



# TO OUR PARTNERS

### WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH

As we write, unemployment in the United States is still at its highest level in 25 years — with little relief in sight. Residential mortgage fore-closures continue to undermine the stability of families and neighborhoods and threaten to erode the gains we have all worked so hard to achieve.

Reading a newspaper, watching the evening news or even talking to a neighbor, the message is clear. Times are bad — particularly for the people we serve.

Times may be bad, but you have not wavered. Because of your staunch and ongoing support, Boston Community Capital has been able not only to react to bad times, but also to grow, to build on our past work, and to do more to help sustain our low-income communities.

Last year's annual report described our emerging focus on the foreclosure crisis. This year, we are pleased to invite you to read about our new Stabilizing Urban Neighborhoods (SUN) Initiative. In just the last few months, we have raised over \$30 million and prevented evictions for more than 50 families. Our goal: To raise a \$50 million fund and assisting more than 2,000 families over the next five years.

Last year's annual report described the launch of our solar initiative. This year, we are pleased to report that our Energy Advantage affiliate has become the largest third-party owner of solar panels in the Commonwealth. It provides 1.5 million kilowatt hours of solar electricity annually for affordable housing and municipal facilities. We are also developing mechanisms to finance energy efficiency improvements, and a tracking system to help property owners understand and manage their energy usage.

Our Loan Fund and Venture Fund continue to work with our borrowers and portfolio companies to help them weather the economic downturn with flexible capital, increased leveraging of federal funding, and a focus on the long-term sustainability of projects, businesses and neighborhoods. We also hope you enjoy reading about our staff's remarkable engagement in civic leadership — and the organizational culture that supports their efforts.

For over a quarter century, you have helped Boston Community Capital build healthy communities where low-income people live and work. We are grateful for your partnership and very much look forward to continuing our work together over the next 25 years.







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# FIGHTING EVICTION TAKES TEAMWORK AND UNCOMMON INGENUITY.

FORECLOSURE IS AN UGLY WORD. EVICTION IS UGLIER. PEOPLE LOSE THEIR HOMES AND THEIR LIFE SAVINGS. FAMILIES FIND THEMSELVES ON THE STREET. AND **BLOCKS OF SUDDENLY EMPTY HOUSES THREATEN** HARD-WON NEIGHBORHOOD STABILITY. BUT IN MASSACHUSETTS, BCC HAS PARTNERED WITH COMMUNITY ADVOCATES, LEGAL AID ORGANIZATIONS, AND LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS TO KEEP FORECLOSED HOMEOWNERS AND TENANTS IN THEIR HOMES— RIGHT WHERE THEY BELONG.

The statistics are grim. In 2009, there were 27,928 petitions to foreclose in Massachusetts, a 28 percent increase over the previous year. The issue, however, isn't just foreclosure; it is the subsequent evictions. As David Grossman, Director of the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau, explains, "They throw the occupants out, leaving

them homeless, then board up the property, creating a blight on the neighborhood, increasing vandalism and lowering property values."

### PREVENTING VACANCY IS CRITICAL.

So the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau partnered with grass-roots community organizers City Life/Vida Urbana, forming a sword and shield strategy. Harvard Legal Aid Bureau supplied extensive legal representation, including clinics to educate people on their legal rights. City Life provided media attention.

"For a year and a half we were organizing residents of foreclosed buildings into popular protests," says
Steve Meacham, City Life's
Director of Organizing. "Our demand was: Stop the evictions and let these residents pay rent."

Grossman continues, "What we were missing for a long time was the end game. We could stop the lenders from evicting the occupants, but the lender still owned the property. We needed to get properties back in hands of — ideally — the homeowners or tenants themselves. BCC's Stabilizing Urban Neighborhoods (SUN) Initiative provides the missing piece, by stepping in to purchase the properties, then providing funding for foreclosed homeowners to buy their own homes back."

Meacham explains that homeowners were willing to repurchase their buildings, "but they couldn't get financing, because they had terrible credit scores as a result of the foreclosure...
then along comes BCC, and says,
'We'll do it.' And the radical thing
is that BCC makes those loans
without ever lowering its standards.
BCC is a tough underwriter, with
rigorous requirements-and they are
not cutting corners."

generations of his family. A printing company supervisor, he had never missed a mortgage payment — until he had a massive heart attack. "We paid our mortgage, paid our bills, did everything right. Then I lost my job, and within three months the bankers were calling saying they would foreclose on me."



