DEAR FRIENDS,

Health Imperatives’ Board of Directors and staff have made a commitment to providing the highest quality health and counseling services to people in need who are the least likely to seek and receive help. This year, we worked community by community to reach people who struggled with multiple barriers to good health, safety, and security, including people without health insurance and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault who were too afraid or ashamed to come forward.

We were determined to develop or strengthen relationships with other health care and social service providers, law enforcement organizations, schools, housing agencies, civic groups, public officials, and community members, in order to reach more individuals and families in need.

Working together worked. Today, we are serving 5,000 (20%) more individuals than last year. And, we provide these individuals with much more comprehensive support thanks to the collaborative relationships with local organizations in each community we serve.

In these pages you will read about just a few of the HEALTHY, SAFE, STRONG, and EMPOWERED people we have worked with who embody perseverance, bravery, and hope. We are so grateful that they chose to share their stories and help other people in similar situations get the assistance they need and the support they deserve. Thank you for making it all possible.

With much appreciation,

Julia E. Kehoe
President & CEO

Thank You!

Our mission is to improve the health and well-being of low-income or vulnerable families and individuals in Southeastern Massachusetts.
Last winter, Ava came in to one of our sexual and reproductive health clinics for a comprehensive health screening. She was so pleased with the high-quality care she received that she came back over the spring to confirm that she was pregnant.

Our nurse gave her a pregnancy test and explained the result, which did show that Ava was pregnant. After talking with Ava and answering her questions, the nurse brought her over to our WIC nutrition program. WIC provides healthy foods, nutrition education, and breastfeeding support for income-eligible pregnant women and families with children ages five and under.

When Ava applied for WIC, she met with our Program Director, Elizabeth Barlow, who was struck by her friendly disposition and cheerful demeanor. Ava mentioned that she was looking for employment, and Elizabeth encouraged her to submit her resume for our open Program Assistant position.

“Ava is one of the best Program Assistants we have ever had! She provides amazing customer service for WIC families, and her firsthand knowledge of the program allows her to truly understand the process for families and anticipate their needs,” said Elizabeth.

Today, Ava is in the second trimester of her pregnancy. She has health insurance, is employed at Health Imperatives, and is excited to move into her own apartment. Most important, Ava is healthy and is looking forward to meeting her baby girl.

“I never expected that today I’d have a steady job working with a great team at Health Imperatives’ WIC program. I came in for a health exam, and now I have the support of WIC for myself and my baby, and a great job. I feel really lucky.” — Ava

In FY18 we:

- Served 8,700 patients who made more than 14,000 visits to our 8 sexual and reproductive health clinics
- Conducted over 3,000 exams to screen for breast cancer and cervical cancer
- Provided 8,000 women and children with WIC nutrition services, including nutrition counseling, supplemental foods, breastfeeding support, immunization screening, and referrals

HEALTH IMPERATIVES

WIC

HEALTHY

SAFE

STRONG

EMPowered
For more than a year, Emely endured physical and emotional abuse from her partner. He was extremely jealous and controlling, and took her paychecks so that she had no financial resources.

One afternoon when Emely’s children came home from school, they witnessed the abuse and called 911. The detective who responded to the call brought Emely and her children to our emergency domestic violence shelter, Penelope’s Place.

With the support of our staff, Emely filed charges against her abuser, who was convicted of assault. Emely’s older children, both teenagers, were traumatized by what they had seen and became fearful and withdrawn. We engaged them in group counseling sessions with other youth who had witnessed violence. By connecting with peers and sharing their own experiences, they began to feel less anxious and regained a sense of safety and confidence in their future.

Today, the family is living in affordable housing, and Emely participates in our TEAM Work Program, which matches survivors with peer mentors. Emely serves as a mentor for two shelter residents. She assists them in filling out housing applications, accompanies them to local grocery stores to help them shop for food, and encourages them to achieve their goals. In addition to volunteering, Emely’s goals are to complete her Bachelor’s Degree and find a job in the health care field.

“Being a mentor in the TEAM Work Program allows me to ‘pay it forward’. Helping other survivors to break the cycle of violence in their own lives is the greatest blessing.”

– Emely

In FY18 we:

- Sheltered 48 survivors of domestic violence and their children
- Provided crisis counseling and group support to 669 survivors of sexual assault
- Assisted 916 survivors to obtain restraining and harassment protection orders
- Educated 2,058 individuals on violence prevention
John moved from the West Coast to live with family in Massachusetts. After learning that his former partner was HIV-positive, he googled “STI testing” and found one of our clinics.

