coming home to victory

opening new doors to recovery and prevention





Our mission

Victory Programs opens doors to recovery, hope and community for individuals and families facing homelessness, addiction or other chronic illnesses.

Our dedication

Victory Programs proudly dedicates our 2015 annual report to:

Sheila Dillon, Chief of Housing and Director of the Department of Neighborhood Development (DND) for the City of Boston and **Chrystal Kornegay**, Undersecretary for the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD); key partners assisting Victory Programs in navigating the complex prospect of rebuilding two new community-based residential recovery and treatment programs. Sheila and Chrystal's coordinated leadership gave Victory Programs the encouragement to begin restoring two new, vitally-needed homes for Boston's most vulnerable, marginalized and neglected women: "New Victories for Women" and our "New Joelyn's Home."

And...

Joseph Smith and **Scott Popkowski**, the best pals to everyone at Victory Programs, and especially to our many members at the Boston Living Center! Joe and Scott's commitment to caring and compassion for those with HIV/AIDS inspire us every day to always believe in the promise of hope.

dear friends of victory programs

All roads lead home. These four simple words are at the heart of our 40-plus-year story. Returning home defines the intrinsic mission of each of Victory Programs' indispensable, groundbreaking services and the ultimate goal of each individual client or member. No matter where an individual's journey starts, regardless of which program door was opened first or how complex the challenges of the moment appear, the shared goal is always the same: to find our way home again.

Regardless of whether a client comes to Victory as an individual or with their family; who the person is or how they identify; if they are seeking addiction recovery services, health-stability assistance for HIV/AIDS, hepatitis C or hoping to end a cycle of homelessness, "the ache for home lives in all of us" (Maya Angelou). Our priority at Victory Programs is to guide clients through client-centric interventions and evidence-based practices to secure the essential health and housing resources they need to live independently and instill them with the confidence it takes to keep their home.

Almost all who come to Victory Programs are struggling and alone: isolated because of HIV status; in despair because of addiction; incapacitated by the daily stress and fear of homelessness. Whether they discover a new community of peers at the Boston Living Center; or the compassion of shared recovery in one of our treatment homes; or a sense of security in one of our family transitional programs, all Victory Programs' clients begin their journey home with care, compassion and a commitment to health.

For more than 40 years, Victory Programs has been recognized as a vital bridge between hopelessness and hope; fear and courage; losses from the past and the serenity of a new beginning. Our agency has earned its respected reputation as a pioneer, taking on the most pressing, emerging health concerns facing Boston's most vulnerable populations.

Clients, residents, guests and members in our distinctive health, housing and prevention divisions share experiences, strengths and hopes with capable peers, advisors, concierges and counselors. Each year our staff are aided by hundreds of volunteers and interns who take the time and make the effort at programs like ReVision Urban Farm, the Boston Living Center, ReVision Family Resource Center and our recovery homes. By motivating each other every step of the way these responsive, sensitive and supportive communities are often the influential and inspiring first step home.

Victory Programs isn't where those who ask for help "end up." Instead it is where people come to "begin again." Every individual at Victory Programs has an opportunity to discover a new personal journey. Whether the road they travel is meandering or straight; bumpy or smooth; narrow or wide – all paths lead to the same destination: coming home to victory.

