

Jewish Community Housing for the Elderly Receives Boston Foundation Grant

Jewish Community Housing for the Elderly has been awarded a \$50,000 grant by The Boston Foundation.

According to Ellen Feingold, JCHE's President, the grant will be used to expand, refine, and increase the analytic and reporting capacity of JCHE's Resident Service Database. The Database is an invaluable tool: it uniquely tracks elders' use of JCHE's programs and services, and offers important insight into how these supportive programs impact the ability of older tenants to live out their lives at JCHE. Feingold anticipates that the Database will be useful to researchers and agencies involved in elder care, as a tool to identify the most effective programs and services.

“Our organization has been extraordinarily successful at assisting elderly residents to age in place, as engaged members of a thriving community,” Ms. Feingold said. Each year, just over 2% of JCHE's 1,300 residents need to move to nursing homes because they are no longer able to manage on their own. With the help of The Boston Foundation grant, JCHE's Database will enable JCHE and other agencies to learn more from JCHE's record of success, and replicate and expand those programs and services that are shown to be most effective.

Since the opening of its first building in 1971, JCHE has provided comfortable and affordable nonsectarian housing for low-income seniors of all backgrounds. JCHE's twofold mission is to provide basic housing for low-income seniors, and an enriching and supportive environment in which tenants can live life to the fullest. JCHE currently has five buildings in Brighton and Newton, and is building a sixth building – Shillman House on the Weinberg Campus – in Framingham.

The Boston Foundation, one of the nation's oldest and largest community foundations, has an endowment of close to \$770 million. Last year, the Foundation made grants of \$63.9 million to nonprofit organizations and received gifts of \$73.6 million. The Boston Foundation is made up of 850 separate charitable funds, which have been established by donors either for the general benefit of the community or for special purposes. The Foundation also serves as a civic leader, convener, and sponsor of special initiatives designed to build community. For more information about the

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