our capital campaign to build a new home.

An attorney and father of 3 from Quincy, Spillane is a very big James Taylor fan - he has seen the legendary 5-time Grammy award winner in concert 16 times. He decided to combine his love for Taylor with his desire to raise awareness for domestic violence.

Inspired by a Stone House fundraiser, and Taylor's song "Sweet Baby James," Spillane decided to make the long walk as his way to help transform the lives of domestic violence survivors.

On December 1, he completed his trek at the Boston Marathon finish line, greeted by friends, family and Stone House staff to celebrate raising \$50,000 for our new building.



Spillane during his 161 mile journey.

"Are you safe at home?"

Your continued support allows our staff to share their expertise with other organizations and therefore spread domestic violence awareness throughout our region. Thanks to you, soon nurses throughout Boston will have the insight and ability to ask what could be a life-changing question - "Are you safe at home?"

The Department of Public Health now requires licensed professionals, including nurses, to complete certified domestic violence training annually. The Elizabeth Stone House has been requested by staff at the Boston Public Health Commission's Healthy Baby Healthy Child program to provide comprehensive domestic violence trainings for their nurses.

Our trainings will reach nurses working at the BPHC's Albany Street offices and local community health centers. These nurses, who work closely with pregnant and parenting families with children under five in Boston, will be better equipped to identify and care for those who have experienced domestic abuse.

According to Page Clark, our director of community programs, "Many domestic violence victims have first point of access to support when sitting with a nurse that asks the necessary question, 'Are you safe at home?' Our trainings will support and encourage nurses to confidently ask and educate them on the necessity to screen. Survivors are more inclined to mention abuse to the nurse rather than their PCP."

Our CornerStone Community Awaits You

Did you set resolutions for a happy, fulfilling 2018? Get involved in the Elizabeth Stone House in a way that makes a major impact on families affected by domestic violence.

Join our CornerStone Community - a special group of Stone House partners who make critical contributions to our families every month.

By giving monthly, you ensure that hundreds of families can rely on the fundamental resources we offer to help them rebuild their lives. Your sustaining gifts will keep the doors open for our emergency shelter, transitional housing program, community services and our Parent Child Center, while also allowing us to meet the wide-ranging, daily needs of our clients.

As a member of the CornerStone Community, you will build a foundation for stronger, safer and healthier families. Visit www.elizabethstone.org/donate-now/ to join.



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Wilderness Heals | July 20-22

Hit the trails for domestic violence survivors



Registration for our annual Wilderness Heals pledge hike is open! Be part of our goal to have 50 women take to the trails in this three-day pledge hike through New Hampshire's White Mountains to raise money for the Elizabeth Stone House. You can choose from a variety of route options to meet your skill level and goals. Our experienced Team Leaders will guide you and cheer for you from beginning to end.

For more information, please email info@elizabethstone.org or visit wildernessheals.elizabethstone.org!

“ I am in love with the ESH Wilderness Heals community. I experienced personal growth by participating and am forever grateful for the relationships I was able to create during this experience. ”

– Heather, 2017 hiker

Get involved on the greens

Hit the links for the Elizabeth Stone House and our capital campaign to build a new home! Join us for our fifth annual golf tournament on May 14, 2018 at The Cape Club of Sharon. For more event information, or to register, please email golf@elizabethstone.org.

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