Dear Friends,

On March 25th at a Press Conference in Haverhill, Governor Deval Patrick announced more than $25 Million dollars dedicated to create supportive housing across the state. House of Hope Housing’s newest effort was one of the projects that have been funded! We will be purchasing seven beautifully renovated apartments for homeless families that in addition to providing safe, affordable and attractive permanent housing, they will provide ongoing supportive services to the previously-homeless families who live there. The House of Hope Housing mission is to provide affordable permanent housing and support services to homeless families with an enduring commitment to build family economic self-sufficiency, promote neighborhood stability, and provide educational opportunities to improve the lives of our poorest children.

This project is also made possible by the support of many partners and they include the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Community Economic Development Assistance Corporation, the Lowell Housing Authority, the City of Lowell, the Franklin Square House Foundation and multiple private vendors and funders.

Check out our website for updates! We will share “before and after” photos as soon as we can. We will feature the Grand Opening event in our next newsletter and properly thank all those who have directly contributed to this project. But for now, please know that because you are a part of our community and you support our mission, you too have helped us to achieve this important outcome and we are grateful.

- Deb Chausse, Executive Director

Thanks to the Votze Butler Charitable Fund of the Greater Lowell Community Foundation for their generous gift! These funds will be used for summer fun activities for the children in our shelters.

Volunteers needed 6-8pm Monday through Thursday available. Most volunteers help one night a week.

If interested contact Edna Gustafson at 978.458.2870 or via email at edna.gustafson@hopelowell.org.

You are invited to the 25th Annual Teal Invitational Golf Tournament!

Passaconaway Country Club
Litchfield, NH. To Sponsor a Hole, Donate a Prize or Purchase Tickets, email: mteal@bostoncapital.com
MILES (Mentoring Individuals Leads to Employment Success)

Nicole’s Achievements
Nicole completed a 3-month MILES internship in February 2013 and has been employed full-time for over a year. Nicole overcame homelessness for herself and her 2-year-old son, completed her internship, landed a job, and is sustaining her employment. Nicole is dependable, a quick learner, and a very hard worker. Nicole tells us:

“The MILES Program helped me become focused on my employment goals. I was able to start working again as an intern and build my confidence back up. The internship gave me time to prepare myself for permanent, full-time employment by finding me professional clothing for interviews. The Program also helped me by motivating and encouraging me to search and apply for jobs. I now work for a restaurant and have been offered the opportunity to participate in their management program as soon as I can buy a car to get to the training, which is held in Connecticut. I have a realistic plan and goal to buy a car in a month with my tax return. House of Hope was a stepping stone for me to get to where I am today.”

Jennifer’s Tenacity
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“Jennifer doesn’t give up! She and her 2-year-old son overcame homelessness created by domestic violence. Now Jennifer works full-time at a food service company and she receives good employment benefits. Jennifer’s positive attitude and perseverance are an inspiration to the House of Hope staff and the current Hope Chest interns!”

Make Tax Deductible DONATIONS of gently-used and new Children’s Clothing—Newborns to Teens! The Hope Chest provides job training for recently homeless parents. All proceeds go to House of Hope. Bring Donations to 812 Merrimack St, Lowell from 8AM—8PM 7 days/week or call 978-458-2870.

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Alpha Imaging Technologies
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Covenant Christian Academy, Peabody
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Drum Hill Physical Therapy
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UMASS Lowell Grad. School of Education
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Veterans Pines & Valentines
Lowell Veterans Community Care Center of Bedford donated this real tree, delivered it and decorated it for our families to enjoy. Many of the children had never had a real Christmas tree. At Valentine’s Day the veterans also donated goody bags for the children at our two shelters. These Veterans are House of Hope Heroes!

A BIG WARM THANKS to the Theodore Edson Parker Foundation for the emergency replacement heating system for all the residents at the Lakeview apartments.

397 Market Street, Lowell

WE SURVIVED WINTER!!

THANK YOU to all of the families, companies, churches, organizations and individuals who donated to House of Hope this past Holiday Season! 211 Children from 117 Families received presents this Christmas through our Adopt-a-Child Program. We would not be able to do what we do without any of you, THANK YOU!!!

We were cold, we called and you came! Thank you to David Murphy Plumbing and Heating for donating your time and talent!