

Hildebrand

Family Self-Help Center, Inc.

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(Cambridge, MA) – Hildebrand Family Self-Help Center, Inc. (“Hildebrand”) announced today it has received a Safety Net Grant of \$50,000 from the Boston Foundation to support Hildebrand’s mission to transition families out of homelessness to safe, affordable, permanent housing while working to disrupt systems that lead to poverty and homelessness.

“This grant from the Boston Foundation will allow Hildebrand to make strides towards achieving our vision that every family has a home,” Shiela Y. Moore, CEO of Hildebrand, said today. “Unrestricted philanthropic support enables Hildebrand to be more nimble and responsive, meeting families’ changing needs and offering an enhanced safety net of essential resources for families experiencing homelessness. In partnership with the Boston Foundation, we look forward to building upon our 36-year record of working with families to transition out of homelessness in Greater Boston.”

Hildebrand was founded in 1988 as an outgrowth of a social action ministry of the St. Paul AME Church in Cambridge. Now, Hildebrand operates 157 emergency shelter units and 22 units of permanent housing across Boston and Cambridge, reaching over 300 families—1,000 individuals—each year. While living in Hildebrand shelters, children and their families receive comprehensive supportive services aimed at securing safe, stable, permanent homes.

“Hildebrand provides a critical bridge to address immediate housing needs for families, and the resources to help them overcome the historic inequities and secure permanent, stable housing,” said Orlando Watkins, Vice President and Chief Program Officer at the Boston Foundation. “We are pleased to partner with them through the Safety Net Grants program.”

Funds for this grant come from the Boston Foundation’s *Fund for Boston’s Future*, an endowed pool of funds built over more than a century by generous contributors who want to help the Greater Boston community thrive. Each year, the Boston Foundation distributes more than \$15 million in discretionary grants and other resources from the Fund, which is stewarded by the Foundation’s Program Department staff and approved by the Foundation’s Board of Directors.

Hildebrand Family Self-Help Center, Inc. is a nonprofit organization with a mission to transition families out of homelessness to safe, affordable, permanent housing while working to disrupt systems that lead to poverty and homelessness. Its vision is that every family has a home. Hildebrand offers a continuum of support for families experiencing homelessness that includes emergency shelter, comprehensive case management, affordable permanent housing, and post-shelter stabilization services. Hildebrand currently operates 157 units of emergency shelter and 22 units of affordable permanent housing across Cambridge and Boston. To learn more about Hildebrand, visit hild-selfhelp.org.

The Boston Foundation is one of the nation’s first and most impactful community foundations. Partnering with community members, donors, the public sector, businesses and nonprofits, we exist to close the gaps caused by our city’s greatest disparities, to advance

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economic justice, and to help build a better Boston. We collect data, commission research, share knowledge, develop dynamic programs, fuel new ideas, and fund change. Our work informs public policy, catalyzes conversations, and advocates not only for change but also for repairing the historical harms of inequity. Ultimately, we aim to support, contribute to and create well-being and opportunity within our communities. TBF is also one of New England's largest grantmakers, supporting nonprofits in Greater Boston through our endowment and working closely with our donors to support nonprofits locally, nationally and internationally. To learn more about the Foundation and its work, visit TBF.org.