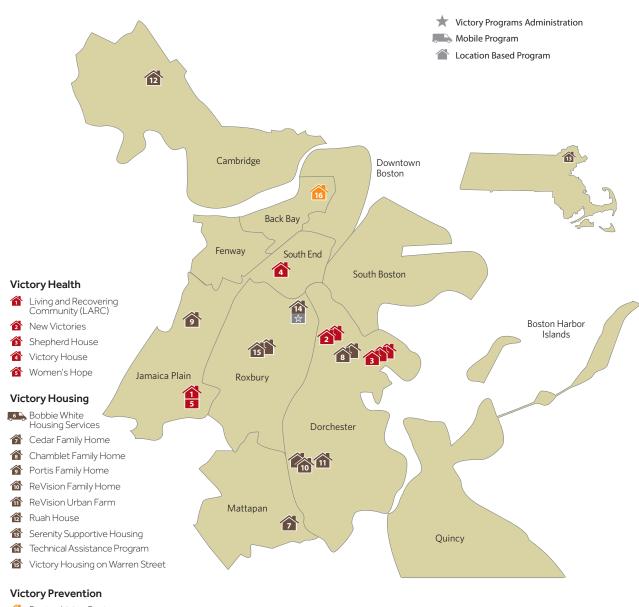


Jonathan D. Scott, President & CEO



Pamela C. Feingold, Chair of the Board

victory programs community map



Boston Living Center



This year – because of the extraordinary outpouring of generosity and support from individuals, foundations, corporations, public funders and supporters like you – we are on the way to achieving what many deemed impossible: opening two essential, new women's residential recovery homes.

These exciting state-of-the-art programs will replace our 47-bed facility lost in 2014 on Boston Harbor's Long Island when the City of Boston, without warning, closed the island's only access bridge leaving our clients and staff scrambling to permanently evacuate.

To rebuild again and reestablish these life-saving recovery services after a staggering financial and clinical blow is a monumental victory. It has taken tireless grassroots organizing, willpower, determination and tenacity on everyone's part. This groundswell of inspiring community support helped us find a way to start again, to rebuild from scratch against all odds. From the beginning we were convinced this was not just the right thing to do; rather, it was the only thing to do; the only road to follow home.

We took heart from the rallying cry from supporters: "If anyone can rebuild from such a significant blow, Victory Programs can do it."

AND WE DID!

On February 22, 2016, Victory Programs opened the first of two critical, new residential treatment programs for women: "New Victories for Women" – a 14-bed treatment facility in the Uphams Corner neighborhood of Dorchester. By the close of 2016, we will open the second site in Roxbury – the "New Joelyn's Home" – a custom 24-bed facility in the heart of Boston for women seeking addiction treatment and recovery.

Although 2015 was a year of struggles and challenges for Victory Programs, giving up on our goal to rebuild our women's residential programs was never an option. Because of the generosity and support of our friends and allies, donors and supporters, women's recovery services are finally coming home to victory.

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coming home to victory (continued)

There are many who deserve credit for helping us navigate the complex and difficult prospect of opening even two small group homes:

Elected Officials:

Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker
Boston Mayor Marty Walsh
Attorney General Maura Healey
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Rose Evans, Deputy Undersecretary, Department of Housing and Community Development
Sheila Dillon, Chief of Housing and Director, Department of Neighborhood Development for the City of Boston
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Chrystal Kornegay, Undersecretary, Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development
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Marylou Sudders, Secretary, Executive Office of Health and Human Services
Linn Torto, Executive Director, Interagency Council on Housing and Homelessness
Lydie Ultimo, Director, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services

It is important to celebrate this hard won victory for our agency and for women's recovery services. It is also essential to focus on the urgent need for more evidence-based residential addiction treatment services and low-threshold permanent housing for individuals and homeless families. The distinguishing feature of Victory Programs' history has always been our willingness to take a leading role in addressing the most pressing public health issues of our time – often long before those issues were widely recognized or even funded. Victory Programs' core competence continues to be confronting the emerging health issues facing our communities and most vulnerable members, always as advocates for those most ignored, neglected, marginalized or denied treatment or housing.







Women's Residential Recovery Services

at Victory Programs

Victory Programs provided residential addiction recovery services to 683 women in FY2015. This includes:

the women in our short term stabilization programs



Living & Recovering Community
31 women

Women's Hope 384 women

the women in our 4-8 month residential recovery homes



Shepherd House 163 women

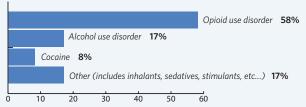
Joelyn's Family Home
76 women (closed 10/8/14)

the women in our sober living program with recovery support services

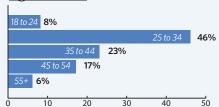


Portis Family Home
29 women

Primary Diagnosis for Women in Recovery at Victory Programs



Age at Intake



SHEPHERD HOUSE 32 women

JOELYN'S FAMILY HOME 47 women

(On October 8, 2014, Victory Programs was forced to unexpectedly evacuate and permanently close Joelyn's Family Home due to safety concerns about the only bridge connecting Boston Harbor's Long Island, where the program was located, to the mainland.)

