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Annual Report Fiscal Year 2010







Dear Friends of the Elizabeth Stone House,

It has been quite a year! The economy has created unprecedented need for housing and the other services that the Elizabeth Stone House provides. Throughout this past year, the Stone House has been challenged by the increased need for services in our community and it has risen to meet these challenges. Luckily, we are honored to have a committed staff, a diverse board of directors and a network of generous supporters in the greater Boston community and beyond.

In fiscal year 2010, the Stone House saw a 12% increase in individual giving, helping us weather the storm of government cutbacks without having to make any substantial changes to our vital programming. This would not have been possible without the resources and energy of people like you and we are very thankful that you have chosen to be a part of the Elizabeth Stone House community.

In the fall of 2010, the Elizabeth Stone House's Board of Directors announced the appointment of Nancy Owens Hess as the agency's Executive Director. Nancy (formerly Co-Executive Director in charge of finance, administration and fundraising) joined the Elizabeth Stone House in 1996, where she spent 10 years working in children's programming before being appointed Co-Executive Director. Nancy has been charged by the board with building on the extraordinary history of ESH and the combined talents of the exceptional staff to forge an organization that can meet the needs of its clients and weather the challenges of managing a nonprofit during this current economic period.

Maintaining an organization that continues to evolve and adapt to the needs of our clients is a cornerstone of the Stone House's culture. In order to continue to meet the growing needs of our community clients in the surrounding neighborhoods of Roxbury, Dorchester, Mattapan and Jamaica Plain, we have increased the resources and staff time dedicated to community outreach and support groups. Additionally, we have strengthened our commitment to working with children who have witnessed violence and trauma in their homes and communities.

We believe that these challenging times are best met with passion, creativity, determination and courage. Here at the Stone House, our staff and volunteers continue to prove their commitment to our clients time and time again. We continue to be amazed by their ability to turn limited resources into services that are quantitatively and qualitatively better for our clients.

On behalf of all of us at the Elizabeth Stone House, we would like to thank you for your steadfast support. The Stone House remains passionately committed to working in partnership with individuals, families and our community to counter the effects of trauma and break the cycles of violence and abuse.

With many thanks,

Maryann Civitello
Board President
Elizabeth Stone House

Nancy Owens Hess
Executive Director
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Mission

The Elizabeth Stone House is committed to countering the effects of trauma and breaking the cycles of violence and abuse - one family at a time.

Through residential and community support services, the Stone House helps families heal and women reclaim control over their lives.

Vision

The Elizabeth Stone House believes in a world where:

- All people are safe from violence and abuse within their homes and communities;
- Relationships are founded on love and respect;
- The wellbeing of women is equally recognized by all parts of society, including women themselves;
- All children truly experience what it's like to be a child in a nurturing home;
- Families have the opportunity to stay together and when they are in need, they find the resources and support systems that work for them; and
- Communities recognize and embrace empowerment and all people are free from the effects of social injustice.

In fiscal year 2010:

- 43 women and 33 children fled batterers at home to find safety in our domestic violence shelter.
- 20 of those women and 16 children found transitional or permanent housing with our assistance.
- 65 women and 92 children found support and security in our Transitional Housing Program while they worked on the issues they needed to address in preparation for finding permanent housing.
- 12 of those women and 21 of those children found permanent housing.
- In addition to our residents, over 335 families from our community sought help for improving their lives from our advocates, classes and support groups.
- 117 parents sought and received help in the form of parenting classes, childcare, and other services for their children from our Parent-Child Center.
- 311 children participated in child- and family-centered activities such as family outings and Family Nurturing classes and addressed their trauma symptoms in our child witness to violence group and our art and play therapy groups.
- During the December holidays we were able to fill a record number of gift requests as we provided gifts to 273 children and 132 adults.



“ At the Elizabeth Stone House, we are committed to helping our residents meet their short and long term goals. By first providing them with safety and shelter, we are giving them an opportunity to focus on healing and planning toward their future. It is our hope that during their stay, every one of our clients gain more control of their lives, make choices to benefit themselves and their families and make progress toward whatever future goals they have set. Our advocates work tirelessly every single day to assist and support this process. ”

—Erin Miller,
Director of Residential Programming

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Residential Programming

Providing a safe, supportive space is the first step to helping women and children heal after experiencing violence and trauma. To that end, the Elizabeth Stone House provides two residential programs, the Domestic Violence Program and the Transitional Housing Program. The Domestic Violence Program provides emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence and their children. The Transitional Housing Program provides housing for women and children referred to the Stone House by homeless shelters, substance abuse programs, domestic violence shelters and other agencies serving women in crisis.

The Elizabeth Stone House is committed to doing more than simply providing a safe space for women and children in need. All residents are matched with an advocate who provides one-on-one support to help residents set goals and work towards meeting those goals. The Stone House is committed to helping women regain their sense of self, supporting their efforts to remain sober if they are struggling with substance abuse, helping with their children, and providing guidance as they work to take control of their finances. The Stone House believes that these difficulties are related to one another, and one problem cannot be resolved without addressing them all.



