

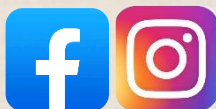


HAVEN HOUSE/BRIDGES, INC.

PROVIDING HOUSING AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR OVER 40 YEARS

JULY 1, 2025 - JUNE 30, 2026 ANNUAL REPORT

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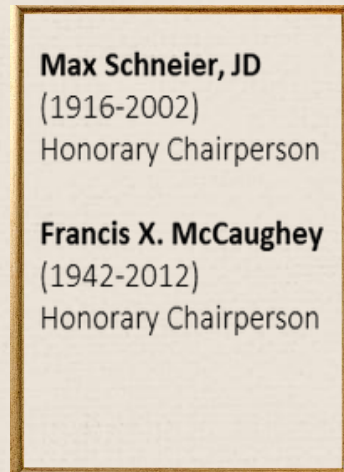
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EXECUTIVE UPDATE



Lindsay Meyer, Chief Executive Officer

Bruno J. LaSpina joined Haven House/Bridges (HHB) 40 years ago, leading our Agency as Chief Executive Officer for the last 34 years. While this transition comes at a time of profound loss, I am deeply honored to carry forward the mission Bruno so passionately championed and the extraordinary legacy he built with integrity, compassion and unwavering commitment. Bruno was not only a visionary leader, but also a trusted colleague, mentor and friend.

As the newly appointed Chief Executive Officer, I have the honor of highlighting the Agency's accomplishments over the past year.

For over 40 years HHB has been fulfilling its mission to assist homeless families in Suffolk County, New York, to increase their independence searching for and securing permanent housing.

HHB continues to enjoy a stable working relationship with the Suffolk County Department of Social Services (SCDSS). This has enabled us to be more certain of fiscal and service support which has in turn allowed us to provide quality and consistent services to our residents. In 2026, HHB requested and was approved by SCDSS, a 5% salary increase for staff; our requests have allowed for HHB salaries to increase a total of 10% over the last two years. This salary increase has enabled us to both maintain dedicated staff and to recruit additional shelter staff in what is an extremely competitive labor market.

The families in our shelter programs continue to face a challenging housing market. With the cost of living continuing to rise coupled with low housing inventory. Despite these challenges, and with the support of our dedicated staff, 14 families secured permanent housing in the last year.

Continuing this year, residents entering the shelter program are challenged with mental health and/or substance abuse issues. Though challenging, staff actively work with the residents to secure counseling resources although waiting lists are consistently long. Additionally, HHB Emergency Housing statistics indicated 18% of Head of Households were assisted to secure and/or maintain employment .

HHB was previously awarded \$500,000 from the Nonprofit Infrastructure Capital Investment Program (NICIP) for the rehabilitation of a home in our Permanent Housing Program that serves residents diagnosed with HIV/AIDS. A complete rehabilitation of the exterior and interior of this home concluded in Spring 2026.

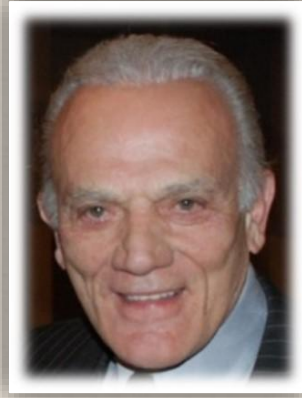
Additionally, HHB used capital reserve funds, to install central air conditioning and fencing at two of the Emergency Housing Program shelters, as well as, the refurbishments of a driveway and patio, and both shelters received generators. The generators will ensure continued operation at the shelters despite unexpected outages. Improvements to these homes will surely maintain the health and safety of the residents by providing a safe environment for all families living in our shelters.

In 2026, HHB received funding from the Suffolk County Department of Social Services (SCDSS) for the rehabilitation of two bathrooms in one of the Emergency Housing Program shelters. The rehabilitation is scheduled to begin soon and we look forward to sharing another transformation with you.

Despite the challenges encountered this year, we are proud of the unwavering commitment of our staff and the high standard of services delivered. Their dedication is the foundation of everything we have accomplished over the past year and will continue to achieve.

On behalf of our Board of Directors and administration, we thank you for your continued support.

REMEMBRANCE



Bruno J. LaSpina, Esq.
February 24, 1938 to September 23, 2025

Born in the Bronx, NY, to Santo and Carmela LaSpina, Bruno was the youngest of five siblings, all of whom predeceased him. Raised during hard times, Bruno's early years were marked by resilience and determination – values that shaped his lifelong commitment to serving others.

