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Where you live matters.

I grew up in East Somerville — 02145. My neighborhood was filled with triple-deckers lining each side of the state-named streets. From our pantry window as kids we watched the demolition of more than 60 houses taken by eminent domain to make way for Interstate 93. I remember with horror when two neighborhood boys drowned skating at the construction site in a 20-foot deep hole that wasn't fenced off. Somerville was promised the Green Line Extension to mitigate highway pollution — that was more than 50 years ago. In the neighborhood, friends and families continue to struggle with higher rates of lung cancer. I know firsthand that health is affected by housing, the environment, education, employment and food security.

I still live in Somerville — 02143, get my health care at CHA and work on addressing social determinants of health with our providers, communities, leaders and all of you! CHA is committed to our patients' health and building healthy communities — providing food, books, dental care, peer recovery and immigration support. We are so grateful to you — thank you for continuing to support our enduring mission of social and economic justice.

With heartfelt appreciation,



Mary Cassesso
President, CHA Foundation and Chief Community Officer



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1305 clients provided food in the first three months of the CHA Revere Care Center Mobile Market.

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135 patients connected to addiction treatment in the first two months of the Recovery Coach program at the CHA Everett Hospital Emergency Department.



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