Where hope lives.

2008 Annual Report
The Home’s mission is to ensure the healthy emotional, social and mental development of children at risk, their families and communities.

About The Home

Growing up can be difficult for any child. However, most children have guidance, encouragement, a secure home, a loving family and friends. Some aren’t so lucky. Many of the children and teenagers who come to The Home for Little Wanderers (The Home) have had devastating experiences with abuse and neglect; many struggle with substance abuse; almost all are in emotional turmoil with little hope for the future.

At The Home, we strive on a daily basis to bring that hope back into their lives, providing not only immediate protection, but preparing them for meaningful and productive futures. If we can break the cycle of abuse, we are not only saving one life, but are literally helping generations to come.

The Home has been part of the Massachusetts landscape for over 200 years, making it the oldest agency of its kind in the nation. Originally founded as an orphanage in 1799, The Home today plays a leadership role in delivering services to thousands of children and families each year through 20 innovative programs that include early intervention, residential care, special education, adoption, foster care, clinical and family support and community-based services.

The guiding principle at The Home is our belief in the right of all children to be safe, nurtured and developed to reach their full potential. Time and again, we are reminded that although seemingly insurmountable obstacles are sometimes placed in their way, children’s resilience, together with support from caring adults, can make anything possible.
Dear Friends,

It is our pleasure, once again, to report a very successful fiscal year for The Home for Little Wanderers. A number of program enhancements were put in place; we broadened our public policy influence for children across the Commonwealth; many of our signature fundraising events continued to outperform themselves; and we increased public awareness of our mission.

A major public awareness campaign was launched by our My Life My Choice (MLMC) program aimed at reaching young girls vulnerable to commercial sexual exploitation. Developed with the assistance of Corey McPherson Nash, a Boston design firm, the campaign had the support of the legislature, Suffolk County District Attorney Dan Conley, and the Boston and MBTA Police. MLMC provides young people with the skills and knowledge they need to avoid or escape this profoundly destructive lifestyle and we are proud that our program has been replicated in a number of cities nationwide.

The Home’s work as co-chair of the Massachusetts Task Force on Youth Aging Out of DSS Care culminated in June with the publication of the report, Preparing Our Kids for Education, Work and Life. A series of public forums was launched around the Commonwealth to highlight the challenges faced by youth who suddenly find themselves without a safety net.

Our role in helping to set public policy in Massachusetts around child and family issues was a key feature of FY 2008. The Home provided extensive written testimony to the legislature informing its deliberations concerning the way the Department of Children and Families addresses child abuse and neglect cases. We were quoted extensively by the State House News Service and cited as “a major child welfare agency.”

As always, our fiscal year was capped off in style by our annual Voices & Visions gala fundraiser, which seems to get bigger and better each year! This year we had the pleasure of honoring three alumni of The Home, two who had been adopted at a very early age and one who had been literally “dropped off” at age 10 by her mother with a promise to return. But mom never came back. All three of our honorees are now leading very successful and fulfilling lives and their stories—told at Voices & Visions in person and on video—were moving testaments to the lasting impact of The Home’s work.

Through all our activities and successes each year, we are ever mindful of the support we receive from our donors, our Board of Directors and our dedicated staff and volunteers. Thank you to all who make our work possible, thus improving the lives of the many children and families we serve.

From the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board

John Thomas Hailer
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President and CEO
Paths to Healing for Parents

Shay was living in a women’s domestic violence shelter at the time she joined the Preschool Outreach Program’s expressive art therapy workshop. She was described as someone with a tough exterior who often came into the room muttering to herself under her breath and exhibiting signs of distress. As she continued with the group, she became increasingly engaged with the other women and showed a softer side. One of her peers remarked, “you’re really funny”—a side of Shay that most of those living with her had not seen before.

The Preschool Outreach Program partnered with the John Leopold Weil and Geraldine R. Weil Memorial Charitable Foundation of Newton to offer this parent workshop that uses expressive art therapy as a way to promote self-expression and resiliency for multi-stressed parents like Shay. During the eight-week series, group members are encouraged to use art materials to frame their understanding of themselves within the context of their relationships as parent, child or friend. It is the goal of the facilitator to support this self-reflection and to encourage hope, strength and resiliency in parents who may feel disempowered, lonely and fearful.

