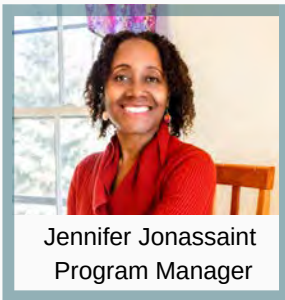




Home Improvement Program @ Homeowner's Rehab, Inc.

"Renovate. Restore. Remain in your home."

“ My house was in shambles and in a distressed state. I felt confused, overwhelmed and indecisive and didn't know where or who to turn to for help. Someone gave me information about the home improvement program so I applied for assistance. With the staff help and support, I'm now excited to come home and feel proud because my home now looks spectacular... Thank you HIP! I now have a beautiful home!
- George Wilson ”



Jennifer Jonassaint
Program Manager

These are the statements we love to hear from our clients whom we serve in the Cambridge community. **Welcome** to our first newsletter! At HIP we are driven by our mission to revitalize, stabilize, and improve homes owned by income-eligible Cambridge

residents like Wilson, by providing affordable financial and technical assistance. Each month we will update you on our clients' success stories, and provide helpful tips, tricks, and tools to help you:
Renovate. Restore. Remain in your home.

We would love to hear from you!

Click [here](#) to visit our website or reach out at info@homeownersrehab.org

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The start of Wilson's Journey - From Distress to Triumph

George Wilson is the owner of a two-family Cambridge home that he bought a little more than 20 years ago. Today, he lives there with his family.

George came to the Home Improvement Program (HIP) in February 2018. During this time, George ran into a number of obstacles. However, HIP program staff kept consistent communication to create a unique plan to meet George's specific project needs.

George qualified for and received HIP's unconventional and affordable program financing to correct health and safety measures and code violations, a lead paint grant to remove hazardous lead, a historic preservation rehab grant, and complimentary weatherization, HVAC systems, and appliances. From there, his HIP journey began.



Continue reading about Wilson's HIP journey in next month's newsletter.

Our Spotlight Resource Partner is the

★ Fuel Assistance Program

The Fuel Assistance Program assists low-income households in Cambridge and Somerville with winter heating costs incurred between November 1st and April 30th. Apply before April 30th, 2021!

If you are in a no-heat situation or facing immediate utility shutoff, fuel assistance can be provided within 24 hours to eligible applicants. For more information, click [here!](#)

Immediate Covid Relief

- If you are having trouble paying your mortgage, click [here!](#)
Obtenga ayuda ahora con sus pagos de alquiler e hipoteca [aquí!](#)
- If you live in Cambridge and are experiencing housing instability due to the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic click [here!](#)

Winterizing Tips for Homeowners



Annual Appliance Maintenance.



Prep lawn tools for their winter's nap.



Turn off and drain valves for outdoor water supplies.



Change furnace filters, as needed.



Check fire extinguishers.



Replace batteries/test carbon monoxide and smoke detectors.



Check roof for any signs of ice dams.



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Upcoming Events!

- HIP @ HRI is excited to participate in [America Saves Week](#). Over the course of a week, money-related topics from a relatable, down-to-earth, positive perspective will be covered. Savers end the week with tools, resources, and clarity on their current financial situation, new savings goals, and a realistic plan to achieve them.

For more information click [HERE!](#)

- We invite you to join [Attorney General Maura Healey](#) and staff for an overview of our actions and programs to assist seniors affected by scams/fraudulent activities during the COVID-19 pandemic. At this brief online summit, seniors and service providers will learn about preventive measures, a variety of protection guidelines, and assistance available that can be used to assist seniors in our communities across the Commonwealth. Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 10:30 a.m – 12:00

To Register click [HERE!](#)



Nora Masler

Nora is HIP's newest team member. She serves as our Communications Volunteer Coordinator and the co-creator of this Monthly E-Newsletter. "After researching the impact of the built environment on psychological and physical wellbeing in graduate school, I feel honored to support HIP @ HRI in their mission to provide affordable housing which promotes the security, comfort, and well-being of the Cambridge community."

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