

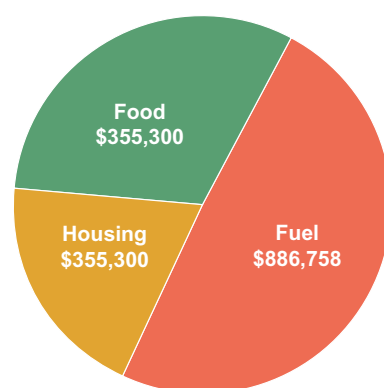
## Food and Fuel Fund: Impact Report 2008-2012

Since 2008, the Boston Foundation's Food and Fuel Fund, along with generous support from donors in our community, has provided local safety-net organizations with over \$1.7 million in grants to alleviate needs in the winter months, a time of year when demand increases and costs rise for emergency and basic needs. TBF identifies and supports successful programs in the field that implement immediate, short-term, and long-term interventions to prevent or diminish needs. Donor contributions over the last four years have totaled \$421,619, allowing TBF to significantly increase its impact on grantee organizations and the individuals, families, and communities they serve. In addition, TBF leverages these dollars through its work with **MassNeeds**, a coordinated effort with over 20 other foundations to address hunger, housing, and heating needs throughout Massachusetts in winter.

### Overview of Food and Fuel Fund:

Donor Contributions 2008-2012	
Total Number of Gifts	106
Total Number of Unique Donors	67
Total Gift Value	\$421,619
Average Gift Value	\$3,978
Average Gift Value per Unique Donor	\$6,293
Median Gift Value	\$1,000

### Total Grants 2008-2012



### Sarah's Story, Rosie's Place (Grantee '10, '11, '12)

**Sarah was a single mother** living with her young son and her mother. The arrangement seemed to be perfect as they split the rent and shared the childcare. But when her mother became unexpectedly ill and passed away, Sarah and her son were unable to afford their rent. Sarah found another apartment but now she had to pay rent and child care with her one paycheck. She started to cut back on her groceries and even some days, eating altogether, so that she could keep the lights on and roof above their heads. Through a friend Sarah heard about Rosie's Place, and one day on her lunch break she walked through the doors. After an Advocate found her a warm coat that fit her well, she invited her to stay for lunch in our Dining Room. When Sarah told her she needed to get back to work, our Advocate suggested she use our Food Pantry and plan to come to our Dining Room for lunch or dinner with her son, whenever she could. Sarah started coming to Rosie's Place regularly and was soon able to save some money and stabilize her finances. In time, Sarah got a promotion and eventually, her visits to Rosie's Place became weekly sometimes even monthly. Their needs may not be as big as they once were, but at Rosie's Place, we know that it's the little things that can add up to make a big difference.

Lunch at Rosie's Place



### Impact: Examples from Winter 2012

#### Food

##### Project Bread

*Mission:* Project Bread is dedicated to alleviating, preventing, and ultimately ending hunger in Massachusetts.

- ★ Trained 275 staff at partner organizations on the SNAP (formerly the food stamp program) application process, allowing organizations throughout the state to improve access to this national program
- ★ Helped 103 households with an elderly resident complete SNAP applications providing, on average, \$150/month in assistance which resulted in more money available for other winter necessities

#### Fuel

##### Citizens Energy Corporation

*Mission:* Citizens Energy Corporation exists to help make life's basic needs more accessible and affordable. It also seeks to use market opportunities to help the poor and needy.

- ★ Delivered 100 gallons of heating oil per household to 60 low income households throughout Massachusetts
- ★ Provided over 50 Eastern Massachusetts homeless shelters with natural gas assistance or energy efficiency upgrades for the winter

#### Housing

##### Pine Street Inn

*Mission:* Pine Street Inn seeks to be a community of respect and hope for each guest it serves; to be a resource through which neighbors and friends can help to meet the basic needs of others; and to serve as a national leader in the fight to end homelessness.

- ★ Provided shelter to 600 men and women each night in one of three shelters throughout the city
- ★ Trained 125 men and women in culinary skills, building maintenance, and housekeeping increasing their ability to gain and maintain employment

#### Other Basic Needs

##### Operation Warm

*Mission:* Operation Warm provides new winter coats to children living in need. Its vision is that every child wearing a new winter coat is warm, feels valued, and is healthy, able to regularly attend school and enjoy active outdoor play, even on cold winter days.

- ★ Distributed 5,000 coats to children in need throughout Boston
- ★ Partnered with the Boston Housing Authority to ensure that coats were effectively and efficiently distributed

### Food and Fuel Fund grantees who received at least one grant between 2008 and 2012:

Action for Boston Community Development • American Red Cross of Massachusetts Bay • Bridge Over Troubled Waters • Brookview House • Citizens Energy Corporation • City of Boston Department of Neighborhood Development • Citywide Board of Boston Community Centers • Greater Boston Food Bank • Greater Boston Legal Services • Lovin' Spoonfuls • National Consumer Law Center • Pine Street Inn, Inc. • Project Bread • Rosie's Place • Salvation Army's Good Neighbor Energy Fund • United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley • Women's Lunch Place