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.

Another Million from the Governor for ESH Childcare Center

On August 15, Governor Charlie Baker announced that the Elizabeth Stone House and three other non-profit agencies in the Commonwealth that serve disadvantaged children will receive $1M each for capital construction or renovation. Stone House will use these funds to support construction of the childcare center in our new building.

Men are survivors, too

Thanks to you, we help hundreds of women every year. While the majority of our clients are women, you transform the lives of men as well.

Vinny* came to the Elizabeth Stone House in the summer of 2016. He was homeless and spoke little English. He had experienced domestic abuse and was battling cancer.

Vinny moved into our Transitional Housing Program. He attended domestic violence support groups, where women realized his story mirrored theirs. For one-on-one assistance, he worked closely with Felix Espinal, Stone Houses’s bilingual Community Crisis Intervention Specialist.

Felix helped Vinny search for housing and complete any necessary paperwork. In both Vinny’s housing search and serious health needs, Felix accompanied him to appointments, but also focused on giving Vinny the skills to manage his time and needs independently.

After a year of guidance and support from Felix, Vinny secured housing and now lives happily and healthily in his own apartment in a city neighborhood. Vinny checks in regularly with Felix to maintain his achievements and stability.

*name changed to protect confidentiality

Equipped for education

At the Elizabeth Stone House, we strongly believe in working with children who have experienced trauma and abuse as part of a family, as well as individuals. An important part of our work each summer includes preparing youth of all ages for their next school year.

Several partners this year ensured that both children residing at Stone House, and those in the community, are fully equipped for the year ahead. Thanks to volunteers at Ropes & Gray, we had 17 new backpacks filled with supplies for kids in both our transitional housing and emergency shelter residences.

Additionally, with funds from Natixis Investment Managers and Liberty Mutual Foundation, 45 families and 75 kids went on a back-to-school shopping spree. This began as a service to residents, but with the growth of our Strong Where You Are community department and deepening ties to survivors in the community, we have expanded it to include non-residents as well.

We are immensely grateful for these monetary donations, as it gives parents and children a sense of autonomy in choosing their own belongings. Providing the opportunity for families to experience what many consider a yearly tradition is as important as the new clothing.

We’ve got a lot to celebrate!

Save the date
You Matter!
October 24, 2018
www.elizabethstone.org/you-matter/
From All Walks

Our friend David Spillane will once again hit the pavement for the Elizabeth Stone House and survivors of domestic violence. After raising over $50,000 for our families and future home in 2017 by walking from Stockbridge to Boston, he’s decided on a new, exciting route to raise more funds.

David’s walk will begin on September 18 at New York’s Yankee Stadium and finish on September 30 at Boston’s Fenway Park. He expects to walk 16 miles each day, at times with other champions for domestic violence survivors – Yankees and Red Sox fans alike.

For more information on the event or to donate, visit www.walkingforelizabethstonehouse.org. To learn how you can support David and the Elizabeth Stone House as a Designated Walker, please contact Kathy Fagan at kfagan@elizabethstone.org.

A mountain of thanks to you!

This July almost 50 women climbed the trails of the White Mountains in our 23rd annual Wilderness Heals pledge hike. The season proved to be momentous with our first-ever wait list; and this incredible group of hikers, along with 13 virtual hikers, exceeded our fundraising goal of $200,000 for the Elizabeth Stone House!

You and our Wilderness Heals community - hikers, sponsors, supporters - are a special force both creating and inspiring change. Thank you.


Meet us on the mountains for the next Wilderness Heals: July 19-21, 2019.