



Friends of Boston's Homeless

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Homeless Services of the Boston Public Health Commission
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Brendan McGowan
Boston Roteract

Dear Brendan,

With Summer finally here, I wanted to thank you again for participating in the Challenging Minds-Challenging Homelessness program this year. We at the Friends of Boston's Homeless strongly believe that education is the best way to break the vicious cycle of homelessness. It is so important that our younger generations understand what homelessness is and to rid ourselves of misconceptions and stereotypes. I hope that Boston Roteract will consider participating in this program again next year.

Challenging Minds-Challenging Homelessness will soon be starting its tenth year. Its genesis program had only 3 schools involved. In 1998-1999 there were 25 schools, churches and civic groups participating. We have been growing, reaching and changing every year since. We have between 30-40 schools participating every year, some new, many returning, and most helping out with donations or volunteer projects. Boston Roteract helped out with Gift Wrapping and a Suit Drive. This wonderful effort helped the 800 men and women we serve in so many ways. The most important ways (support, caring and self-esteem) do not show up in statistics. One person really can make a difference, as so many of our young people have demonstrated.

We want to wish you and all of your students a very safe and happy Summer vacation and we look forward to speaking with you again soon. Until then, you have our deepest gratitude for all that you have done for all of our guests.

Wishing you Peace,

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Challenging Minds
Challenging Homelessness

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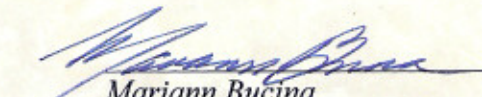
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The Friends of Boston's Homeless &
Homeless Services of the Boston Public Health Commission
Long Island Shelter*

*Our Sincere Gratitude is extended to you
This Eighth day of June 2007.*

Our Heartfelt best wishes for all your future endeavors.


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