The art projects are presented as simply “projects,” but they are inherently symbolic and are constructed to maximize self-reflection and self-awareness. The mask project, for example, is one in which each participant is asked to make a mold of her face and then to consider who she is: how she presents herself to the world and how she feels and experiences herself on the inside. Art materials are used to decorate both the inside and the outside of the mask to reflect these questions. The clinician uses the group time to reflect on the meaning of these sometimes contrasting faces and how it can support strength and resiliency, while also identifying the struggle for intimacy that might also be a part of the participants’ presentations.

Expressive art is an alternative to traditional “talk” therapy that invites the individual to engage the deepest parts of herself: her wishes, dreams and longings. Many of the women in these groups have backgrounds steeped in childhood trauma and abuse and more current histories of domestic violence. For them, expressing wishes using art materials can be like uncovering a long forgotten part of themselves.
The Home’s early childhood programs are designed to ensure the healthy emotional, mental and social development of children by providing support and resources for families at risk, and by working to stabilize each child’s family environment.

Medical diagnoses such as pervasive developmental delays and environmental factors such as poverty, abuse, or single or no parent families can have a detrimental affect on a child’s ability to succeed in school and, therefore, in life. Research shows that early intervention and therapeutic services help to overcome these risk factors and ensure children are ready for school—academically, mentally, behaviorally and socially. There is a large void in these types of services and The Home is committed to answering this need and preparing our youngest population to succeed in school.

The Early Childhood Center (ECC) brings together a number of The Home’s programs that are specifically designed to meet the needs of very young children and their families: Boston Early Intervention, the Parents’ Center at Saltonstall House, the Preschool Outreach Program, and the Early Childhood System of Care. The children we serve are diverse across ethnic, cultural and socioeconomic status.

At Boston Early Intervention (BEI), clinicians make home visits, lead toddler and parent groups, provide developmental education, social work, physical, occupational and speech therapy, and pediatric nursing to families with children who have a developmental delay, a medical diagnosis, or other factors placing them at risk for delays. The Parents’ Center at Saltonstall House focuses on family preservation and specialized daycare for the treatment and prevention of child abuse or neglect. The Preschool Outreach Program assists with child and family skills development, social and emotional competence training for early childhood teachers, and provides play therapy for children and their families. In FY 2008, the program completed the second year of a Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care Mental Health Consultation Services grant to help children at risk of expulsion be sustained in their preschools.

FY 2008 was the second year of the Early Childhood System of Care contract awarded by the United Way. In this four-year pilot program, The Home heads a community collaborative of agencies providing varied services to families and their young children.

Boston Early Intervention increased its active client list by 50% in FY 2008 due in part to its focus on increased collaboration within the community. New connections were made with community health centers, child care programs, and parent/child groups to highlight BEI services and increase access to its developmental evaluations and education.
“Alycia might have saved her own life, but Safe-at-Home saved my sanity.”

—Cynthia, Safe-at-Home Parent

Steps to Stabilization

Alycia is a bright and outgoing 20-year-old woman with a warm smile, confident manner, and easy laugh. It’s hard to imagine that when she first met the staff of our Safe-at-Home program six years ago, she hid under a blanket, and struggled with such deep depression that she was convinced she would commit suicide before her 18th birthday.

Alycia was referred to Safe-at-Home in 2002 after being “on the run” from home for four days. Her mother, Cynthia, recalling her first meeting with the team said that she knew she could trust them. “To me, their way of doing things was kid-friendly and that was the main focus then…to keep her alive.” She also appreciated the team’s responsiveness in moments of crisis, responding once to a page at 10 o’clock at night and meeting her at the emergency room after Alycia took an overdose. The Safe-at-Home Family Stabilization Team worked with Alycia’s family, including twin brothers and an older sister, over a period of two years.

Cynthia says about that time in their lives that she knew she needed guidance because it was new territory for her. “I knew Alycia was in trouble, but I didn’t know how to help her.” The team often met with Alycia and Cynthia separately, bringing conversations back and forth between them, helping to improve understanding at a time when direct communication was limited. Alycia remembers that whenever she was fighting with her mom and couldn’t find the correct—or polite—words, the team had a way of interpreting to her mom what she was trying to say.