John recalls the day he came to our clinic as one of the most powerful moments of his life. Our staff ran a series of tests for sexually transmitted infections (STI), including HIV. The same day, John learned that he was HIV positive.

Following his diagnosis, we assisted John to set up appointments with a new primary care physician and infectious disease specialist, ensuring that he received immediate treatment. We also enrolled him in the state’s HIV Drug Assistance Program, which helps residents who cannot afford to pay for their HIV-related drugs, and we connected him with ongoing case management services.

“The staff took the time to talk to me about my diagnosis. Digesting the news was difficult, but possible, with their support. They made the transition easy, which allowed me to keep moving forward. My HIV diagnosis was not the end of my life; instead, it’s been the motivation I needed to make better choices and focus on my health,” said John.

Today, John’s HIV viral load is nearly undetectable. He is focused on his healing, surrounding himself with good vibes, and protecting himself and his future partners. Most important, by getting tested and seeking treatment, John has a future to look forward to, and he hopes to inspire others to get tested as well.
Gigi and her husband are young homeowners, proud parents to their 8 year old son, and working toward careers in public service. They are healthy and economically stable. But it was not always that way.

Gigi was a junior in high school when she discovered that she was pregnant. Overwhelmed and discouraged, she dropped out of school. Her guidance counselor referred her to our Healthy Families program, which provides home visiting and supportive services to young parents. For the next three years, Gigi met regularly with her home visitor, who encouraged her to finish high school and helped her secure childcare for her son. With our support, Gigi enrolled in an alternative school and graduated with all A’s.

After graduation, Gigi started taking courses at a local community college. She attended our parent support groups, as well as an advocacy day at the State House, where she connected with other young parents to promote the services and supports that allowed them to succeed. She is only three classes away from earning her Associate’s Degree in criminal justice and has been working at a local health center as an administrative assistant.

Gigi credits her mother and her home visitor with providing her with the support and the tools she needed to succeed. She overcame numerous challenges, and today she is a loving mother, homeowner, valued employee and soon to be college graduate. She hopes that other young parents will read her story and feel empowered to achieve their own dreams because, “We all have the potential to achieve greatness.”

Following the birth of my son, I struggled with postpartum depression and loneliness, and I questioned if I could be a good mother since I was still a child myself. But with the support of my family and my home visitor, I kept pushing forward. I took one step at a time and never stopped. I hope that one day my son will see how hard I worked and that he will be proud of me.

— Gigi

In FY18 we:

Provided child abuse and neglect prevention services to 383 young parents and their children

SERVICES INCLUDE:
• Home visiting
• Case management
• Parenting education and life skills development
• Transportation assistance
• Information and referrals to other community services
Health Imperatives' programs are primarily supported by state and federal contracts and health insurance. Private funding is vital because it allows us to provide specialized services, establish new initiatives, and keep pace with the growing demand for care. We appreciate the generous support from all of the federal, state, and local agencies; corporations; foundations; and individuals who contributed to our programs and services in FY18.

**FY18 REVENUES**
- Public & Government Funding: $7,856,329
- Private Ins., Medicaid & Patient Fees: $1,666,165
- Private Funding-Donations, Grants & Events: $462,955
- Other: $94,455
- Total FY18 Revenues: $10,989,863

**FY18 EXPENSES**
- Health Intervention and Prevention (HIP) Programs: $7,061,038
- Violence Intervention and Prevention (VIP) Programs: $1,647,417
- General & Administrative: $1,543,825
- Total FY18 Expenses: $10,252,272

**FY18 AT A GLANCE**
- Barnstable County Sheriff's Office: 16%
- Cape Cod Healthcare: 16%
- MA Department of Children and Families: 15%
- MA Department of Early Education & Care/Children's Trust: 15%
- MA Department of Public Health: 15%
- MA Department of Youth Services: 15%
- MA Office for Victim Assistance: 15%
- MA Office of HIV/AIDS: 15%
- Norfolk County Sheriff's Office: 15%
- Plymouth County Sheriff's Office: 15%
- POAH Communities: 15%
- United States Department of Health & Human Services: 15%

**CONTRACTS**
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Pregnancy prevention and birth control, HIV prevention (PrEP and nPEP), STI testing and treatment, HIV and Hepatitis C testing, cancer screenings, colposcopies, and exams for all genders

Nutrition assistance, including healthy foods, nutrition education, breastfeeding support, and referrals to healthcare and other services

Crisis counseling and support, emergency shelter, and advocacy services for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence

Education, resources, transportation, and support to assist young parents in raising healthy, happy children

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