

2014 Annual Report

A Flourishing Community

Neighbors have a vision for a flourishing community: a community with safe streets, healthy homes, excellent schools, and a thriving local economy; a place where neighbors share meals together, children play freely, and the elderly are honored. This vision is one where neighbors lead the way, the church is vibrant, and people are drawn to the love of Jesus Christ because of a clear, caring Christian presence.

God desires flourishing communities too! In the midst of difficult circumstances, God urged the Israelite captives through the prophet Jeremiah (700 BC) to seek the peace and prosperity of the city - a city which was not even their own. Later, we witness the early church (AD 100) transforming communities as they modeled Jesus' revolutionary love with acts of mercy. Today, we are a local and regional expression of this same spirit at work.

2014 was a year of growth and pain for the ministry and our neighborhood. We faced with neighbors and law enforcement a heightened tension exposing our need for reconciliation in this country. We also suspended some well-loved programming due to reduced staff capacity. Yet, we made significant gains in youth leadership development, "greening" our community, partnering with local churches, adding community Bible studies, expanding our Board of Directors, and repositioning our organization for future growth. Our Christian community development work is multi-faceted - yet focused - and touches many lives leading to a strong and flourishing community. Read more inside.

In 2015, The Boston Project Ministries celebrates 20 years of ministry. Woo-hoo! We are "Ready to Build" on the strong foundation that has been laid. Throughout the year, we will host a series of celebration events including a Serve-a-Thon, a special 20th Summer Missions Program, and a larger festivity in the fall. Your partnership has been vital, and the work ahead will take many hands and much prayer, so come and join with us (again) this year!

Thank you!

Paul Malkemes, *Executive Director*



The Lord has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.

~ Micah 6:8

Our mission is accomplished through the work of many hands. In 2014, over 450 volunteers participated in service events, supported youth programs, and contributed through neighborhood leadership roles. We serve with TNT Neighbors United, an association of 45+ neighbors, and YOU. Visit our website (www.tbpm.org) for volunteer opportunities.

Community Engagement

Neighbors leading the way is integral to building a strong community. We listen and support activities where neighbors connect with one another, and the condition of our physical environment is improved. As we work to transform an older, urban neighborhood to one that is green, healthy, and sustainable, we are also confronting negative forces of gentrification and resident displacement.

2014 Highlights

- **Eco-Teens Green TNT.** Teenagers assembled rain barrels on homes (pictured on front cover), designed a new community greenspace, and helped install the City of Boston's first green bus stop roof this summer.
- **Anti-Displacement Planning Efforts.** Neighbors worked with developers to design our neighborhood's first net-zero energy homes, which will be sold to first-time home owners at affordable rates for lower income families.
- **Weatherization of Homes.** We assisted 30 families in saving money by connecting them with available energy-saving services. In 2015, we plan to assist 65 more families.



Our Mission:
The Boston Project Ministries engages neighbors and volunteers to build and nurture strong communities, characterized by God's shalom.



2014 Highlights

- **Field Day for Peace.** The TNT Youth Council organized a fun, sports-themed peace event that brought together 130+ teenagers, families, local church members, and law enforcement partners.
- **19th Summer Missions Program.** 170 youth and adults spent a week of their summer serving alongside neighbors and ministry partners. Their motivation: Walk in love just as Christ loved us, based on Ephesians 5:2.
- **Building bridges across communities.** Our new MLK, Jr. service day for urban and suburban youth and Starlight Ministries' Christmas Banquet for the homeless brought together diverse communities to learn and serve together.



Equipped:
42 Teenagers in leadership & jobs programs

Hosted:
450+ Volunteers from 19 churches

Assisted:
30 Neighbors in saving more money through home energy upgrades

Our wholistic approach to ministry means that we care about the physical, social, academic, economic, and spiritual needs of youth and families. In 2014, we strengthened our leadership development programs, while sadly needed to suspend Homework Center due to lack of funding; our goal is to re-launch in September 2015.

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- **Two New Community Groups (Bible Studies).** In January, we launched our first small group for adult neighbors who want to explore and grow in the Christian faith. We also re-started Real Life, our teen Bible study, in partnership with Rescued Church.
- **Youth Leadership Development.** We expanded our middle school Youth Leadership Academy to be a full school-year program, and added three out-of-state leadership retreats for middle and high school students. We have 20 teens active in our TNT Youth Council.
- **Safe FUN Summer.** We led three summer programs for youth ages 5-19; including a free, drop-in park program for elementary students, a pre-employment skill building program for middle school students, and green jobs for teenagers. Our summer ministries touched the lives of over 180 children and youth.