Realizing the experience Alycia had developed as a teen struggling with depression, the team invited her to talk to other clients they were working with who were facing some of the same challenges. “I really liked talking to the other kids...it was very empowering,” said Alycia. Today, she uses these skills in her volunteer work as a peer educator and youth leader for young people struggling with mental health concerns.

Cynthia and Alycia received help from many different agencies along Alycia’s path out of depression, and they both credit Safe-at-Home with being an important part of the journey. Alycia comments, “I don’t think they could have done anything more for us. They gave their heart and soul to the work with our family.”
Research recognizes the essential interdependence of children, families and community. A healthy child is the product of a supportive family. Without the help of responsive communities, families faced with substantial social and economic stressors are strained to provide adequate environments for children.

The Home operates several programs in which clinical mental health services are provided to children and families in community-based settings, such as public schools, hospitals, a children’s mental health clinic, community organizations and children’s homes. Several of these programs are designed to work with children and their families before it is necessary to remove the children from their homes. They are intended to stabilize families in crisis, helping them to manage the stressors in their lives in ways that are not harmful to their children.

Examples of The Home’s programs in this field include Safe-at-Home, the Therapeutic After-School Program (TASP), the Children’s Community Support Collaborative, the Child and Family Counseling Center and Family Networks. Clients are referred to these programs through the Department of Children and Families, the Department of Mental Health, the Department of Public Health and the Department of Education.

Safe-at-Home is a family stabilization program offering clinical mental health services to families in their homes and in the emergency rooms of three Boston/Cambridge hospitals, with the goal of preventing children from psychiatric hospitalization. TASP provides a safe, supportive, structured and therapeutic setting where youth can work on developing appropriate social and interpersonal skills. The Collaborative provides innovative and effective wrap-around child, family and community services to some of the Commonwealth’s most challenged and challenging youth. The Child and Family Counseling Center is a mental health clinic providing individual, group and family treatment; psychological and neuropsychological testing; medication evaluation, prescription and follow-up; substance abuse counseling; and community and school consultation on mental health. The Family Networks program is a partnership with the Park Street Department of Children and Families to foster and protect permanent families, create lifelong connections and community supports for children, and ensure families are involved in the decision making process.

The goal of all of The Home’s community-based programs is to ensure that children live in safe and loving homes and to assist families in the care and support of their children.

As part of The Home’s emphasis on nutrition and wellness, the Children’s Community Support Collaborative intensified its focus on the general physical wellbeing of its clients, and on educating them to better maintain their own health. New exercise equipment was purchased and approximately 40 staff and clients participated in a version of the “Biggest Loser” competition. Total weight loss at the end of the 3-month competition reached nearly 300 pounds!
The Courage to Grow

Visualize a tree-house, go-kart track, Project Adventure ropes challenge course, fishing and ice-skating pond, plus over 150 acres of hiking and nature trails. While this may sound like the description of an exciting summer camp, it is actually The Home’s Longview Farm facility in a rural section of Walpole, and these fun activities have been the saving grace for many adolescent boys struggling with emotional, behavioral, educational and psychiatric issues.

Founded in 1940, Longview Farm is a year-round residential and day school program that provides highly individualized treatment and special education services developed and implemented by multi-disciplinary staff. There are many opportunities to develop practical, social and vocational skills, all designed to instill a sense of accomplishment and pride and to build confidence. In addition to main and transitional residences, the campus houses a school, gymnasium and pre-vocational workshops, including woodworking and small engine/automotive repair.

Self-sufficiency is a big part of Longview’s curriculum. Among other things, the boys maintain a large vegetable garden and orchard and, in addition to feeding themselves, distribute shares to community partners from their own farm stand, which they built in woodworking shop. Just this past year, one boy discovered how much he loved working with the fruits and vegetables and his goal now is to go on to a culinary school and become a chef.

“Every aspect of life at Longview has a purpose,” says Program Director Joshua Grant. “Testing one’s mettle high above the woods in the ropes course is building self-confidence, and at the same time learning to trust in teammates; playing golf on a course they built themselves is teaching kids how to compete in a healthy manner; fishing and hiking—and even the tree-house—provide places to go and calming activities for those times when kids are challenged by their difficult pasts.”

