



Dear Friends,

Marking the end of an era, Frannie Peabody Center is entering the process of selling Peabody House and will subsequently close its Peabody House Program. This decision comes with mixed emotions after a thorough strategic planning process to chart Frannie Peabody Center's future role in the community affected by HIV/AIDS. We will immediately begin working with service partners and community providers to transition Peabody House's current residents into other appropriate services. The well-being and continuity of care for our resident's will be our priority during this time.

Correlating with advances in treatment for HIV/AIDS and a subsequent increase in life expectancy, the Peabody House Program, originally for people in the late stages of AIDS, has experienced a continuous decline in occupancy in recent years. This decline has had an unsustainable financial impact on the organization that comes alongside a sharp increase in the need for independent housing for people living with HIV/AIDS. In 2007 we awarded more than 240 independent housing subsidies statewide through our HAVEN program - an increase of 15 percent over the previous year. HAVEN is our largest program and provides more than \$1 million annually in housing and utility assistance to people living with AIDS in Maine. This program has maintained a waiting list for more than two years.

After more than 23 years of service in Maine, we celebrate the legacy of our namesake, Frannie Peabody, for her vision and commitment to creating a compassionate response to people dying in our community. Furthermore, we celebrate the advances in care for the community infected with HIV/AIDS and the diminishing need for services such as those provided at Peabody House.

While we celebrate, we also recognize that the crisis has not dissipated. **In 2007 we enrolled more people into our prevention, case-management and housing services than ever before. We are currently serving more than 400 people living with HIV/AIDS across Maine.** With steadily increasing program enrollment and flat or cut funding, we find ourselves needing the support of our community and friends now more than ever. **During this pivotal time, we ask you to make an honorary gift to Frannie Peabody Center in recognition of Frannie's vision and your ongoing commitment to our important work in Maine.** Your gift will be earmarked to support the housing needs of people living with AIDS in Maine.

Giving to FPC is easy and secure. Please follow the link to support housing assistance for people living with HIV/AIDS. Donate Now!

With your support, we can do more.