

CHILDREN'S MINDS ARE PRECIOUS

When children are experiencing a mental health crisis, they often spend days waiting in Emergency Departments across the state for a psychiatric bed to become available. The Department of Mental Health (DMH) manages this list. CHA admits twice as many children from DMH than the nearest hospital system, getting children connected to necessary mental health support when they need it most.



Artwork created by a child in CHA's inpatient psychiatric assessment unit.

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CARE TO THE PEOPLE

We are never too old or too late to make a difference.

Mary Piorun is just two days shy of her 99th birthday. She is a patient at the PACE Program and a member of CHA Aging Wisely Everett. She is also famous for her knitted hats. On a chilly March evening, Mary went to the Malden Warming Center with CHA colleagues to donate dozens of her colorful winter hats. When asked how she'd like to be thanked, she smiled and said, "Oh, please...say a prayer for me."

Cambridge Health Alliance, Pastor Whetstone and Malden Mayor Christenson with his administration were instrumental in establishing the Warming Center. It's open from January 1-March 31, 7:00 p.m. to 6:30 a.m., seven days a week. The center is staffed by volunteers like Diane O'Brien and Diane Goodwin, a mother and daughter team who each and every night stay over to support about 30 folks from Malden and surrounding communities in the CHA service area.



The Malden Warming Center is one example of how we are working to fill the gaps and care for the whole person – providing food, shelter, kindness and friendship. Through our many community partnerships and clinics we bring care to the people, make an enormous difference and are inspired to do more. You'll see a few of these programs highlighted in this year's annual report.

Our heartfelt thanks to you, our donors. You give the financial support that ensures this work will continue. You make the difference and we are so grateful to you!



Mary Cassesso
President, CHA Foundation
and Chief Community Officer



WELCOME TO THE UNITED STATES

At a time of great uncertainty for the immigrant population, CHA is stepping in. We distributed immigration rights and policy materials to patients and community members at over 57 events. CHA providers published papers focusing on immigration in JAMA Pediatrics and Health Affairs, one of which was cited in a U.S. Supreme Court amicus brief. And, as a statement of solidarity, over 1,500 butterfly pins – a symbol of immigrant dignity, courage and resilience – were given to CHA staff, patients and community members.

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ONE DAY TO BETTER HEALTH

There are still many people who don't have insurance, or don't have coverage for basic services, making it impossible to get the care they need. Last fall, CHA physicians and staff offered free women's health screenings to over 80 uninsured or underinsured women aged 21-65 at our annual See, Test & Treat program.

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KEEP ON SMILING

Most people don't know how much their oral health impacts their overall health. **Brian Swann, D.D.S.**, spent his CHA career helping people see this connection. His vision and passion supported our work providing fluoride treatments in primary care, care for 80 Somerville High School immigrants, oral health screenings in Everett for grades K-8, and treatment for students in the Cambridge Healthy Smiles Program. After Dr. Swann's retirement this June, his legacy of bringing dental care to the people will continue through these important programs.



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