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Grossman explains, "In the neighborhoods where we're working, property values have declined by more than 50% since 2007. BCC is able to provide a mortgage that is aligned with the actual value of the property, not the value assigned to it during the housing bubble. That reduction in principal is something that lenders have adamantly refused, but BCC has managed to change some bankers' minds."

Meacham agrees, "BCC is an aggressive negotiator in their purchase of foreclosed property. They offer the banks the opportunity to get out of the whole situation at the same price that they will get if they evict. As a result, BCC is able to provide a real solution for lots of foreclosed homeowners.

Take Buddy Wilson. Over the last 45 years, his home has sheltered four

"In the meantime I had another heart attack. I am in the hospital, having open heart surgery and as I am coming out of the recovery room, my friend who owns the store across the street calls me to say, 'Someone is putting a foreclosure sign on your house.' That is when I got involved with City Life, who introduced me to BCC."

"BCC went straight to the mortgage company with an offer to buy the house back. They purchased the home at a discounted price, sold it back to me and provided the mortgage. It only took three weeks before my wife and I were signing the papers. And now I am in a mortgage I can afford."

"Luckily I met the right people. Without them I wouldn't be in my home."





# IT'S SUSTAINABLE, AFFORDABLE -AND RIGHT.

MANY PEOPLE THINK GREEN BUILDINGS ARE A LUXURY. BCC DISAGREES—AND WE ARE PROVING THAT LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES CAN NOT ONLY BE PART OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENT, THEY CAN BE PART OF THE GLOBAL SOLUTION. WE ARE BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS WHILE HELPING COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS MAXIMIZE THE ALIGNMENT BETWEEN THEIR SPECIFIC MISSION AND ENVIRONMENTAL INTEGRITY. EACH DRIVER IS UNIQUE, BUT THE OUTCOME IS CONSISTENT: SUSTAINABILITY.

# On Cape Cod, Housing for All Corporation strives to provide homes to everyone who needs one. But Paul Hebert, Founder, President, and Executive Director, is pragmatic about what that takes. "My job is to be holistic in how we care for people. Houses need to be heated and cooled and energized — habitable and sustainable. So we decided to put solar panels on top of the buildings to provide energy. We also wanted to sell energy, but we didn't know what we were doing."

"As a nonprofit we can't take advantage of tax credits or accelerated depreciation. BCC created a solar power purchase agreement that allows

### Beacon Communities Development is a well-respected, for-profit developer

of mixed-income housing with a portfolio of 9,000 units. Explains Pamela Goodman, President of Beacon Communities Development, "We've worked with BCC on creating renewable energy resources for a number of our properties. Now we are trying to develop a program for deep-energy retrofitting of older, affordable properties. Greater energy efficiency improves operating costs and provides better livability. It makes economic sense. It's a marketing tool. And it's also the right thing to do."

**Describing the Cambridge Housing Authority**, Executive Director Greg

Russ says, "We have a public mission to provide low-income housing as long as there is a need. From everyone's perspective — resident, landlord, community — making these buildings consume less energy is a good thing. These investments could add 40 years to the life of the buildings, so they will be available to future families. It fits our mission; it also lowers our operating costs."

Russ discusses techniques: "No single thing is going to work for all the buildings; it takes a combination of strategies. We are installing photo-

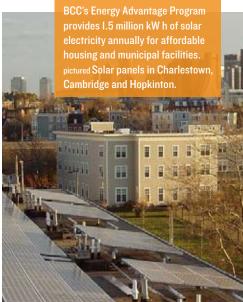
> voltaics; we are also changing fuels, improving windows and insulation and other basic structural elements."

"BCC is a terrific partner - providing knowledge and expertise that lets us do what we do best, and still push the limits to create greater efficiencies. When we applied for stimulus money, partnership with BCC made us competitive. With their assistance, we're poised to become largest generator of photovoltaic power in Cambridge. That is not usually something a housing authority thinks about, but it is incredibly useful to the families we house, the community, and the environment.

