

Imagine your senior year in high school. For many, it's a year of hope, opportunity and excitement. For one of HPC's clients, it meant living alone in an insecure housing situation while going to school and working six days a week to make ends meet.

We're writing to you today because more and more people in our community are struggling to live here. The impacts of the housing crisis are forcing working families to leave at a rapid pace. We are losing the backbone of our economy, of our community.

You can help prevent this from happening. Your donation will enable us to help people stay ahead of crises before they happen.

## Let us tell you about John.

John is a dual citizen of the United States and the Dominican Republic. He grew up on the Outer Cape and attended Nauset Regional High School. He worked hard and did well in school. During his senior year, John lost his housing due to a family conflict and was forced to move back to the Dominican Republic.

John was distraught. He felt strongly that his best chance for future success was to stay on the Cape, finish high school at Nauset, and then attend college in the US. It wasn't long before he boarded a flight alone and got himself back to Cape Cod.

John enrolled himself in school at Nauset again. He worked 6 days a week at Stop & Shop so he could pay rent for an unwinterized cottage in Provincetown. He spent hours on a bus going from home to work and school. His situation was unsustainable. Luckily, John was brought to HPC by a caring guidance counselor who knew he needed help.



This is where YOU come in. Gifts from donors like you provided John with access to a safe place to live while he finished school. Through HPC's Host Homes program, he was no longer responsible for rent and could begin saving for college applications, tuition and books. He graduated and realized his dream to attend college. John is so happy to be in a better place today, thanks to HPC's support.

"I have younger brothers. I want to show them that they can achieve anything they dream of when they keep trying."

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There are so many more like John living in our community: young adults, seniors, and many single parents with children who are barely making ends meet. HPC's services are essential to keeping these people stably housed, financially secure and warm this winter.

Over the past four years, we've seen as much as a 67% increase in local residents seeking HPC services. **That's an average of 250 new people who arrive at our door each year**.

HPC staff are working with these individuals and families, many for the first time, as they struggle with the rising costs of living. **They need your help to stay here.** When you join us today, **you become part of the solution**. Our annual appeal is the lifeblood of our agency. It's how we fund our core mission and operate a facility where clients can visit and get help. It's how we make our services accessible day after day, year after year to all who need help.

You can help us reach our **\$200,000 campaign fundraising goal** to respond to the urgent community need. Your contribution is essential to provide tools, resources and guidance to help your neighbors in need.

## Your gift will help HPC:

- **KEEP FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY,** in their own homes, or in a new safe, stable and affordable housing situation.
- **STABILIZE** people's lives by empowering them to achieve financial independence.
- **PRESERVE** our local workforce.

Please consider a donation today. By doing so, you will be a part of the solution.

With gratitude,

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P.S. Our community is stronger because of you! Together, we can reach our \$200,000 campaign goal.