Graduating with a Master's Degree in Social Work, Bruno worked as a mediator in New York City which ultimately led to his employment at TSLI in 1978, 47 years ago as a vocational counselor. In true Bruno style, he rose quickly through the ranks to become the Director of Operations and, ultimately, CEO. Under Bruno's visionary leadership, the Agency expanded exponentially during these years; landmarks included the development and purchase of several homes to grow the 24-bed program on the grounds of Pilgrim Psychiatric Center to homes serving 140 mentally ill individuals throughout Suffolk County.

As a pioneer, in 1986, he developed the first MICA Housing program to serve mentally ill adults who were also diagnosed with a substance abuse disorder. In the late 80's, Bruno furthered the Agency's mission to provide housing and support to homeless families and those impacted by HIV and AIDS.

He also orchestrated a merger with the Huntington Coalition to form Haven House Bridges in 1995 which brought the number of persons housed in our Agency on a daily basis to over 300. Bruno achieved all of this while attending law school as a part time evening student earning his Law degree; and he was subsequently appointed to Counsel for the Agency.

Bruno was fearless. He vigorously defended what he believed was right; always aligning with the best interests of both the residents and the Agency.

To our residents, Bruno was a constant presence who they respected like no other. He had the rare ability to persuade someone in the midst of a relapse that they needed additional treatment, and our program staff routinely called on him for assistance.

Bruno is survived by his four children, four beloved grandchildren, six cherished great-grandchildren and two sons-in-law. His legacy lives on in each of them in their strength, kindness and love for one another.

Bruno will be remembered not only for the life he built from humble beginnings but also for the wisdom he shared and the example he set. He dedicated 47 years to TSLI/HHB leaving behind a legacy of compassion, leadership, and impact that changed countless lives. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Haven House/ Bridges, Inc. Shelter Program

Staff provide support to the families, assisting them in gaining needed services and valuable resources to secure permanent housing.

By providing the families with support in socialization, money management, parenting, apartment management, and nutrition/meal preparation, amongst others, the families are able to address their needs and reach their goals.

Christmas Magic Celebration

Charles Russo, of Russo, Karl, Widmaier & Cordano, PLLC started Christmas Magic in 1985. HHB was the first ever recipient of Christmas Magic. Each year children write letters to Santa with their holiday wishes. Currently more than 11,000 children in shelters, agencies, programs, churches and schools are part of the magic.

On December 17, 2025, Christmas Magic donated gifts to the children. A holiday celebration was held at HHB, which included special guest Santa! Music and games kept the energy high, thanks to a lively DJ, while face painting added a splash of color and creativity as families came together to celebrate the holiday season.

While residing in the Shelter Program, HHB staff assist the residents with maintaining their physical and mental health with a focus of wellbeing for the entire family.

Haven House/Bridges (HHB) provides temporary housing for families experiencing homelessness. All families are referred by the Suffolk County Department of Social Services.



HHB SHELTERS JULY 2025 THROUGH JUNE 2026

Our dedicated staff work closely with the residents to support their transition into safe, stable, and permanent housing.

We extend our sincere appreciation to our staff for their ongoing dedication to supporting residents and for consistently upholding and embodying the Agency's mission.



14 Families secured permanent housing.



100% of the families received services.

Of the 83 families who entered the shelters, 109 were adults and 117 were children.

All school-aged children were enrolled in school.

Children under the age of five were assisted to enroll in a daycare or pre-school setting to assist families who were attending school and/or seeking employment.

Head of Household

18% applied/searched, secured and/or maintained employment

100% received Case Management Services, including meeting with HHB staff



SHARING OUR WHY

Haven House/Bridges, Inc. (HHB) is a 501(c)(3) human service agency, which provides emergency shelter for homeless families and permanent housing with support services for low-income individuals and families with HIV/AIDS in Suffolk County, New York. Our goal is to enable participants to live in the community at the highest level of independence possible.

Our Emergency Housing Program Coordinator shares her experiences and insights working for HHB.



**Nicole Brown,
Program Coordinator**

I have been working for HHB since July 2017, beginning as a Program Supervisor. Over the years, I was promoted to Program Coordinator; overseeing two Emergency Shelter Programs located next door to one another, providing services to nine families.

