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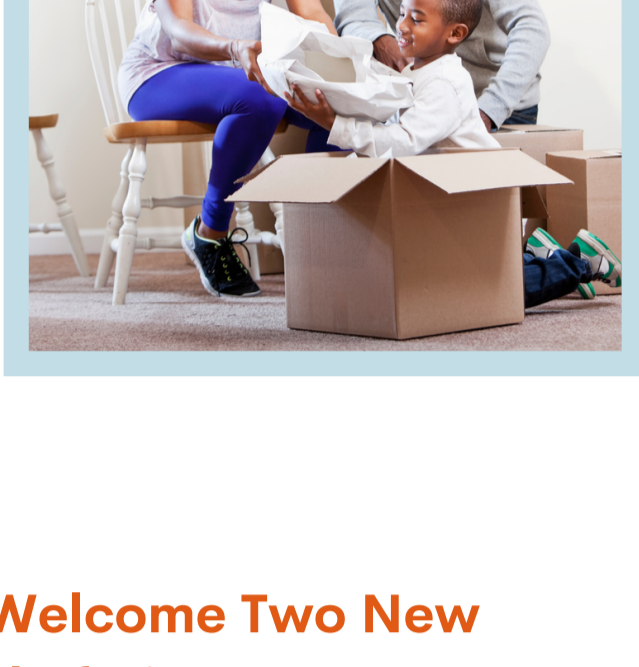
March brings us so much: more daylight; warmer weather and more sunshine; the first day of spring; and the reawakening of life all around us. Spring is a hopeful time, full of promise. As we welcome the warmth and begin to reconnect with our neighbors and communities, let's keep in mind all the families who are currently experiencing homelessness, and for whom the advent of spring doesn't bring such connections. The family homelessness crisis in Massachusetts continues to overwhelm the system, the providers, and other organizations offering resources and referrals. Hildebrand, however, remains resilient and steadfast, continuing to expand its expertise, programs, and outreach to make sure that each child and parent in our programs is supported with the resources they need to stabilize and find permanent homes. So far this year, Hildebrand has helped 30 families find permanent homes – and that number continues to grow! So let's keep putting our resources and connections together to make sure that Hildebrand's vision – every family has a home – comes true for each and every family in Massachusetts.

Shiela Y. Moore
CEO

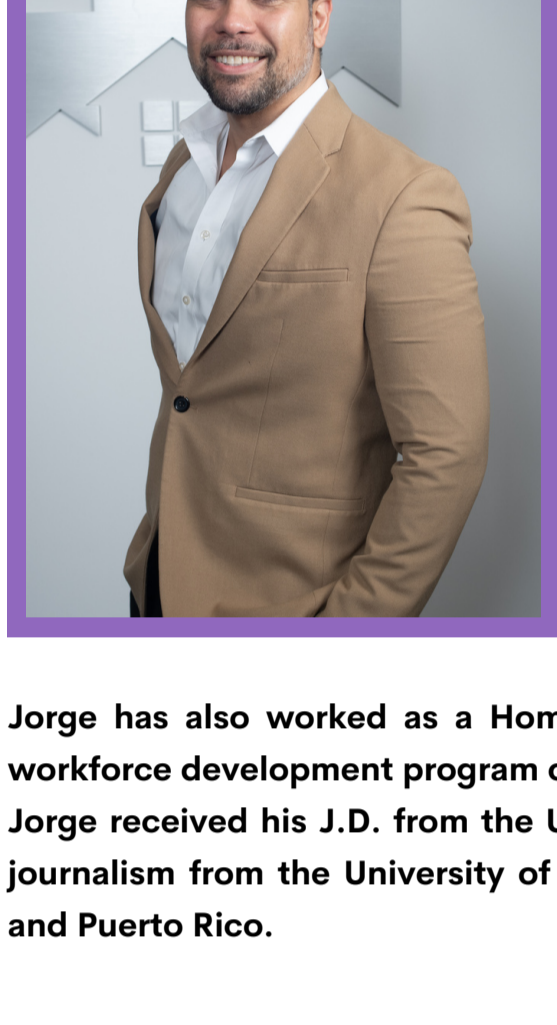


Hildebrand Expands its Supportive Housing with a Grant from the Boston Continuum of Care/ HUD