2014

A closer look at the future of 4-8 Month Residential Recovery Homes at Victory Programs

(This includes Shepherd House, Joelyn's Family Home (closed 10/8/2014), New Victories for Women (opened 2/22/2016) and our planned future women's residential recovery home programs.)



SHEPHERD HOUSE
32 women

NEW VICTORIES
FOR WOMEN
10 women

2016



victory programs a year in review



Each November, we look forward to an unforgettable evening at the Hynes Convention Center for our annual Celebration of Life Thanksgiving Dinner, a wonderful community event free of charge for anyone living with HIV/AIDS, and their loved ones. This year's celebration featured a traditional Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings, live performances by Woza Moya and the Boston Gay Men's Chorus and a popular Resource Fair with over 30 participating organizations. The Celebration of Life is also an opportunity to recognize individuals who have dedicated their lives to advocating for the HIV/AIDS community with the Peter Daniel Clark Award. On Tuesday, November 10, we were honored to present this year's award to superstar AIDS advocate and leader Larry Kessler, who founded the AIDS Action Committee of Massachusetts. Thanks to our generous sponsors, long-time friends and more than 200 dedicated volunteers the Celebration of Life raised over \$121,000 for the Boston Living Center.



Gratitude Dinner

On Tuesday, March 24, Victory Programs held its 40th annual Gratitude Dinner at Venezia in Boston. This yearly tradition brings together Victory Programs' clients, staff, board members and special guests to reflect on our gratitude and to present the Manny Jefferson Gratitude Award for excellence in volunteerism. The 2015 Manny Jefferson Award recognized our longtime dedicated supporters, the FLAG Flag Football League. Special guest, Lydie Ultimo, Director of the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services, presented Victory Programs with an honorary citation in celebration of our 40th anniversary. This heartfelt event culminated in our clients sharing their experiences of strength, hope and gratitude discovered at Victory Programs.

Dinnerfest RED Party + Auction

On Sunday, April 26, Victory Programs hosted our 25th annual Dinnerfest RED Party + Auction at Red Lantern. This culinary-themed event offered guests the opportunity to bid on amazing dining packages from the area's most acclaimed restaurants, tickets to theaters and sports events, premium hotel stays and one-of-a-kind experiences. Dinnerfest 2015 was particularly special as we celebrated Victory Programs' 40th anniversary of opening doors to hope, health and housing. 40th anniversaries are traditionally celebrated with a ruby theme – a poignant match for our signature red door and the red ribbon that signifies HIV/ AIDS awareness. Guests got into the spirit of the occasion by wearing festive red attire and posing for photos in front of our red door. The event welcomed more than 200 guests whose generosity, combined with our incomparable corporate sponsors and in-kind donors, raised a record-breaking \$88,000 for the agency!





Drive for Victory Golf Tournament

On Monday, June 29, Victory Programs welcomed 100 golfers to the beautiful, members-only Wollaston Golf Club in Milton for our third annual Drive for Victory Golf Tournament. Golfers enjoyed a fun day on the course, lunch and awards in the Club's stunning dining room, live and silent auctions and a great raffle. With the help of our devoted committee and the generosity of our corporate sponsors, in-kind donors and golfers, Drive for Victory raised over \$44,000 to support Victory Programs' Health and Housing Divisions.

