

Our Spotlight Funder is The Cambridge Community Foundation

The Cambridge Community Foundation is a 501(c)3 public charity.

"We are Cambridge's local giving platform – built, funded, and guided by residents since 1916 and a convener and catalyst for transformative change.

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The Home Improvement Program at HRI provides an incredibly important service to seniors and working families in our community, giving them access to repairs and rehabs so they can stay in their homes with dignity and comfort," said Geeta Pradhan, CCF president. "We're fortunate to have Homeowner's Rehab as a partner ensuring our community remains strong and resilient."

-Geeta Pradhan

Shared
prosperity



Social equity



Cultural
richness



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Wilson's Rear Deck before HIP

Wilson's Rear Deck In Progress



Renovate * Restore * Remain

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

Part 2! Read Part 1 in HIP's February E-Newsletter.

After George qualified for and received HIP's unconventional and affordable program financing, exterior rehab work began in late Spring 2019.

In early September, the exterior phase was complete. The home got a new roof, front and back decks, complete cement clapboard siding with a low maintenance trim, new exterior shingles, fresh painting, and more! This phase also consisted of sprucing up George's previously neglected landscape and cleaning out his home's interior and exterior junk and clutter by leveraging collaboration with Rebuilding Together, a local non-profit volunteer group.

For three days, volunteers arrived in throngs and helped with the cleanout. As he watched from the sideline, George glimpsed the work of volunteers in action.



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

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Elizabeth Seelman works on the City of Cambridge Council on Aging Outreach Case Manager and we are grateful to have her as one of our HIP Advisory Committee Members.



“As a social worker at the Cambridge Council on Aging, I heard many stories of aging homeowners who could not afford to keep up their properties. When I heard that HRI was a program offering aide, not just to seniors, but to low-income residents in need of assistance, I was eager to collaborate with them in any way I could.

-HIP Advisory member **Liz Seelman**



Key Resources and tips



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!](#)

Winter Wind Down Tips:



Annual Appliance Maintenance.



Change furnace filters, as needed.



Check fire extinguishers.



Replace batteries/test carbon monoxide and smoke detectors.



Check roof for any signs of ice dams.

Spring Forward Tips:



Perform air conditioner maintenance.



Clean gutters and downspouts,



Check water drainage.



Inspect home's exterior



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Jennifer Jonassaint
Program Manager

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

Program Change & Upcoming Events

Are you eligible for HIP services? Want to find out?

- Must be low to moderate-income
- Own and live in your home for 1 year or more
- 50% of your home must be residential

Please email staff or leave a message to learn more
info@homeownersrehab.org or 617-868-4858 ext 200

Upcoming Event

- **Stay tuned for a virtual Open House: Fair & Affordable Housing**
Get your housing questions answered by organizations serving Cambridge!
Date TBD



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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