Hildebrand is expanding again! The organization has recently been accepted by the City of Boston Continuum of Care (CoC) to receive funding from HUD for 12 units of permanent supportive housing for Boston children and families experiencing homelessness. We hope to bring the units online by the fall. The City of Boston CoC is coordinated by the Mayor's Office of Housing (MOH). The City of Boston's CoC HUD award of more than \$47 million is the City's largest ever, and will be distributed among 18 nonprofit organizations that provide critical services and support to Boston's unhoused residents. We will keep the updates coming!



Hildebrand is Excited to Welcome Two New Members to its Board of Directors!

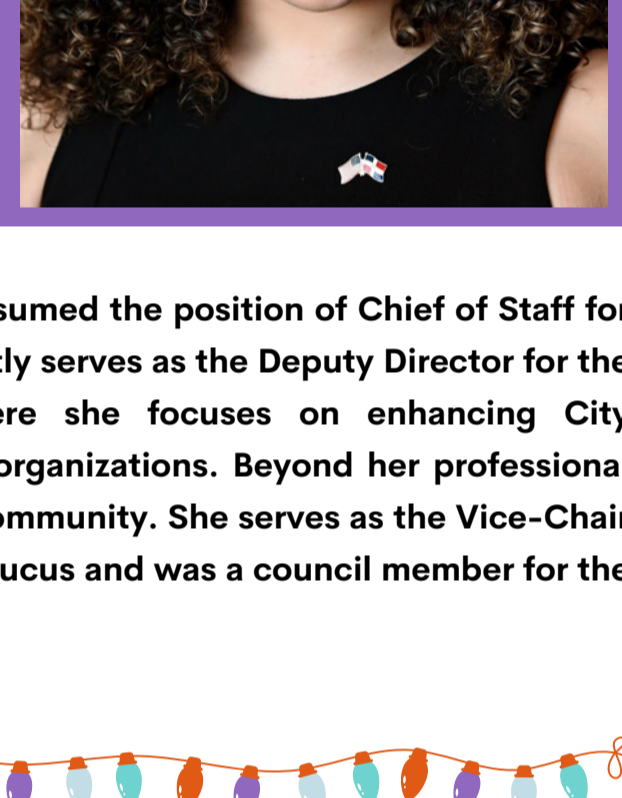


Jorge Colón is an in-house counsel at Preservation of Affordable Housing, Inc. ("POAH") where he is responsible for providing legal advice to POAH staff across all departments in a wide variety of matters.

Before joining POAH, Jorge worked at the Massachusetts Trial Court, where he supported operations and programs at six Court Service Centers across the state to assist pro se litigants. During his time there, Jorge was appointed by the chief justice of the Boston Municipal Court to be chair of the Spread the Word Working Group of the Language Access Advisory Committee. He also was awarded the 2019 Massachusetts Trial Court Employee Excellence Award.

Jorge has also worked as a Homeownership Director at Allston Brighton CDC and as a workforce development program coordinator at the Somerville Community Corporation. Jorge received his J.D. from the University of Puerto Rico School of Law and has a B.A. in journalism from the University of Puerto Rico. He is a licensed attorney in Massachusetts and Puerto Rico.

Lindsey Santana is a Boston native. She spent her early years in the Dominican Republic before returning to her hometown at the age of 16. She is a proud graduate of the Boston Public School system. Lindsey's academic journey led her to become a Posse Scholar where she attended Bucknell University and double majored in Political Science and History. She is currently pursuing her MS in Public Relations at Boston University.



At a young age, Lindsey has had a commitment to public service. She has worked for the City of Boston for the past four years serving in various capacities. She started her career at the Jamaica Plain Liaison for Mayor Martin J. Walsh and later assumed the position of Chief of Staff for Boston City Councilor Brian Worrell. Lindsey currently serves as the Deputy Director for the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, where she focuses on enhancing City relationships with residents, local businesses and organizations. Beyond her professional commitments, Lindsey has remained active in her community. She serves as the Vice-Chair of the Young Democrats of Massachusetts Latino Caucus and was a council member for the Mayor's SPARK Council.

