

# Hale House

BARNARD SERVICES

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Dear Friends of Hale House and Barnard Services,

**In the past 20 years Boston has undergone an amazing transformation!** So many neighborhoods now offer luxury condos, shops, entertainment, and employment opportunities. People are flocking to enjoy a **glittering** urban lifestyle. **But if you're elderly, living on a fixed income, and dealing with disabilities, it can seem like Boston has left you behind.**

We at Hale Barnard Corporation are dedicated to ensuring that low-income elders can age with dignity—but dignity is getting hard to maintain. **At our Residential Program, Hale House, 60% of the elders admitted over the past two years have been homeless when they arrived.** Our residents are too independent and active for a nursing home, but their incomes are too low to accommodate both gentrified rents and rising health care costs due to age and disability.

**That's how Deahdra became homeless.** A lifelong Boston resident—and severe diabetic—Deahdra had always taken care of herself. But when we met her she was sleeping on her friend's sofa.



*"For me, Hale House became a blessed port in a homeless storm. Having bounced from losing my apartment that I could no longer afford to moving in with my daughter in Vermont in a situation that became untenable, I had no place to call home. I wanted to be back in Boston--my home--and resorted to friends' sofas, homeless shelters and such to try and find a safe place to lay my sixty-four-year-old head. A dear friend suggested Hale House. I had not even thought of that possibility. Yes, I have been dealing with chronic illness but had not made the mental adjustment to a caring facility. A few phone calls and visits later, I became a resident of the "Back Bay", quite a feat for a girl from Roxbury."*

**Hale House can provide "a port in a storm" for 56 elderly residents at a time.** We offer private bedrooms, three healthy daily meals, housekeeping, laundry, engagement activities *and* on-site nursing—24 hours a day, 365 days a year. **Hale House's commitment to licensed on-site medical care makes it different from most other residential programs. Hale House can serve people with serious and chronic illnesses that other residential homes can't serve.**

**But...Hale House's ability to support people like Deahdra depends on people like you.** Hale House pays its staff with reimbursements from state and federal funding programs. These programs have not kept pace with the true cost of care.

**Would you please take a moment to return the enclosed envelope or contribute online at [www.halebarnard.org](http://www.halebarnard.org)?**

**U.S. census estimates tell us that 20% of Boston elders are living in poverty. Boston provides no glittering lifestyle for them. But with your help, the "golden years" can still be golden for many elders in need.**

Thank you so much for your consideration, generosity, and concern, and best wishes for a happy, healthy holiday season.

Sincerely,

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