The goal at Longview is to help each boy return to a family or community setting as soon as possible with new coping skills and an improved sense of self that will allow him to pursue a happy and productive life.
The Home’s residential program portfolio consists of several “high-end” programs that serve children between the ages of 5 and 16 who have been removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect and who typically have significant behavioral or mental health concerns. The residential programs are staff-intensive environments that provide services 24 hours a day, year-round. Each residential treatment program houses a private, state-approved special education school attended by the children living at the program, as well as day students from various communities.

In addition, The Home operates group homes for young people aged 8 to 18 who have progressed to a level of care that is preparing them to return to a community setting, whether it’s their family, foster care or adoption.

The Home’s residential programs and group homes include the Baird Center and Baird Group Home in Plymouth, Longview Farm and Clifford School in Walpole, and Harrington House, the Knight Children’s Center and Roxbury House in Boston. Common to all the residential programs is the goal of facilitating the children’s return to their families or another appropriate environment as quickly as possible. It’s our goal to have family involvement in the treatment planning and activities of the children.

The Baird Center, which is located on 50 acres of wooded land beside a pond, also operates a planned respite center for youth from Southeastern Massachusetts. The respite facility was dedicated in 2007 and named the Bilezikian Respite Center for the Bilezikian Family Foundation grant that made it possible. The Home’s STARR (Stabilization, Assessment and Rapid Reintegration) program is run out of The Duggan House at Longview Farm and provides care and assessment services to youth from the Department of Children and Families Arlington and Framingham areas.

Residents at both Roxbury House and Harrington House attend local public schools. Roxbury House provides adolescent boys with a transition from a more structured residential facility to a family setting. Harrington House is a family-oriented program focused on longer-term stabilization for younger children who have experienced trauma. The Home’s landmark facility in Jamaica Plain, the Knight Children’s Center, provides treatment for emotionally and behaviorally disturbed children in the residential facility and school, as well as in the homes of participating families.

The Baird Center Group Home implemented a Pre-Independent Living Program in the Fall of 2007 designed to prepare residents for a smoother transition back to their families, into foster care, or possibly an apartment situation. The program includes chores, participating in after-school activities and/or maintaining a part-time job and some form of community service. By spring, three students had completed the program: one was accepted at a community college and the other two successfully transitioned home in June.
The children call Boston’s Hope “the center.” It is their hub, their core, the nucleus from which growth happens. The children and families gave it this name because what happens here fills their need for connection and meaningful relationships. The foster children’s lives have all too often been permeated with losses, abandonment, neglect, and abuse. The program provides opportunities to fill the emptiness in these kids with dance, art, music, theatre, and sports within a community of supportive, attentive, and caring people.

Boston’s Hope, opened in 2004, is a planned, multi-generational community in Dorchester. The five-block complex of subsidized townhouses is home to foster families, potential adoptive families and elders. Central to the life and success of the program is the Intergenerational Center for the Arts, originally designed for Hope residents, but now a gathering place for children and adults throughout the area. It is here, and in the neighborhood garden, that connections are forged and from which support structures grow. The Hope lifestyle allows children to play and youth to participate in their activities under the supervision of many self-selected “aunts,” “uncles,” and “grandparents.”

In addition to the focus on art and music, Boston’s Hope runs expressive therapy groups and classes dealing with nature, respect, cultural awareness and community resources. Support groups and training are offered to foster parents. The program maintains strong connections to community resources and assists in finding employment opportunities for neighborhood youth. Some of the kids have gained experience at organizations such as Bikes Not Bombs, The Boston Youth Fund Hopeline, Franklin Park Coalition, and Artists for Humanity.

Real-life “miracles” have been witnessed through the work at Boston’s Hope. A teenager stole an expensive item and then, unasked, returned it to the owner. A distressed toddler resisted efforts from the adults, but allowed other foster children to console her. The Center was vandalized, and the ones who committed the crime came back on their own to see how they could contribute and make restitution. These examples demonstrate the importance and power of community that has been created by this program.

“ I feel lucky to have the chance to watch children express themselves and to feel strength in ways they may have never conceived.”

—Erica Nazzaro, Program Coordinator of Boston’s Hope
Adoption and Foster Care
Finding a place to call home

In all its work, The Home’s ultimate goal is to keep families unified and children safe and in their own communities. When that is not immediately possible, we provide the children with a safe and temporary placement, close to their communities, with the goal of timely reunification. In cases where reunification is not recommended, we work to find the children an alternative, high-quality placement and/or lifelong community connections, and provide ongoing services to ensure permanency.

