

**The Casa Project is an upstream homelessness prevention program offering individualized wraparound services to secure housing stability for families and individuals, with the mission of ensuring everyone has a place to call home.**



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**Our 2023-2024 Impact:**

- 2,287 households received assistance to retain or obtain housing
- 32% avoided being evicted
- 39% secured affordable housing
- 29% maximized their incomes
- 75% receive long-term housing stabilization



**The Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless, a leader since the early 1980s, is committed to preventing and ending homelessness in the Commonwealth. We believe this can be achieved through access to safe, affordable housing and opportunities for economic stability for low-income households.**



**Over the past 12 months, the Coalition worked on:**

- Strengthening the Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) program that helps low-income households with financial assistance to retain or obtain housing.
- Improving access to Family Emergency Shelter to ensure every family has a safe place to go when they become homeless.
- Supporting the passage of the Housing Bond Bill.
- Expanding access to Mass. IDs for youth and adults experiencing homelessness.
- Improving the Emergency Aid to Elderly, Disabled and Children (EAEDC) cash assistance program.
- Working to create a Bridge Housing Subsidy for older adults at risk of becoming homeless as they await senior housing to ensure they won't become homeless.

**Since 1981, the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless has been committed to ensuring everyone has a place to call home.**





**The current housing crisis makes it nearly impossible to afford housing on a fixed income i.e. Social Security. 47% of households that rent statewide are cost burdened, meaning they spend more than 30% of their income on housing. Over 1,400 students in MA are homeless and unaccompanied—doubled from a decade ago. One out of every three people experiencing homelessness are over the age of 55.**

From igniting the lead to American independence to blazing new paths across tech and health care, Massachusetts has always been a leader in our country. But this shining state upon a hill is also leading the country in the housing crisis—ranked third in housing unaffordability and twelfth in homelessness.

This past year, far too many families, individuals, youth, and older adults have been struggling to retain or obtain affordable housing. The Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless, through its programs and initiatives, has worked on a systemic level and through direct programming to meet the needs of our neighbors.

The following is an overview of the work undertaken for the most vulnerable residents of the Commonwealth, from Provincetown to Pittsfield. This past year, the accomplishments have been financially fueled by people like yourself who have donated to the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless. I hope the impact report you are about to read will give you insight into the work that was done, and that you will join us again in making a difference through a financial donation that will make an impact in the coming year.

Sincerely,

*Robyn Frost*

Robyn Frost  
Executive Director

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**A Bed for Every Child is committed to ensuring that every child growing up in poverty has a bed of their own, and this past year 1,988 children have received a bed.**



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**Sleeping Arrangements:**

- 32% previously sharing a bed with a sibling
- 27% sleeping on an air mattress
- 19% sleeping on the floor
- 12% sleeping on a couch
- 10% sleeping on an old mattress.

**The Birth to Big Kid Initiative, launched in 2023, focuses on prenatal, infant, and early childhood development to reduce infant mortality through safe sleep education, ensuring infants from low-income households have a safe place to sleep, grow, and thrive.**



**This past year:**

- We've provided for 264 mothers and enrolled 271 babies.
- We've distributed 271 cribs, sleep sacks, and sheets
- We've provided 5,808 hours of safe sleep education
- 7 babies, now toddlers, received new twin beds with rails.

