The Campaign for the Elizabeth Stone House

Building with a Mission

Infant/Toddler 475 sf
Director’s Office 120 sf
Cubbies
Diaper Change
Food Prep
Crib
Cubbies
Living Room 285 sf
Mech 35 sf
Staff/Kitchen 180 sf
Recycling TRASH 119 sq ft
Preschool 833 sf
Stor. 73 sf
CNT 70 sf
For over forty years, the Elizabeth Stone House has helped women traumatized by domestic violence, mental illness, and substance abuse build confidence, learn skills, and gain access to resources they need to live competently, independently, and safely with their children. Today, we focus on helping these families and individuals find safety, permanent housing, and both personal and financial stability.

“One of the basic things we try to help our kids and our families do is to reintroduce those rituals and routines that help to keep our lives ordered and keep things feeling safe and stable.”

Tanya McLean, Director of Children’s Programming, Elizabeth Stone House
Emergency Shelter

Service Referrals

Domestic Violence Support Groups

Sobriety Counseling

Anger Management Support Group

Emergency Intervention

Relapse Prevention Support Group

Financial Counseling

Self-Esteem Support Group

Housing Stabilization

EMPLOYMENT COUNSELING

Financial Literacy Classes

Sobriety Counseling

Education Counseling

Housing Search and Placement

Basic Needs Subsidies

Safety Planning

Domestic Violence Support Groups

Case Management Services

Transitional Housing

Sobriety Counseling

Relapse Prevention Support Group

Empowerment Support Group

Financial Counseling

Therapeutic Childcare

Homelessness Prevention

Parenting Support and Classes

Job Training Counseling

Art Expressive Therapy

Advocacy
Thousands are still in need.

“The Elizabeth Stone House has helped me to put my life back in order. It has given me the privilege to have my children back in my life and become a healthier mother.”

Beverly – former Stone House resident

The need for our services continues. Our neighborhood is among the poorest in the city of Boston. In our community, there are over 3,500 domestic violence incidents reported to the police each year, resulting in over 700 arrests. That means there are literally thousands of victims – mostly poor, many homeless or at risk – in our neighborhood who need our help. We cannot meet that need, though, because our facilities are inadequate in both size and design. A fire in 2007 destroyed one of our two buildings, making the situation worse.
We will build the facility our neighborhood needs to provide affordable housing, support services and therapeutic childcare. *We aim to fill the gap.*

“Thank you Elizabeth Stone House, I will never be the same.”

Jennifer – former Stone House resident
We will quadruple the number of clients we serve each year.

From 500 a year now to over 2,000 a year when we move.

As a result, more families will overcome the challenges that keep them from thriving.
We will triple our capacity for community support groups and classes. As a result, hundreds of families will lead safer, more stable lives.

We will more than double the number of affordable, supportive housing units we provide.

From 11 apartments today to 27 in the new facility.

As a result, more vulnerable families will find affordable homes.

"... I regained my self-respect. I am stable."

Former Stone House resident
We will increase the number of therapeutic childcare hours available six-fold.

Today, we average 82 person hours of childcare per week.

In the new facility, we will be able to host 520 person hours per week.

"... one of the things I love most about this new building is that for the first time we will have a safe place for our children to play."

Maryann Civitello – President, Board of Directors

As a result, the children of the Elizabeth Stone House will perform better in school, achieve greater emotional stability, and enjoy the benefits of nurturing families.
We will offer interim childcare to community families waiting for childcare vouchers or slots.

A service currently unavailable in our neighborhood.

As a result, parents will be able to stabilize their families financially by working or going to school.
We will transform the last abandoned, blighted property in the neighborhood into an attractive, multipurpose center for the community.

Because of the Elizabeth Stone House, I am an active and better parent to my children.”

Darlene – former Stone House resident

As a result, community pride, neighborhood cohesion, and property values will increase.
Construction costs are expected to be $20 million. With the help of the Women’s Institute for Housing and Economic Development in Boston, we are assembling $16 million in financing using tax credits, public grants, and real estate equity.

That leaves $4 million that we must raise in a capital campaign.

Leadership donations now will not only underwrite the costs that will not be covered by public funds, they will also provide much-needed leverage with other potential funders and bolster cash flow at various stages of the project.

The need for that leverage is significant. In particular, government funding agencies consider several key factors in determining whether to proceed with an application. The most important is the status of fundraising efforts from private sources.

Your gift now moves us closer to success.

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* Just over a year ago, I came to you terrified and broken. You moved mountains to help me. I am writing to say thank you; to let you know you saved my life. To let you know he didn’t win....

Former Stone House resident
"... they’re giving me an opportunity to start over again. I’m learning, The Elizabeth Stone House is teaching."

Yvette – former Stone House resident

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