



**STONE HOUSE**



# **ANNUAL REPORT**

## **FISCAL YEAR 2023**

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A HAVEN FOR HEALING AND  
RENEWAL FOR NEARLY 50 YEARS

## ABOUT US

Stone House makes a difference in our community by caring for and protecting adult and child survivors of domestic abuse, and helping them rebuild safe, secure, independent lives of purpose and self-fulfillment.

Domestic violence is about more than physical, emotional, sexual and psychological acts. It's about power and control. Stone House combines the security of a safe environment with a range of programs and services – residential and community based – to support trauma recovery, personal growth and development of essential life skills. Our overarching mission is to help participants create a path to a secure, positive and fulfilling life.



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ANOTHER YEAR FORWARD

# A MESSAGE FOR YOU

JULY 2023

Stone House continues to adjust, transform and grow into our new home at One Westminster Avenue and all of these accomplishments are owed to you, our individual donors, corporate partners, funders and supporters.

While we continue to evolve how we serve clients in our new space and through the lingering effects of the pandemic, we are committed to continuing to offer domestic violence survivors and our surrounding community life-changing resources.

Over this last year, you have helped us return to in-person services, including community and family bonding activities, to offering a rapidly expanding Early Learning Center, and allowed us to offer extra care to non-resident clients during a statewide housing crisis.

Although the landscape of our work has changed over the last 50 years, Stone House continues to be dedicated to serving our community.

Thank you again for all that you've done to help us adapt and persevere and thank you in advance for everything we know you will continue to do to help us deliver quality services.



With gratitude on behalf of our clients, our staff  
and our board,

*Rosa Licea-Mailloux*

Rosa Licea-Mailloux  
Board President



THE TANGIBLE  
DIFFERENCE WE MAKE  
**NUMBERS &  
STATISTICS**

With your support, Stone House meets survivors where they are, offering each individual the specific resources they need to heal and thrive.



**IN FISCAL YEAR 2023:**

**814** adult and child survivors directly supported through our array of services

**313** months of rental assistance provided to clients to support safe, stable housing

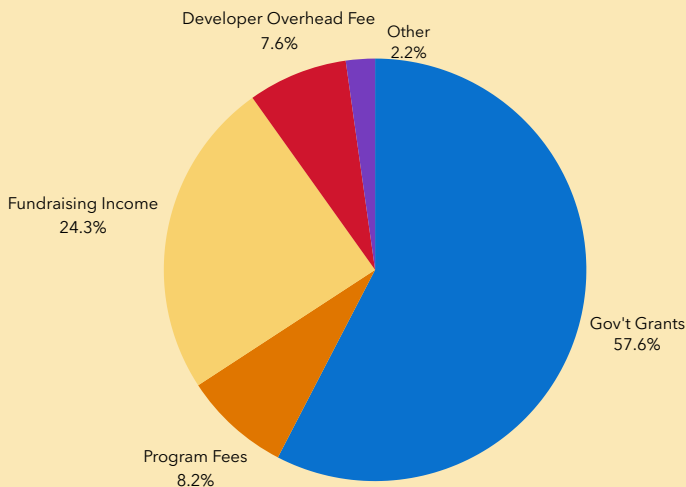
**115** individuals found respite and safety from immediate danger through emergency shelter or hotel-based stays

**135** people received crisis intervention supports like safety planning, taxi vouchers, or other means necessary to escape violence

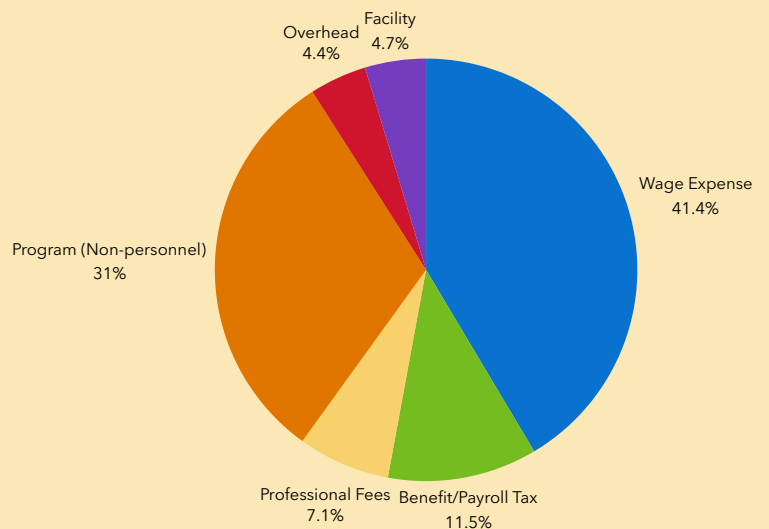
**42** infants, toddlers, and preschoolers received trauma-informed care at our Early Learning Center

**126** adults received financial coaching services to improve financial stability

**REVENUE**



**EXPENSES**



HELPING SURVIVORS REGAIN POWER  
AND CONTROL

# SUPPORT SERVICES



**Stone House helps domestic violence survivors cope with the many realities of domestic violence with comprehensive, integrated services.**

## **INTERVENTION AND ADVOCACY**

This array of support includes safety planning and immediate escape from danger, meeting basic needs with clothing, food, and goods, and advocacy and accompaniment with various appointments and agencies.

## **INDIVIDUAL HELP AND COUNSELING**

Stone House provides clients with one-on-one case management and mental health counseling, financial counseling and short- and long-term financial support, and help with immigration issues.

## **SUPPORT GROUPS AND LIFE SKILLS EDUCATION**

Support groups throughout the year focus on a variety of topics including domestic violence, trauma, relapse prevention and more. Other life skills classes educate adults on finances, parenting, and other housing-related issues.