Summer Sports Tea Dance

On Sunday, August 30, Victory Programs partnered with our great friends at dbar and our phenomenal LGBT sports partner, FLAG Flag Football, for our fifth annual Summer Sports Tea Dance on Sunday, August 30. This year's special spirited event was one for the history books! A record-breaking 600 guests in attendance and more than \$10,000 was raised for hope, health and housing! The Summer Sports Tea Dance draws in support from Boston's LGBT sports community. It is held annually the Sunday before Labor Day weekend at Dorchester's finest restaurant and club dbar.

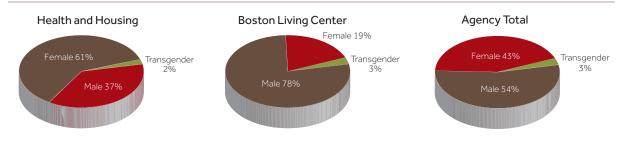


demographics & populations served

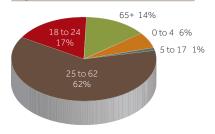
For 40 years, Victory Programs has been committed to providing individuals and families of all races, cultures and sexual orientations with an equal opportunity for shelter, substance use disorder treatment, recovery and wellness. We strive to ensure that appropriate, quality care is available to all underserved populations.

Adult clients served in FY2015 (unduplicated): 2,172 Minors/children served in FY2015 (unduplicated): 150

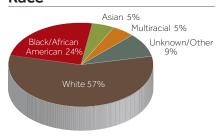
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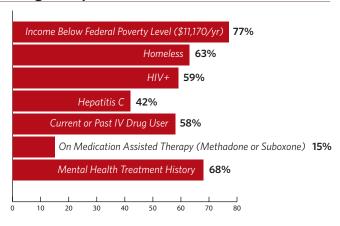
Age at Admission



Race



Target Populations



finances

Statement of Financial Position

Current Assets

Cash and cash equivale	ents	1,179,365
Accounts receivable		891,786
Promises to give, curre	nt	69,077
Inventory		55,148
Prepaid expenses		75,343
Investments		254,671
Other current assets		26,845
	Total current assets	\$2,552,235

Fixed Assets

Property, plant and equipment	9,710,199
Less: accumulated depreciation	(4,685,457)
Total fixed assets	\$5.024.742

Other Assets

Restricted deposits	77,643
Deferred financing costs, net	32,933
Promises to give, net of current portion	120,000
Deposits	1000
Total other assets	\$231,576

Total Assets \$ 7,808,553

Current Liabilities

Accounts payable	214,689
Accrued expenses	777,594
Long-term debt, current	115,594
Other current liabilities	31,357
Total curre	nt liabilities \$1,139,234

Long-Term Liabilities

Long-term debt	4,668,847
Other long-term liabilities	22,267
Total long-term liabilities	\$4,691,114

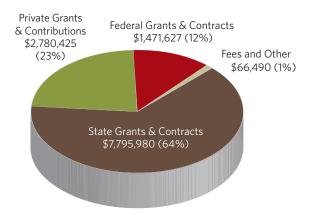
Total Liabilities \$5,830,348

Net Assets

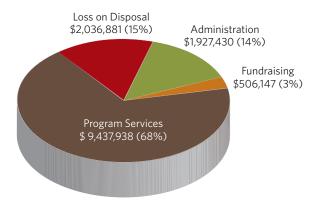
Unrestricted		1,789,128
Temporarily restricted		189,077
	Total net assets	\$1,978,205

Total Liabilities & Net Assets \$ 7,808,553

Fiscal Year 2015 Revenue \$12,114,522



Fiscal Year 2015 Expenses \$13,908,396



Victory Programs provided approximately \$23,892 of free client care for the year ending June 30, 2015.

Space limitations preclude a full audit presentation. Full audit statements are available upon request.

sources of support

Victory Programs gratefully acknowledges our supporters for our fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

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\$100,000 - to the sky!

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On Sunday, June 7, our clients, members and staff continued the tradition of participating in the 30th annual AIDS Walk Boston, supporting the AIDS Action Committee. The 6.2 mile walk began and finished at the Boston Common with more than 20 Victory Programs' team members walking in the sun to honor and remember those with HIV/AIDS.









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