Our administration and fundraising support our programs and services. Please learn more about our work at fenwaycdc.org.
Dear Friends:

The pandemic made life harder for those who were already struggling, for those who couldn’t work from home, and for housebound residents without decent access to the internet. Thanks to your support, Fenway CDC was a vital resource, responding to immediate needs of individuals in crisis while working toward long-term solutions that will improve the neighborhood and the city.

Understanding Needs in the Neighborhood:
Fenway CDC undertook an extensive community listening project to better understand the issues facing residents now. We held four community conversations, hosted focus groups for seniors, students, young professionals, and families, and surveyed more than 1,000 residents. The major challenges that emerged centered on economic struggles, access to food, and access to health care. This community input will shape Fenway’s work going forward.

New Affordable Housing:
Fenway CDC has always believed that reliable affordable housing is central to helping people live better lives and making the Fenway a vibrant neighborhood. We are proud to announce that for the first time in 20 years, we are moving forward with a new affordable construction project. The financing for Burbank Terrace is secured, and it will be home for 27 low-income households. A range of studios, one-bedrooms, and two-bedrooms will provide housing for a variety of families. The ground-breaking will take place in Summer 2022.

Improving Affordable Housing:
Completed renovations at Newcastle Saranac means 97 apartments have been updated and improved. Demand was so great that several thousand applications were received for 35 available units.

Partnering for a More Equitable City:
Fenway CDC worked with organizations across Boston to train citizens to advocate for improved housing policies that would protect families from eviction; create more funding for affordable housing; and increase the number of affordable housing units within the city.

Serving the Community:
We helped the city’s most vulnerable residents get the help they needed to navigate how to stay in their homes, have enough to eat, find childcare, get a job, and learn how to manage their money.

Fenway CDC helped residents improve their economic stability. Through tenant organizing, and community work.

Thanks to your support, Fenway CDC addressed community-wide issues, building a corps of engaged residents, while also helping individuals and households improve their lives. We continued to support local businesses and build social connections that are essential to a thriving community. We thank you for being our partners in this work.

New Affordable Housing: 650 residents lived in safe, affordable homes

- 97 units substantially renovated at Newcastle Saranac in Lower Roxbury
- 27 affordable new homes to be developed at Burbank Terrace, 72 Burbank Street; Fenway CDC’s first ground-up development in decades
- 410 units were maintained

Thanks to Northeastern University for supporting multiple co-op students who bolstered Fenway CDC’s housing development projects, organizing, and community work.

Housing Development and Preservation

Building a Stronger Neighborhood

Community Planning and Organizing

- Supported the city’s efforts to waive parking minimums for affordable development
- In line with the Racial Justice Housing Justice Committee, the Organizing Committee worked to ensure that our housing policy advocacy and campaigns fully support diversity, equity, and inclusion

Fenway’s Urban Village Committee

- 12 meetings attended by residents, developers, and city officials to discuss impact of seven developments on Fenway residents
- 100 or more residents attended meetings, a community hearing, and six rallies to show community support for the #55 bus. Their actions generated coverage in eight media outlets and saved this essential bus line from being eliminated by the MBTA.
- 110 residents weighed in on transit needs in the Fenway

Fenway Communicate and Connect Committee

- 15 members connected individuals experiencing homelessness or substance abuse to mental health and social service providers

$200,000 in Community Investment Tax Credits were invested in our community

Fenway Fair Foods

- 3,188 bags (35,068 lbs) of fresh fruits, vegetables, and bread were distributed to food insecure residents

Fenway CDC’s 2021 Impact • Thank you for making our work possible!

Community and Resident Services

- 48 people accessed social benefits and health insurance
- 400 people received goodie bags or meal boxes at Halloween and Fensgiving events
- 37 people received RAFT and SHERA to improve financial stability
- 22 people joined Healthy Habits program to improve physical, mental, and financial well-being

Education and Workforce Development

- Partnered with Cambridge College, Northeastern University, and Wentworth Institute of Technology to create stronger career pathways for residents
- 47 people benefitted from education and employment assistance
- 6 people attended college and 1 attended nursing school

Community Needs Assessment

We’re Here for You: Fenway/Kenmore

Special thanks to Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center’s Community Benefits funds for supporting our Healthy Neighborhood Initiative Project. Fenway CDC partnered with Fenway Health and Fenway Cares to engage 111 residents and stakeholders through public meetings, focus groups, and 1-1 interviews; and over 1,000 survey respondents shared needs and ideas to improve lives.

Fenway Fair Foods

- 672 people accessed COVID resources. Special thanks to Audubon Circle Neighborhood Association, Fenway Alliance, Fenway Civic Association, Fenway Community Center, and Operation P.E.A.C.E.

Fenway Cares

- 5 non-profits collaborated with Fenway CDC to distribute fresh produce, hot meal, and COVID resources. Special thanks to Audubon Circle Neighborhood Association, Fenway Alliance, Fenway Civic Association, Fenway Community Center, and Operation P.E.A.C.E.