## **RESIDENTIAL HOUSING**

Safe housing provided by Stone House includes an emergency domestic violence shelter, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, and rent-subsidized permanent housing.

## **HOUSING SERVICES AND SUPPORT**

Stone House helps survivors find or maintain housing through search and placement assistance, stabilization services, retention and financial aid, and rent subsidies.

## **FAMILIES AND CHILDREN**

Families are strengthened through family-centered advocacy, organized healthy family activities, and child care services including our Early Learning Center, a full-day licensed child care for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers.

ENHANCED CARE FOR FAMILIES  
AND CHILDREN

# EARLY LEARNING CENTER



**Our Stone House Early Learning Center provides full-day, trauma-informed licensed child care for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers.**

On July 25, 2023, the Stone House Early Learning Center (ELC) celebrated one full year of operation. What started as a dream has flourished into a thriving, trauma-informed childcare center full of play, joy, and nurturing. When the ELC first opened its doors in July of 2022, our license allowed for 19 students and 5 children came for care. By the summer of 2023, we were fully enrolled with 42 infants, toddlers, and preschoolers.

While early education and care shape all children's foundations, our Early Learning Center is uniquely qualified to nurture children affected by trauma. We know, understand, and expect children to act out in ways that many child care centers and schools can't cope with. Our program leaders and teachers are trained to respond to problematic behavior appropriately and constructively.

We also recognize that the families have suffered trauma, and we approach parental anxiety accordingly. The result is a program that helps children and their caregivers develop the skills and internal supports to be more ready to take on kindergarten and brighter futures ahead.



*From the moment I entered the building I knew that it would be a great fit for my children. The staff upon entrance are warm and welcoming, the classrooms are clean and child-friendly. I have to say that my three year has improved immensely! He is able to identify not only his name on the board but his friend's name as well, he is also able to spell his name and identify letters, numbers, colors, etc. with confidence. I am happy that my family is a part of the Stone House family.*

PARENT OF ELC STUDENT

INCREASED SUPPORT FOR SAFE,  
STABLE HOUSING

# RAPID REHOUSING

**Rapid Rehousing (RRH) at Stone House helps adults move more quickly into permanent housing. Rapid Rehousing clients receive moving and rental support for market-rate housing to divert them from needing emergency housing.**

Rapid Rehousing provides short-term rental assistance and services over a 24-month period. Its goal is to help homeless, in danger of becoming homeless, displaced or evicted people to obtain housing quickly, increase their self-sufficiency, and remain housed.

Stone House promotes a model that enhances independence, and our clients are able to hold themselves accountable when it comes to their everyday responsibilities. Stone House has designed a system to work with clients closely, to identify their long- and short-time goals, and to tackle those goals by implementing consistency, budgeting, and time management.

Through FY23, we increased our number of Rapid Rehousing clients by 175%. Even as we distributed 313 months of rental assistance across our programs as budgeted, we diverted an additional \$51,596 to housing-related fees our funding wouldn't cover (including broker fees, security deposits, moving costs, eviction-related legal fees, and more).

Rapid Rehousing is a critical component of our services. Domestic violence is a leading cause of homelessness and housing instability for women and children. Lacking safe, affordable housing is a major barrier for someone trying to escape an abusive relationship.

Given this, and the enduring housing crisis in Massachusetts, Stone House is committed to maintaining and expanding this crucial program.

***Rapid Rehousing has changed my life, because without it I would be homeless or in shelter in a state that I have nobody in. Rapid Rehousing has also changed my life because they care about me and how I'm feeling, how I'm doing and not only support me with housing but with all of my struggles.***

RAPID REHOUSING CLIENT

MEANINGFUL MEMORIES OF THE PAST YEAR

# HIGHLIGHTS

Thank you for giving adult and child survivors access to critical resources, healing activities, and joyous moments.



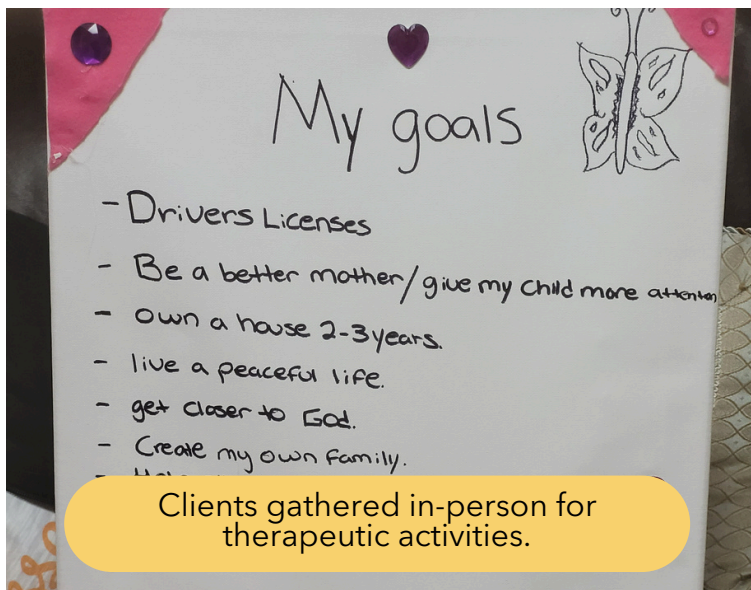
The Early Learning Center opened its doors to the first students.



The first holiday celebration took place at the new Stone House.



In-person volunteer opportunities resumed post-pandemic.



Clients gathered in-person for therapeutic activities.



FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING  
GENEROSITY, WE THANK YOU

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