The Home’s Intensive Foster Care (IFC) program offers specialized care for children with emotional, behavioral and developmental disabilities, and pregnant or parenting teenagers. IFC also transitions children from residential treatment to foster care and provides additional support to foster parents. As part of the GIFT Network, The Home’s IFC program provides five specially trained foster homes to youth who have been identified as victims of—or are at risk of—commercial sexual exploitation. The GIFT Network comprises a group of child welfare agencies and the Department of Children and Families (DCF) working in collaboration to provide 50 youth with a continuum of services, support and safe places to go.

The IFC program also incorporates Boston’s Hope, a model program designed to provide stability for children in foster care through the creation of an intergenerational community. Included is affordable housing for 8 foster families and 31 units for seniors. The hub of Boston’s Hope is a multicultural arts center that gives the children access to music and art and the opportunity to play and learn together.

The Home operates a full-service Adoption Program, placing infants, children identified internationally, and waiting older children from the foster care system. The infant/domestic adoption services include identified, open, and interstate adoptions. Internationally, we work with selected agencies to place children from Asia, Central and South America, India and Eastern Europe.

The waiting children program works in conjunction with DCF to place children of all ages. An often overlooked population, these are children who have been removed from their biological families because of abuse or neglect and are currently in the custody of DCF. Most of these children, predominantly 5 to 11 years of age, reside in foster homes, while some live in residential programs. All of them, though, hope that someday they will find a stable, loving home environment.

As part of our LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender & Questioning) Services program, we also facilitate the recruitment of LGBT families for adoption and foster care.

The Adoption Program was awarded full accreditation status from the Council on Accreditation with respect to the Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption. The Hague Convention is an international treaty created to protect children, birth parents, and prospective adoptive parents by putting into place agreed upon standards of practice and to prevent abduction, exploitation, sale or trafficking of children.
Difficult, sometimes antisocial, behavior in adolescents is frequently the result of coping mechanisms that are put in place at an early age as a protection from trauma or abuse. “For children to understand that fact, see the strength in who they are, and realize that they have the power to change is essential if they are to have a chance at building healthy relationships in adulthood,” explains Cheryl Azza, Program Director of The Home’s Coldwell Banker Community Living Program.

Before joining The Home, Cheryl was an outreach clinician, providing services directly to families in their home environment and she often witnessed first hand situations that could adversely affect the children later in life. It was this experience that convinced her of the importance of finding a way to reach these children before their coping behaviors affected their ability to enjoy a healthy, productive adulthood. She says the Community Living Program provides just such an opportunity and recalls one 16-year-old who came to live at Coldwell Banker House from a residential program. Ken* had severe attachment issues resulting in very poor social skills and aggressive behavior. He had no healthy relationships with adults or peers, and, in fact, frequently stated that he didn't like people and didn't trust anybody.

“We were able to help Ken understand that it was natural, in fact healthy, for him to have had a distrust of people: those who should have loved and protected him as a child were never there for him. And, he didn't like people because he saw them as sources of hurt and abandonment. He had learned to protect himself from his pain. We worked with him to see this as a strength, and helped him to understand that he could now make his own choices about who should be his friend, who he should talk to and confide in.” Ken embraced this newfound realization enthusiastically and worked very hard with the staff to address his fears.

“Ken stopped by to see us just a few weeks ago. He is now a young adult, experiencing success with work and relationships, and is enjoying his independence. He commented on how valuable it was to him to learn how to overcome his early challenges and begin to build a healthy life.”

*Name changed to protect confidentiality
Throughout its long history, The Home has developed a reputation for its ability to adapt to the changing needs of society and to address the impact of those changes on the lives of children and families. Most young people have supportive families to turn to for a place to live, financial support, and general guidance as they get ready for the transition to college and adulthood. However, many do not, including most of the youth who come through the doors of The Home. One of the key challenges facing child welfare agencies today is how to fill the gap and adequately prepare those who have grown up “in the system” for a meaningful and productive life.

In looking at this challenge, The Home chose several key underserved areas on which to focus its innovative programs for youth in transition: independent living; supportive living tools for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) youth; college preparation for young women leaving foster care; and preventing prostitution in teenage girls.