Earning my BSW in Social Work has given me the opportunity to support and empower others, something I take great pride in. The most rewarding part of my role is witnessing families achieve permanent housing, secure employment, and accomplish personal goals they once thought were out of reach.

Working within the Emergency Shelter Program allows me to support families from many different backgrounds, all facing unique challenges and circumstances. As a Program Coordinator, my responsibilities include helping families work toward both physical and mental well-being while guiding them toward stability and independence.

Although this work is incredibly fulfilling, it also comes with challenges. One of the greatest difficulties is the lack of available resources for families, particularly affordable housing. Another challenge is helping residents become more informed about the resources and opportunities available to them and encouraging them to take advantage of those supports.

To manage the emotional demands of the position, I make it a priority to spend quality time with my loved ones, which helps me recharge and maintain balance outside of work.

My advice to both new and current employees is not to become discouraged by the external challenges that come with this field. Even when the small victories are not widely celebrated, your work is making a meaningful difference. Every day, families look to us for guidance, support, and hope. By helping make someone's future brighter, you are already succeeding in ways that truly matter.

HHB' S Permanent Housing Program:



HHB's Permanent Housing Program provides permanent housing and support to individuals and families living with HIV/AIDS. The residents and family members receive assistance to secure community linkage referrals, crisis intervention services and with obtaining food and benefits.

Small caseloads ensure the residents receive individualized housing, case management and support services.

Staff provide the residents with the necessary resources and education on the management of substance abuse, mental/medical health issues; transportation, obtaining childcare; entitlements training; HIV/AIDS education and crisis intervention.

Program Outcomes:

In addition to the routine successes the HHB program participants make in completing daily tasks to maintain health, finances, household maintenance and overall well-being, many achieved additional accomplishments while residing in our Permanent Housing Program.

- * One resident continues to maintain competitive employment.
- * One resident completed a Certified Nursing Assistant Course and is actively seeking employment.
- * One resident's daughter is enrolled in online college.
- * One resident's son continues to remain competitively employed.
- * One resident has successfully maintained placement in the program for fourteen years.
- * One resident has maintained sobriety for twenty one years. Another resident has maintained sobriety for over thirty years.

In addition to resident fees, the Permanent Housing Program receives funding for personnel services and program operations from the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) via the New York State Supported Housing Program (NYSSHP) and Operational Support for AIDS Housing (OSAH), respectively.

Jennifer and her three children, ages 17, 16, and 7, initially resided in Permanent Housing; however, after experiencing an eviction, the family entered the Emergency Shelter System. In August 2025, Jennifer and her family entered the Haven House / Bridges, Inc. Emergency Shelter Program in search of stability and a fresh start.

Jennifer demonstrated determination and resilience throughout her residency at HHB, despite the challenges her family experienced. She approached the program with a positive attitude and remained committed to creating a stable environment for her children. Throughout her residency, Jennifer maintained compliance with program expectations, completed assigned household chores, and fostered a cooperative and respectful presence within the residence. She remained open to staff support and actively participated in case management services and outside resources designed to strengthen her family's long-term stability.

While balancing the responsibilities of parenting and shelter living, Jennifer continued to excel professionally. Prior to entering HHB, she had already secured employment and successfully maintained her position throughout her stay in the program. As an Assistant Manager at her place of employment, Jennifer consistently demonstrated reliability, leadership, and a strong work ethic. Her dedication to maintaining employment while caring for her children reflected her ongoing commitment to rebuilding stability for her family.

While housed with HHB, staff worked closely with Jennifer to strengthen money management skills, reinforce daily living skills, and support her in ensuring her children maintained regular school attendance and structure. Jennifer remained actively engaged in the housing process and had already taken initiative by applying for Supported Housing prior to entering the program. Her willingness to utilize available resources and remain focused on her goals played a significant role in her progress.

Jennifer's perseverance and consistent efforts ultimately led to a major milestone for her family. On November 1, 2025, with the support and assistance of HHB staff, Jennifer and her children successfully transitioned into their new three-bedroom apartment.



Jennifer's journey throughout the program reflected strength, accountability, and determination. Despite difficult circumstances, she remained focused on providing a stable and supportive future for her children. HHB staff commend Jennifer for the progress she achieved and wish her and her family continued success, happiness, and stability as they begin this new chapter in their home.

WITH OUR THANKS...

