Victory Programs’ unwavering focus on housing, health

About the Agency

Victory Programs first opened its doors in 1975 with Victory House, a residential addiction recovery program for men returning from the Vietnam War. Since its inception, Victory Programs has expanded to 18 health and housing programs in Boston, Cambridge and Topsfield through strategic mergers and acquisitions.

Victory Programs serves individuals across the continuum of care including residential shelter programs for pregnant and parenting women, permanent housing for chronically homeless residents and short- and long-term addiction recovery programs. The agency specializes in evidence-based urban addiction treatment and is historically recognized for its innovation and creative intervention and services.

Victory Programs was a first responder to the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the 1980s, as Victory House became one of the first recovery home programs in Massachusetts to admit clients living with the disease. It has been dedicated to serving those with HIV/AIDS ever since. In 2012, Victory Programs doubled in size when the Boston Living Center, New England’s largest community and resource center for people living with HIV/AIDS, merged with Victory Programs.

Victory Programs employs nearly 200 full-time equivalent staff members, has a 23-member Board of Directors and a six-member executive team led by its President & CEO Jonathan Scott. For fiscal year 2015 (July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015), Victory Programs has an operational budget of $11.7 million.

Programs focus on community inclusion

A ribbon-cutting ceremony marked the opening of the Chamblet Family Home in 2014.

Boston Living Center - New England’s largest community and resource center for people living with HIV/AIDS.

- Joelyn’s Family Home - A 4- to 8-month residential recovery program for women with drug or alcohol addiction. Joelyn’s Family Home is currently looking for a new location since its evacuation from Boston’s Long Island in October 2014.

Leveraging Learning - A 90-day program for men and women with drug or alcohol addiction and chronic illness and/or head injuries.

- Shepherd House - A 4-month to 8-month residential recovery program for men with drug and alcohol addiction. Shepherd House is located at the Lemuel Shattuck Hospital.

President & CEO

In 1975, as an 18-year-old Boston College student, Jonathan Scott began volunteering at a little-known Boston agency: Victory House. What began as a one-semester college internship for Scott evolved into a full-time vocation where he has remained ever since.

Scott has shepherded the agency through numerous mergers and acquisitions over the past 40 years. With his team, he has developed innovative Housing First programs and has been on the forefront in designing housing for the homeless and treatment for those living with AIDS and addiction.

Scott was a founding board member and the first board chair of MassEquality. He founded and serves on the board of the statewide policy and advocacy agency, the Association for Behavioral Healthcare. He is a former chair of the Ryan White Planning Council and former board chair and member of the Massachusetts Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association (MADAA). Scott has served on the Public Health Advisory Council for the City of Boston and was a member of the Mayor’s Office of Recovery Task Force. He has won numerous awards for his service to the community, including the Greater Boston Business Council award for ending workplace discrimination; the MADAA Francis O’Brien Award for leadership; Congressman Gerry Stuitt’s Leader of the Year Award from Fenway Health; and Massachusetts Community Recognition Award for Leadership in AIDS Services.

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