

# THE HAVEN PROJECT

## SPRING 2017 NEWSLETTER

*Empowering young adults on the North Shore*

It's an exciting time at the Haven Project. Just one year after opening our social enterprise we piloted a housing program called "The Launching Pad" in collaboration with the Lynn Shelter's Association. With Lynn Shelter's commitment to age appropriate emergency shelter and services, and the Haven Project's launch of short term supportive housing, access to jobs, and education, we will be providing not only safety but transformative opportunities for young adults without a stable place to live. The young people we work with are capable of great things with the right support.



Please join us on this journey by contributing, volunteering, or continuing to learn more.

Thank you for all that you do,

Gini Mazman,  
Executive Director and Founder

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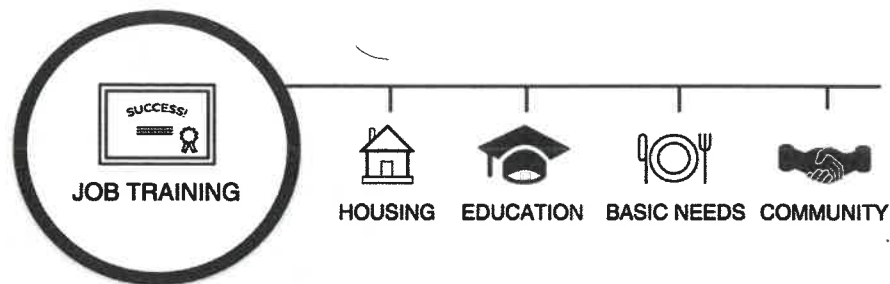
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## How does our social enterprise fit into our mission?

Our social enterprise cafe is the primary site for our job training program, where we provide hands-on, intensive training to young adults without stable housing in collaboration with wrap around services at the Haven Project. Our job training program is one program of our five essential focus areas, all designed to help **equip and empower** young adults to reach their fullest potential.



Celebrating milestones is an integral part of our organization. Our Victory Board in the Drop In Center is filled with accomplishments!



A brand new bike for our Employee of the Month!

### WE NEED TO GET THE WORD OUT!

Partner with our Outreach Coordinator to put flyers up around the city. It's a great way to contribute to the Haven's cause, and is ideal for groups and one-time service projects.

If you are interested in helping with outreach, please contact David Urbina, our Outreach Coordinator, at [outreach@havenproject.net](mailto:outreach@havenproject.net)

### GIVING IS EASY

Please consider making a tax deductible donation to the Haven Project.

Online: Via Credit Card

[www.havenproject.net/donate](http://www.havenproject.net/donate)

Mail: Via Check

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Thank you for your support!

## Volunteer Spotlight

Jo-Anne Rogers, who after cooking a few meals for us through her church, decided to attend one of our monthly informational meetings. Here she felt compelled to use her years of teaching and organizational expertise to help lead a one on one tutoring program. Jo-Anne also supports us by making a commitment to have lunch with her husband Dennis in our café once a month.

"I'm involved because its clear that these kids know that people really care about them here and they often have no one else. The Haven Project has created an environment where the kids are focused and engaged. As a retired teacher, I'm excited to recruit and schedule tutors who can help tutor these young people."

To learn about our next informational meeting, visit our website at [www.havenproject.net](http://www.havenproject.net)



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## YOUNG ADULT VOICES

Two years ago we met an enthusiastic 19-year-old young man who casually told us that he was sleeping outside in the MBTA parking garage. Jay had first heard about The Haven Project from a flyer – a friend of his had texted him a picture of it. He had already been homeless for a few months. We earned his trust and he began to let us help him, even when other influences encouraged him to do otherwise. Eventually, we convinced him to stay at the shelter consistently. He went through a few jobs, kicked some bad habits, got a bank account and an ID. Jay shared, “If it weren’t for the Haven Project, I would probably still be in the streets somewhere”. Living in the shelter environment did not provide the stability he needed. We hired him in our job training program, and are excited to have a greater amount of time coaching him and motivating him to progress. Jay has been steadily gaining confidence and improving his work ethic. He became our first participant to pilot the Launching Pad, and is currently living in his own place. Having the stability of a home is something that Jay expresses incredible relief over, and we are so proud to be working with him toward health, stability and success.

*“I know that I have somewhere to stay tonight, and no one is coming into my room unless I let them in...[knowing that] lifts a big weight off my shoulder and gives me a big sense of relief. I can go about my day without worrying about where I am going to spend the night.”*

