Housing Development & Preservation

Fenway CDC’s 2023 Impact
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554 units maintained as safe, affordable housing for 720 residents

**Burbank Terrace**
27 affordable units at Burbank Terrace – Fenway CDC’s first ground-up development in decades – are under construction and slated to open in 2024.

**43 Hemenway Street**
Fenway CDC acquired 43 Hemenway, a 6-unit market-rate rental building for conversion to 6 affordable homeownership units aimed at households earning 80-to-100% Area Median Income (AMI). This marks the first affordable homeownership project for Fenway CDC, and when completed, will increase the income-restricted homeownership units in the Fenway neighborhood by 33%!

**Our Lady’s Guild House**
In partnership with the Planning Office for Urban Affairs, Fenway CDC purchased Our Lady’s Guild House (OLGH), a 140-unit single room occupancy near Kenmore. OLGH will be renovated to provide homes that are affordable, inclusive, accessible, sustainable, and foster a sense of community.

**Fenway Lodging House**
Fenway CDC completed the rehabilitation of Fenway Lodging House, a 13-unit single room occupancy building with on-site supportive services. Scope of this work included painting, floor replacement, security improvements, and updates to shared kitchen and bathrooms. The rehab work improves the quality of life for the residents and will allow the building to continue housing vulnerable populations for years to come.

Burbank Terrace

43 Hemenway Street

Our Lady’s Guild House

Fenway Lodging House
284 Resident, Support, and Workforce Services
- 35 residents received career counseling
- 23 residents accessed eviction prevention and financial stability services
- 35 residents applied ID renewals, housing, or affordable connectivity program
- 9 residents secured living wage jobs
- 10 residents had training and received CPR certification
- 127 job seekers met 25 employers at Fenway CDC Career Fair; 40 of them had resume critiques and mock interviews
- 150 hours of computer training were provided and 10 residents graduated from Fenway CDC’s Tech Goes Home program and received free Chromebooks
- 5 residents received college financial aid counseling

Bringing People Together
- 1,000+ community residents savored musical talent at 29 sites of Fenway Porchfest, organized by Fenway CDC, Fenway Alliance, and Fenway Community Center
- 130 youth and family members participated in art classes, music events, focus groups, and a Fall Fest
- 10,000+ pounds of items were rehomed at monthly Free Markets

Improving Social and Mental Well-Being of 185 Residents
- 100 residents enjoyed 3 free holiday meals
- 70 residents got free admission to Fenway Park baseball games, movie night, and ice skating, thanks to Boston Red Sox
- 22 weekly coffee chats, 2 movie nights, and 2 craft afternoons helped residents build social connections
- 15 residents joined Boston Health Initiative trainings to improve mental well-being and learn trauma informed care
- 4 plots of food were planted by residents at Northampton Street Community Gardens

Fenway/Kenmore: We’re Here for You Healthy Neighborhood Initiative
- 8 organizations including Fenway CDC provided 3 services: financial stability, healthcare access, and leadership development
- 24 resident leaders trained by Fenway Cares to provide food distribution support every two weeks at two sites
- 55 residents shared ideas to address neighborhood needs during 2 community conversations and 4 focus groups
This work was supported by Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center Community Benefits Fund.

Fenway Cares: 9,835 Bags (147,524 Pounds) of Produce Distributed to Address Food Insecurity
Fenway CDC partnered with the Audubon Circle Neighborhood Association, Fenway Civic Association, Fenway Community Center, Fenway Alliance, and Operation P.E.A.C.E. to distribute fresh produce to address food insecurity in the neighborhood.

The East Fens food share site also offered 22 clinic sessions and 451 health screenings, thanks to Fenway Civic Association and Mass General Brigham Community Care Van.
Community Planning & Organizing

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Building a Diverse Community

Fenway CDC’s community planning and organizing efforts promoted housing affordability and fostered cohesive neighborhood development as part of a coalition working on state and city policies.

• 230 residents supported the MA Tenants’ Opportunity to Purchase Act (TOPA) and increased state support for the Mass Rental Voucher Program while lowering the percent of tenant payment from 40% to 30%.

• 200 residents saved the #55 bus line when the MBTA threatened to eliminate it. Their advocacy—attending community meetings and rallies saved this transportation lifeline.

Fenway’s Urban Village Committee

Residents evaluated 8 developments and shared voices on their impact on the Fenway.

Fenway Communicate and Connect Committee

22 individuals and organizations met monthly to identify individuals experiencing homelessness or substance abuse. Many individuals were connected to service providers who offered shelter, transition housing, mental health, and additional recovery services.

Housing Justice Advances

Thanks to the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center Community Benefits Fund, Fenway CDC led the Community Health via Housing, Equity, Engagement and Resilience (CHEER) coalition, which:

• strengthened the Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) program for large nonprofit institutions so that their contributions to the City are based on an updated property assessment

• advocated for additional revenue for affordable housing in Boston by adding a new fee for sale of property over $2M

• supported legislation in MA to help stop displacement by giving residents a right to purchase their buildings should they go on the market

• promoted a requirement that new developments address housing discrimination by actively promoting fair housing

• increased the percentage of affordable housing units in private developments

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Fenway Ball
Over 350 supporters from diverse business sectors celebrated our 50th Anniversary at The Fenway Ball.

Taste of The Fenway
More than 500 residents and working professionals enjoyed food and drink tastings from 25 Fenway restaurants and businesses.

$225,000 in Community Investment Tax Credits were leveraged to increase Fenway CDC’s organizational capacity

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