On October 1st, we marked an important milestone celebrating our 15th anniversary at iconic Fenway Park. We were proud to honor Andrew Dreyfus, President, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts; Angela Menino, City of Boston’s former First Lady; and Elizabeth G. Nabel, M.D., President, Brigham and Women’s Hospital. Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey was our keynote speaker.

This festive evening provided a great start to HCWW’s next 15 years of service. The evening was a great success thanks to the support of many organizations and volunteers.
By any measure, 2015 was a successful year for our organization. But we could not say this were it not for the support we receive from you and other contributors. Aside from your generosity, thanks must be given to the tireless efforts of our healthcare providers who give so much of themselves to those in our community most in need of help. Our board members join me in thanking our many volunteers, which includes our doctors, and our extraordinary staff, as they all work so diligently to fulfill and further our mission.

There are many metrics to consider to measure progress and success. For us, it comes down to a few: financially, we achieved our revenue target because of donations from corporations, foundations and individuals. Operationally, we succeeded in our outreach thereby enabling us to help more women and families more often, in more shelters. And, in terms of recognition, today Health Care Without Walls’ unique medical model is known and respected throughout Massachusetts and, indeed, the country. From the Governor’s Office to those people who need us the most, we are known as the premier provider of quality free health care to homeless and marginally-housed women and their families in the Greater Boston area.

Yet, as successful as 2015 has been, we view it as only a foundation upon which we must build. Our community will face additional challenges in the coming year, and if we are to meet them, we must continue to raise more funds and attract more volunteers to our cause. The tasks in front of us are daunting, but with your continuing support, I know we will, once again, succeed. As we enter the holiday season, please consider a contribution. Thank you.

Much of this year has been spent reflecting on the mission, our history, and what we believe to be most important as we begin the next 15 years. Though our name has changed to better reflect the care and service we provide, our mission has never changed and continues to guide us in our decisions.

“To improve the lives of women who are homeless or marginally housed through quality health care, education and advocacy.” That story began 15 years ago. The story is compelling and the work is vital. But even more compelling is reflecting on the history of those who have been served...their stories, successes and stability. That history is the foundation for our work moving forward.

As we begin to take these next steps, let us be reminded of the outstanding commitment of our clinicians and staff who work with incredible grace and compassion each day. And we thank you and those who believe in this mission and in the women and children we serve. This is amazing work that changes lives. How fortunate for all of us to play our part in ensuring the success of HCWW as the new chapter begins.
Since 1999, we have provided more than 100,000 visits to thousands of women and children in as many as 12 shelters. Our clients range in age from newborn to 90. We have taught more than 1,000 students, written a robust curriculum, and received national recognition for our unique model of personalized and compassionate care. In 2013, we launched our innovative Elder Care program targeted to homeless and poor women over 65, in partnership with Commonwealth Care Alliance.

During the last 15 years, 55 physicians, two psychologists, six nurse practitioners, two physician-assistants and five RNs have selflessly donated their professional services pro-bono, giving these women and families the means to move forward with their lives with dignity, respect, and the knowledge that they are loved.

We’ve succeeded in making this impact without billing, without government support, and with significant cost savings to the Commonwealth.

We have been generously funded by many foundations, corporations, health providers, and individuals whose support has helped transform thousands of lives. We could not do our work without their generosity.

As we look to the future, we will be expanding our services to more families and more women, writing up the model and training others around the state and the nation to reach the same successes we have achieved. We invite you to join us on this journey, restoring dignity, self-worth, good health and safe living for all the women and families we can reach.

Health Care Without Walls was founded to provide free and accessible medical care for women experiencing homelessness, domestic violence, or extreme poverty. Helping their families was a natural and necessary extension of our services, as these women are often the glue keeping their families together no matter where they are – shelters, motel rooms, safe houses, living in cars, or on the streets. Our special teams of nurses and volunteer doctors bring their tender care and compassion along with their stethoscopes and band aids to give help and hope to newborns, teens and frazzled moms and dads. But what about when these families begin, when a homeless mother-to-be needs to care for her unborn or newborn baby? This is a critical gap in the spectrum of care available to women in need of safety and shelter.

In 2016, we will expand our family services to reach pregnant and post-partum moms who are homeless or marginally housed utilizing the Brigham and Women’s Hospital Ob-Gyn services. This new partnership between HCWW and BWH will close the gaps in care and access, leading to better maternal and newborn outcomes, improved health, and closer bonding between moms and their babies who land in the neonatal ICU. Following our innovative model implemented with our Medical Home Without Walls Eldercare program, we will help with transportation, medications, housing, and companionship.

We are very excited about this new program. We will be there for these families just as we have been there for all of our women and families with loving care and support, offering health care without walls to aid the tiniest and most vulnerable in our community.

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Health Care Without Walls

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