“ It has been an active year here at the Elizabeth Stone House with regard to our community programming. New collaborations and partnerships have been made which allow us to provide more groups out in the community, including our economic literacy groups. We are proud to be able to address the different needs of the community through our various groups and this coming year we look forward to implementing a new curriculum in our Trauma Support Group. ”

—Evelyn Rivera Beaudreault,
Director of Community Programming

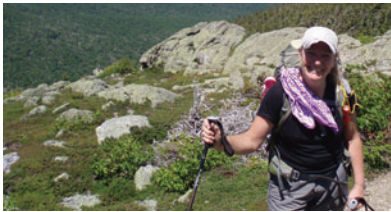


Community Programming

The Elizabeth Stone House is committed to reaching adults, children and families in the community who are in need of support. Each year, more than seventy-five percent of the clients that the Stone House serves are members of the surrounding communities of Roxbury, Dorchester and Jamaica Plain. Through community programming, the Stone House provides financial literacy classes, parenting classes and support groups for women seeking help with anger management, relapse prevention and trauma. All classes and support groups are offered to Stone House residents

and community members free of charge. In addition, all participants of our community programming are eligible for one-on-one advocacy services and additional support if needed.

The Elizabeth Stone House's facilitated support groups help women overcome isolation and learn to rely on their peers, while providing substantive information that is useful in daily life. The Stone House's classes teach women and men personal, financial and parenting skills and on-site therapeutic childcare makes it possible for adults to attend these groups.





“ This past year has ushered in renewed energy and commitment to children’s programming at the Elizabeth Stone House. I am excited to be a part of this incredible team, and look forward to meeting the challenges of strengthening and expanding our services to families and children both within our residence and within our community. ”

—Tanya McLean,
Director of Children’s Programming

Children’s Programming

The Elizabeth Stone House believes that traumatized children need a sense of safety and consistency. The Stone House provides a secure environment for children to heal and beyond that, a range of therapeutic activities and programs through the Parent Child Center (PCC). In addition to a safe space and childcare services, the Stone House provides Family Nurturing, Child Witness to Violence, and Art Expressive Therapy groups for children, as well as family activities and outings aimed to increase healthy family interactions.

The philosophy behind the Stone House’s children’s programming mirrors that of the work done with adult women at the Stone House. By creating a non-judgmental environment that fosters the expression of genuine experience, provides the containment necessary to facilitate healing, and supports children’s physical, cognitive, social and emotional development, the Stone House seeks to help children reduce trauma symptoms and regain a sense of safety, security and play.

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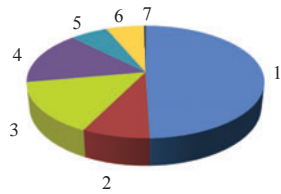
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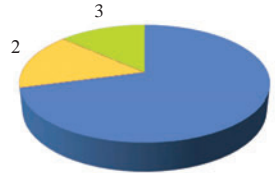
1 Government Contracts and Awards:	830,406	49.51 %
2 Program Fees and Rental Income:	131,647	7.85 %
3 Foundation and Corporate Grants:	248,402	14.82 %
4 Gifts from Individuals:	257,949	15.38 %
5 Annual Hike Event:	102,180	6.09 %
6 In Kind Donations:	102,424	6.11 %
7 Miscellaneous Revenue/Interest:	4,100	.24 %

Total Operating Income: 1,677,108



Expenses

1 Program Services:	1,242,511	70.80 %
2 Administrative Costs:	277,865	15.83 %
3 Fundraising:	234,718	13.37 %
Total Functional Expenses:	1,755,094	
Change in Net Assets From Continuing Operations:	(77,986)	
Other Changes in Net Assets Due to Sale of Property:	359,240	
Total Changes in Net Assets:	281,254	



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Balance Sheet: June 30, 2010

Current Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents:	224,351
Short Term Investments:	605,852
Accounts Receivable:	52,683
Grants Received:	15,050
Escrow Funds:	16,713
Prepaid Expenses:	13,467
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS:	928,116

Property and Equipment

Property and Equipment:	1,594,404
Less: Accumulated Depreciation:	(1,125,848)
NET PROPERTY AND ASSETS:	468,556

Other Assets

Intangible Assets, Net of Amortization:	19,086
TOTAL ASSETS:	1,415,758

Current Liabilities

Current Portion of Long Term Debt:	26,105
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses:	45,260
Accrued Payroll and Related Expenses:	16,938
Deferred Revenue:	4,436
Tenant Deposits Held:	8,253
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES:	100,992

LONG TERM DEBT- NET OF CURRENT PORTION: 327,846

TOTAL LIABILITIES: 428,838

Net Assets

Unrestricted Net Assets:	886,467
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets:	100,453
TOTAL NET ASSETS:	986,920

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS: 1,415,758

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