Haven House/Bridges, Inc. extends its sincere gratitude to the corporations, small businesses, schools, and private citizens who generously donated their time, resources, and support throughout the year.

The generosity of the Long Island community enables HHB to continue providing essential assistance to the residents in our housing programs. We deeply appreciate your commitment to HHB's mission and thank you for helping us make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve. We look forward to your continued support in the future.



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* Toddler Toothpaste/Toothbrushes

* Cosmetics

* Personal Hygiene Items

* Laundry Detergent/Fabric Softener

* Scarves, Hats, Gloves, Mittens- Adult/Children's Sizes

* Alarm Clocks

* Batteries: AA or AAA

* Toys/Holiday Items

* Diapers, Wipes, Baby Bottles

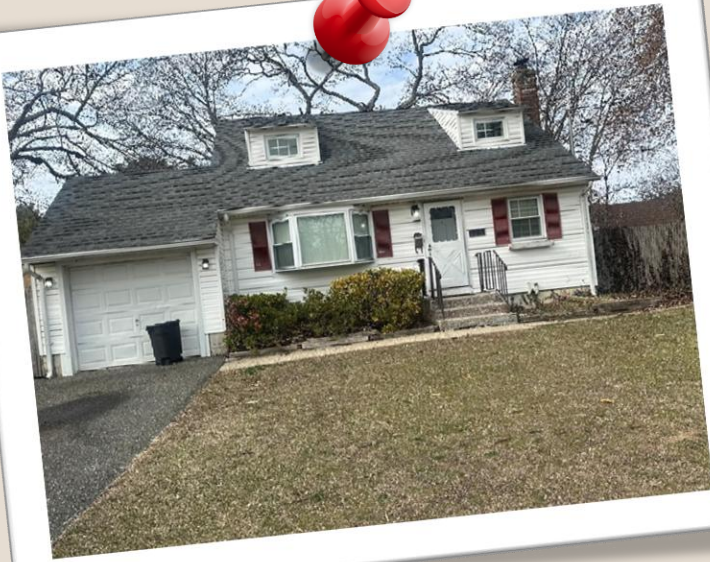
* Infant Formula, Crib Sheets



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**Looking Forward To
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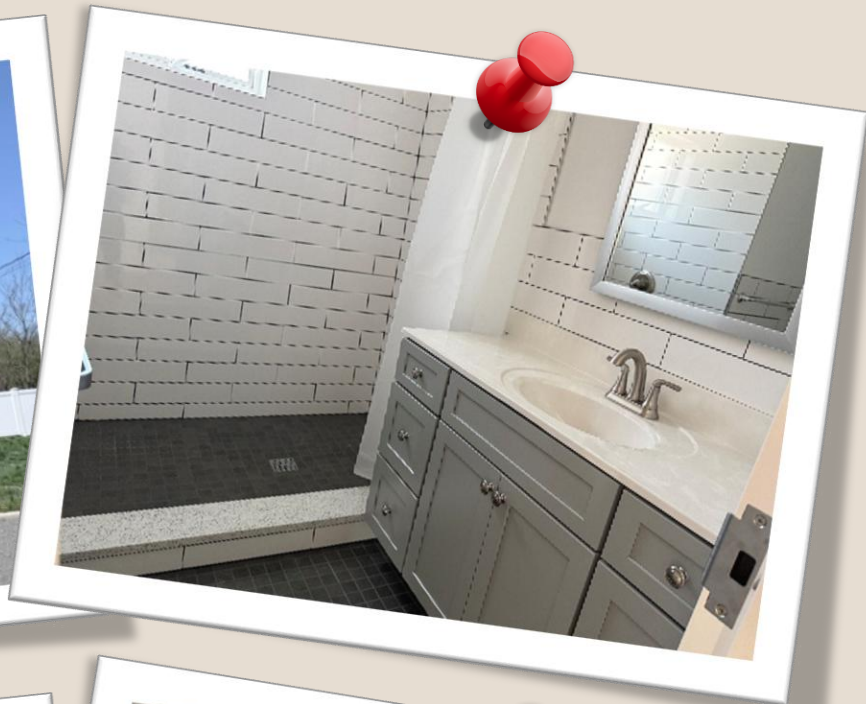
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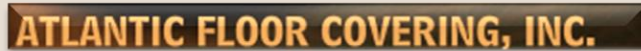


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The Ballroom of Huntington

