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Dear Friend of HPC,

Consider this for a moment: you've lived in the same community for nearly 50 years, and now, because of soaring rent prices, you might have to leave. That's what Bill, a disabled veteran and widower, faced.

We're reaching out today because more people are coming to HPC's door with greater needs than ever before. Like Bill, they face rising rents and higher living costs. They often struggle with the paperwork required to maintain their SNAP benefits or other support they rely on. Many are forced to make the heartbreaking choice to leave our community for a more affordable place to live and work.

But when you join us, we can stop this from happening. Your donation helps HPC provide individuals and families with the support they need to stay stably housed and achieve financial security.

Bill began working with HPC Case Manager, Janet, soon after his wife died. He was struggling to keep up with rising rents for the Harwichport home where he had lived for 15 years. He also wanted to downsize.

Bill and Janet

Initially, Janet helped him apply for and receive \$350 per month through the Harwich Rental Assistance program. But with \$2,500 in monthly income from Social Security and disability benefits and \$2,250 rent, he still had very little left to cover other expenses.



So, Bill and Janet worked together to submit applications for subsidized housing that he would qualify for because of his disability. Bill had many back surgeries over the years due to a work injury, and more recently, suffered a stroke. While working on the forms, Bill learned that his rent would increase even more, to \$2,750. The situation became more urgent.



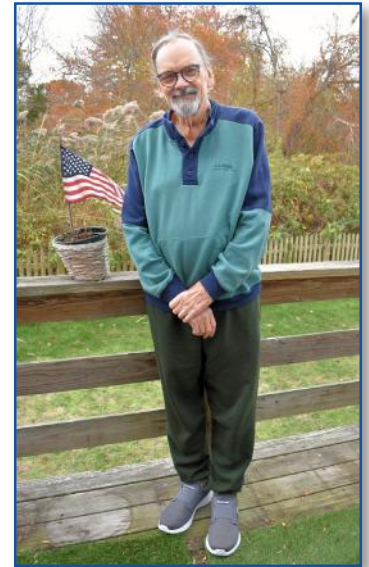
Fortunately, persistence paid off. Bill was offered a subsidized and accessible unit at Pine Oaks Village Homes in Harwich. Not only will his rent be significantly lower, but he'll also be in a supportive community of older adults.

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Bill's New Home

"We filled out so many applications, Janet and I, and she was very helpful. I received quite a few responses from places off Cape, which I really didn't want to get involved with. I just didn't want to leave the Cape after living here for so many years. My children are here."

Bill has family here. His friends are here. He cooked for the NOAH Shelter, serving homeless people, for years. He transported patients recovering from substance use disorders. Bill is part of the fabric of our community. And he'll continue to be.



While Bill's situation worked out, many others still face difficult circumstances.

Last year, HPC helped 2,694 people—227 more than the year before—many reaching out for the first time. They are teachers, first responders, older adults, fishermen, children, and service workers. They're being pushed from their homes, overwhelmed by housing costs, and forced to choose between essentials like food, healthcare, and shelter.

Additionally, since more than 60% of our clients depend on Medicaid/Mass Health and nearly half of households receive SNAP, **recent cuts and new eligibility requirements for these programs will have a direct impact on those we serve.** These changes threaten essential support systems that many cannot live without and are likely to result in even more individuals seeking our assistance as their benefits are reduced or lost.

We need to raise **\$400,000** by the end of the year to respond to this urgent need. Our annual appeal is the lifeblood of our agency. It's how we fund our core mission, operate a facility where clients can visit and get help. And it's how we make our services accessible day after day, year after year.

This is where you can make a difference. Your gift allows us to spend time getting to know each person who comes to us, and to match our programs, services, and community resources to their needs. Together, we're creating paths to stability and ensuring that our workforce, our seniors, our children, our neighbors can live and thrive on Cape Cod.

Don't wait to donate. Please fill out the reply and mail it back or donate securely through our website today. When you do, you're building a brighter future for all of us.

With deep appreciation on behalf of the Board of Directors and Team HPC,

Hadley Luddy
Chief Executive Officer

William O'Brien
Chair, Board of Directors



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P.S. Your gift is more urgent than ever as HPC faces growing need from our neighbors. Please help us reach our goal of \$400,000 by December 31st. Together, we can keep locals housed.