The Home’s Coldwell Banker Community Living Program in Norwood comprises both an intensive pre-independent group home and supervised apartments. Waltham House provides a safe and supportive living environment for up to 12 lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth aged 14 to 18. When it was founded, this group home was the first residential facility of its kind in New England, and the only one to exist for LGBTQ youth outside of New York City or Los Angeles.

The Home also runs an LGBTQ Services program that provides training, technical assistance, consultation and support to staff and programs who seek to provide culturally competent services to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth and their families.

In conjunction with Pine Manor College in Chestnut Hill, The Home provides a one-year program— Academic Support for College & Life—designed to assist young women making the transition from “dependent care” status in the child welfare system to an independent life in the community. Up to ten students have the opportunity to live on the all-women campus while receiving college preparatory instruction, and clinical, social, vocational and daily living supports.

There are an estimated 300,000 sexually exploited children in the US, with an average age of recruitment between 13 and 16. The Home, in conjunction with the Department of Children and Families and other organizations in Boston, operates My Life My Choice, a program to provide young people with the skills and knowledge they need to avoid this profoundly destructive victimization.

The My Life My Choice program continues to gain recognition across the country. It was invited to present at multiple national conferences, including the Shared Hope Conference in Dallas on Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking, and in New Orleans on Preventing Exploitation.
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“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.”

—John Quincy Adams

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(l to r): Rowan-Gillis, Wallace-Benjamin, Hamberg, Gray Wilkinson, Wise, McDonald
### The Home for Little Wanderers’ Schedule of Operations
#### Year Ended June 30, 2008
(Reported in 000’s)

#### Revenues
- Program Revenue: $32,204
- Fundraising (portion for operations): 5,643
- Endowment Draw: 3,636

**Total Revenues**: 41,483

#### Expenses
- Programs: 33,141
- Administrative and General: 6,512
- Fundraising: 1,808

**Total Expenses**: 41,461

#### Operating Surplus¹

**Operating Surplus**: 22

#### Non-Operating Items
- Bequests: 2,046
- Investment Activity: 258
- Other: (835)

**Total Non-operating Items**: 1,469

#### Change in Net Assets
- **Change in Unrestricted Net Assets**: 1,491
- **Change in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets²**: (3,289)
- **Change in Permanently Restricted Net Assets³**: (1,402)

**Change in Net Assets**: $ (3,200)

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¹ For internal management and budgeting purposes, The Home uses the Operating Surplus/(Deficit) line.

² Included in the change in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets is ($2,294,511) of additional Investment activity, $2,881,834 of additional Fundraising activity and ($3,876,344) of activity related to Net Assets released from restriction.

³ Included in the change in Permanently Restricted Net Assets is ($1,402,132) of additional Investment activity.

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The information reported above has been obtained and summarized from the June 30, 2008 audited financial statements of The Home for Little Wanderers. For complete audited financial statements, please contact the Development Department at 617-927-0670.
Facts & Figures

In FY 2008…

150,531 meals were served to children in The Home’s residences and schools

22,956 hours of outpatient counseling were provided in schools and clinics

19,897 hours of support were provided by Safe-at-Home to families in crisis

11,756 hours of therapeutic services were provided to children aged birth to three years

Where Your Money Goes

The following are some examples of how generous donations from individuals and corporations helped us during FY 2008:

$3,500 provided one semester of adjunct faculty at the Academic Support for College & Life (ASCL) program

$1,000 paid for 12 hours of family therapy for a child who transitioned home from a residential program

$600 provided one month of music therapy for 16 children at the Therapeutic-After School Program

$300 provided a child with the opportunity to attend a summer camp in the community

Approximately 10,000 children and families are served annually by a staff of more than 600 through 20 diverse programs in 13 locations throughout Eastern Massachusetts.
We are sincerely grateful to members of the Leadership Circle of Hope, The Home's recognition society for donors contributing $1,000 or more within a given fiscal year, for their generous commitment to our vital work with children at risk. The following list reflects gifts and pledges received between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2008.

**Visionary Circle ($100,000 and Above)**

- Anonymous (2)
- Trust of Elisha V. Ashton
- Brian and Barbara Davis
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- Estate of Mary Josephine Upright

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- Anonymous (1)
- The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation
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