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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Shiela Y. Moore

Hard to imagine it's already March 2022! Hildebrand has so much going on during these challenging, and at the same time, exciting times. I'm proud of the organization's resilience, the hard work and dedication of the staff and Board, and the determination of the families working with us. All of these inspire me every day. We kicked off our strategic planning process in January (details in the article below); we purchased 12 Humphreys Street, Dorchester, in December 2021, adding another 11 units of permanent supportive housing to Hildebrand's portfolio and we are getting to know our new tenants; Hildebrand has a new community-based homelessness prevention program, thanks to support from CHAPA's Neighborhood Emergency Housing Support Program; and we are looking forward to the spring to host an event (hopefully in-person!) in support of our housing programs. Hildebrand keeps looking to the future and moving forward, with compassion, conviction, and purpose. Thank you for moving forward with us on our journey! I look forward to staying in touch.



Holiday Drive 2021

A very special thank you to all the donors, staff, and especially Hildebrand families, who made this holiday season so wonderful! Every family received toys, clothing, and gift cards so that each and every family member could celebrate the holiday season in the way most meaningful to them.

A very extra special thank you to Hildebrand Board member and Cambridge resident, Anthony Galluccio, for his annual "Hope for the Holidays" outreach, in partnership with St. Paul AME Church, which provides support for families in need in the community.



Special Valentines for Hildebrand, From a Community Donor



Donna White had been talking with Hildebrand Program Manager, Madeline Garcia-Gilbert, and got inspired to share Valentine's Day love and joy with all of Hildebrand! She and her neighbors produced beautiful hand-made cards with special messages. One of our favorite messages: "For someone special: I hope this Valentine brings you laughter, joy, strength, happiness, and compassion. Next time you think of beautiful things, remembers to count yourself in!" And the card is signed: "What I make with my hands, I give with my heart. You are special!"

Welcome to New Staff!

We are excited to welcome new members to the Hildebrand team!

- Claribel Baez, Alie Bernado and Marie Matos, Case Managers
- Medjina Ocean, Junior Housing Specialist
- Ashanti DeCosta, Destanie Baker and Tearia Wrights, Residential Assistants
- Tyesha Kincade, Deputy Director, Emergency Shelter

Hildebrand Doubles its Ownership of Permanent Supportive Housing



Hildebrand has purchased an 11-unit building at 12 Humphreys Street, Dorchester, from Sojourner House. This acquisition supports Hildebrand's mission of providing shelter and permanent housing to families experiencing homelessness and ensures that the apartments in the building remain affordable for Boston's children and families. Hildebrand's vision is every family has a home, and adding 12 Humphreys Street to the real estate portfolio will help make that vision a reality.

Meet Dariela Villón-Maga, a member of Hildebrand's Board of Directors!

Dariela Villón-Maga, has dedicated her life to serving her community in youth development, wildlife conservation, and for the last 12 years has focused on affordable housing development and advocacy. While at the Allston Brighton Community Development Corporation, she founded the All Bright Community Center and launched a Resident Services program in Allston-Brighton, Massachusetts. The community center serves over 500 families living in affordable housing through programming on food access, health/wellness, education, and financial literacy. These programs continue to respond to the needs of those families in a variety of ways, particularly through the focus of connecting families to resources centered around housing stability.

Dariela currently owns and operates DVM Consulting which provides real estate development services with a focus on ensuring housing opportunities are accessible to those native to the neighborhoods where projects are located. The company has a unique perspective of the field given its knowledge in different aspects of the real estate industry, which include multi-family real estate development, property management, resident relocation practices, and resident services programming.

Additionally, she's the co-founder of a healing collaborative, Rooted Wellness Boston, that provides community-centered therapeutic services to individuals and families in the Boston area with a focus on the Dorchester, Roxbury, and Mattapan neighborhoods.



Experiencing homelessness and growing up in affordable housing throughout the city has given Dariela a deep understanding of how housing stability can be the foundation for prosperity, just as it was for her. She works hard every day to provide the same affordable housing opportunities to other families.

Dariela is a first-generation American, originally from the Grove Hall area of Boston, who identifies as Afro-Latinx. She resides in the Mattapan neighborhood of Boston with her partner, Courtney and two pets: Tumi and Mila. In her free time, she loves to travel and experience different cultures around the world.

Hildebrand partners with CHAPA on the Neighborhood Emergency Housing Support Program

Hildebrand recently received a grant to work in partnership with the Citizens' Housing and Planning Association (CHAPA) on their pilot Neighborhood Emergency Housing Support Program (NEHS). The goal of the program is to prevent unnecessary foreclosures, evictions, and homelessness in communities most impacted by the current health and economic crisis. Through Hildebrand's community outreach and education activities, residents will become aware of financial assistance and other resources to help household with emergency housing payment assistance including rent, mortgage, and utility costs. When they are ready to apply, Hildebrand staff will work with them to complete and submit the applications for financial assistance. This is a new homelessness prevention community outreach initiative for Hildebrand, and the program has an office at 3 Groom Street, Dorchester, for community residents to visit, get more information, and work on the submissions of application.

Strategic Planning for Hildebrand is Underway!

Strategic planning has kicked off at Hildebrand, in partnership with consultants Strategy Matters. The four-month process will develop a three-year strategic plan to support Hildebrand's continued growth and leadership in working with families experiencing homelessness. Hildebrand's previous Strategic Plan was for 2017-2021 and ends in June 2022, so it's time to develop a new plan to continue to move the organization forward. Hildebrand is working with consultants, Strategy Matters, and a Project Management Team (PMT) has been put together, composed of staff and Board members, to do the planning work, serve as connectors, and help communicate the plan throughout the organization. The Board members of the PMT are Kelly Blackburn, Chairperson Board of Directors, Michelle Meiser, and Dariela Villon-Maga. The staff members are Shiela Moore, Schebania Cherilus, Gregg Ellenberg, Kathleen Carney, Marc Jean-Jacques, Cristiano Santos, Leira Cabrera Velez, Tyesha Kincade, and Ja'Von Brown. This team, along with the consultants and your help, will help focus Hildebrand's mission, direction, and goals for the next three years. Stay tuned for more updates and how you can be involved!