Hildebrand Thanks a Very Special Donor: Loomis, Sayles & Company



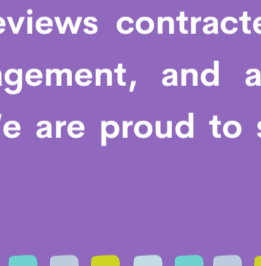
A very special shout out to one of Hildebrand's leadership donors: Loomis, Sayles & Company! Loomis Sayles has continued its investments in Hildebrand's children and youth by supporting the Student Success Education Initiative (SSEI). The SSEI focuses on the academic and social-emotional development of children and youth experiencing homelessness who are currently living in shelter. Also, Loomis Sayles provides volunteers for Hildebrand's Holiday Markets in December, where the parents and children can come to "shop" (everything is free!) for gifts for the holidays. The Holiday Market also provides clothing, winter coats and accessories, boots, and personal care products for all the family members.

"It has been a privilege getting to know the inspiring, insightful team at Hildebrand over the last two years. Hildebrand's impressive vision and mission align well with Loomis Sayles' commitment to support the individuals and families most in need where we work and live. We're thrilled to continue our involvement with SSEI and look forward to more volunteer opportunities to come!"

Melissa Partridge, Director of Community Investments, Loomis Sayles

We are so grateful to Loomis Sayles for sharing Hildebrand's vision that every family has a home, and for being such a dedicated and active community partner!

Executive Office of Housing & Livable Communities (HLC) Evaluation Update



Hildebrand's largest public agency funder is the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (HLC) – formerly DHCD. Every year, HLC conducts an evaluation, which is an assessment of the degree to which Hildebrand meets the requirements of the Scope of Services that the organization is obligated to provide under the terms of its contract. The HLC Contract Manager reviews contracted-related aspects of programs, operations, and financial management, and also conducts site and client interviews as part of the evaluation. We are proud to say that again, this year, Hildebrand received a great evaluation!

Here are some quotes from HLC's evaluation:

"Hildebrand provides solid case management services to families. I hardly ever receive complaints from Hildebrand's families. All the Hildebrand staff members with whom I have interacted are professional, respectful and are dedicated to their work. In my experience, when families are treated respectfully, and when staff are truly working diligently on their behalf, they tend to appreciate that and respond positively."

"The staff take great pride in their work, as they should. The end result is that families in Hildebrand's shelters receive excellent services."

"Hildebrand also does a good job of providing stabilization services to families. Over 95% of families in the stabilization program have remained housed after the 2-year stabilization period."

Meet One of Hildebrand's Special Families

Hildebrand received this wonderful letter from a mother and daughter in a Hildebrand scattered-site apartment. The daughter is disabled and in a wheelchair, so their Hildebrand team has worked diligently to make sure that the family is comfortable and safe, and that all accommodations are recognized and made. For Christmas, the daughter wanted a keyboard, so Hildebrand made sure she received one!

Dear Everyone,

I use this medium to express my uttermost gratitude to your organization for every single thing you have done for us, by way of support, since we were assigned to your organization in January 2023.

I am amazed at all the programs, be they for enlightenment or entertainment, put in place to support all your 'shelter families'. I also note the level of courtesy and respect with which all your staff attend to us, intentionally designed to restore our dignity and self-esteem. It is most commendable and heart-gladdening.

On behalf of all the shelter families, many of who are also grateful, but probably limited by language barrier to express themselves, I say a huge thank you to you all.

Finally, on behalf of my daughter, I thank you most sincerely for going out of your way to bless her, especially with such an incredible gift of a keyboard. She cannot have enough time to spend on it, since it was delivered.

Thank you so much for the numerous ways you bring happiness and add color to our world.

Here's wishing you a lot of wins as an organization and as individuals.