Our Neighborhood: The Talbot-Norfolk Triangle (TNT)

Our place-based approach focuses on a 13-street neighborhood on the south side of Boston in Dorchester. We serve 525 families including 400+ youth under the age of 19. While we face challenges, our community is full of resourceful people and committed organizations with a desire to build and nurture a strong community.



Bringing it All Together



If you are new to The Boston Project, you may wonder how our work is inter-connected. How does hosting volunteers connect with youth programs, or greening a community relate to a vibrant Christian witness? Any of these areas could be its own organization.

Being committed to families within a geographic area (TNT) and caring wholistically for people calls us to be a multi-faceted, yet focused, ministry. In special moments, it all comes together in a beautiful way that reflects God's heart for a flourishing neighborhood.

"Being Thankful For My Community Day" is one of those times.

Being Thankful Day began in 2004 when teenagers wanted to inspire the community to clean up and have FUN as one! Central to the day is time to GIVE THANKS for all the good gifts we have within our community.

This year, before planning was on our radar, adult neighbors initiated the process. One business owner raised over \$600 from other businesses. Another neighbor planned a ceremony for veterans, including recognition of Readis Blackwell, the oldest veteran in our neighborhood.



Young people from First Parish Church of York, Maine, arrived in their 15-passenger van ready to serve! This church has been committed to TNT. They marched with us when a neighbor lost his life to violence and have cleaned New England Ave for 10 years. In 2015, this older industrial street will begin to experience new life with new affordable homes and a job hub interwoven with greenspace and public art.

Our TNT Youth Council learned about service that day. The youth led teams in beautification projects while engaging in cross-cultural conversations. When they served lunch they were worried there would not be enough food for themselves. Afterwards, they reflected on this teachable moment and affirmed that their true reward was in being able to serve others.

Over 70 volunteers of all ages joined together to laugh, rake, eat, pray, and honor our veterans. When it all comes together like this, we believe we have a glimpse of God's shalom for our community.

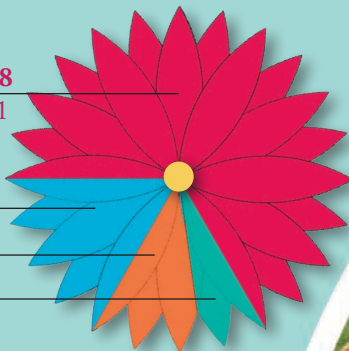


Financial Picture

If we could say *Thank You* in the approximately 100 languages spoken in Boston, we would! Your financial partnership has an immense impact on our ability to achieve our mission. While our revenue decreased by 20% in 2014 due to the competitive nature of grants and program reductions, we did end the year financially in the positive and debt-free. With your help, we are "Ready to Build" in 2015!

Revenue: \$464,083

Contributions (65%)	\$305,458
Individuals	\$240,311
Churches & Organizations	\$65,147
Program Fees (17%)	\$78,475
Foundations & Grants (11%)	\$49,455
Other (7%)	\$30,695



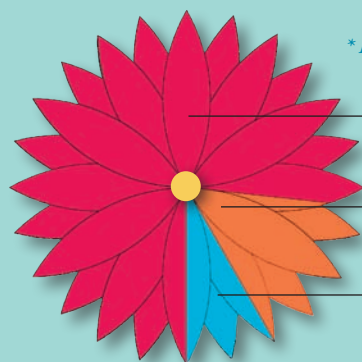
Expenses: \$500,332

** Includes spending revenue raised in FY13*

Program Services (77%)
\$385,132

Administration (15%)
\$73,982

Fundraising (8%)
\$41,218



Our Board of Directors



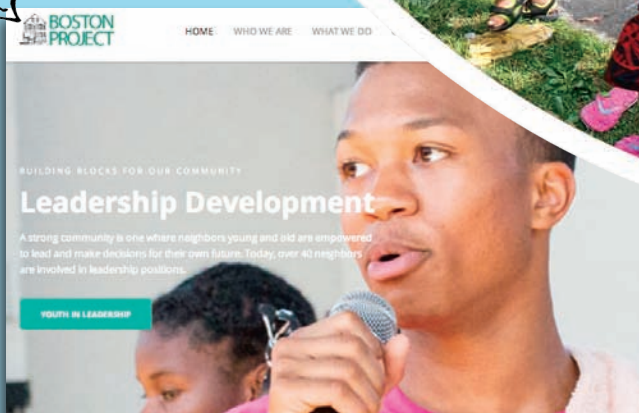
Board & Staff

In 2014, The Boston Project strengthened its Board of Directors, welcoming several new members (pictured above). We honor Keith & Sarah Riddle for their 13 years of ministry with us as they move forward in faith to new adventures.



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