State Street Bank, the investor providing credit enhancement for BCC's Energy Advantage work, saw the program as "a unique opportunity to make sure low-income communities aren't left behind as we retool our energy systems for more environmentally sound

alternatives," says Joe McGrail, Vice President, Community Affairs. "State Street is always looking for creative ways to support low-income communities. BCC came up with a structure that worked. When we get a chance to invest in a deal like this, we jump."











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us to reduce the cost of our electricity, reduce our carbon footprint and contribute to the growth of the solar industry in Massachusetts - all without costing our donors a penny."

"We should all be doing whatever we can to help the earth. And as a non-profit, we also need to stay focused on our core mission. BCC let us do both."

Development Director Josh Cohen adds, "BCC has the financial, legal, and development savvy to understand how to align the goals of property owners with the broader goals of green design and energy efficiency. They know how to balance innovation with the financial realities of putting together a real estate development deal."





# "MISSION-DRIVEN" MEANS MORE OPTIONS TO KEEP THINGS GOING.

IN THESE CHALLENGING TIMES, SOME PROJECTS FACE SETBACK AFTER SETBACK. FINANCING PARTNERS MUST TAKE A HARD LOOK AT A PROJECT'S FINANCES AND PROSPECTS, AND SOME LENDERS HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO LIQUIDATE UNDERLYING ASSETS— BUT BCC HAS THE FLEXIBILITY TO TAKE A LONGER VIEW, EXTENDING THE TIME AND RESOURCES NEEDED TO SEE THE PROJECT TO COMPLETION. THAT FREEDOM CAN CHANGE NOT ONLY THE LIFE OF A PROJECT, BUT THE LIVES OF HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE.

As a CDFI, BCC has the flexibility to make practical, creative decisions that other financial institutions cannot. This flexibility can make a big difference in a project's outcome. Bart Mitchell, developer of 700 Harrison, explains:

"700 Harrison is a \$40 million new construction mixed-use project in Boston's South End. It offers truly mixed income housing, with 34 condos at market rate, 23 condos for households making up to 110% of area median income (AMI), and 23 for households making up to 80% of AMI. Because the site was one of the South End's last vacant lots, 700 Harrison represented one of the largest and last opportunities to create a significant amount of new mixed-income homeownership in a neighborhood that has very low-income rental housing, expensive condos, and nothing in between. The ground floor includes neighborhood-oriented retail and a beautiful community garden. Below that lies a twostory, 160-space parking garage for building residents and employees of the adjacent Boston Medical Center."

"From a financing standpoint this sort of project is complex; not many lenders can handle it. They have to be able to underwrite market-rate housing and understand government regulations associated with affordable housing subsidies; they also need to look at the community purpose."

"BCC sees the whole picture. They gave us a preconstruction loan, then during construction they agreed to be a second mortgage construction lender. In both cases, they provided appropriately-priced financing without which we could not proceed.

### THEN THE CREDIT CRUNCH CAME.

"When the project was 80% complete, our bonded general contractor declared bankruptcy. The construction was finished at the original expected quality, but it took about six months longer than anticipated. Condo sales and prices remained solid, but with the change in the economy, the pace of sales was slower than we had projected. Since the extra months meant extra interest, BCC extended and increased our loan to cover our carrying costs. They worked closely with our first mortgage lender who agreed to join BCC in extending their deadlines and offering additional capital. Some of our

"We also wanted to structure the deal to benefit from New Market Tax Credits, which required a much more complicated loan structure. BCC is one of the few organizations with the sophistication to manage it."

"BCC's heroic actions led to very positive results. In early 2010, the last residential condominiums are being sold and the last part of BCC's construction and bridge financing is being repaid. 84 households make









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public monies were also not available until the last affordable-housing unit sold, so BCC gave us a bridge loan against that."

"Finally, in 2009, BCC became the permanent lender for the retail and parking components, at a time when absolutely no other lenders were available -- even though we were hitting all our commercial rent benchmarks and reaching 100% occupancy of the retail and parking. This part of the project had a large social valueadd: it was the first new retail space on this part of Harrison Avenue in 30 years. When you have active ground floor retail it makes a lively, safe neighborhood; that was one of the goals of the project."

700 Harrison their home; the condominium association is strong and is funding significant reserves. On the ground floor we have a small specialty foods store, a restaurant, and a bilingual child care center. Together they create a vibrant street-front. These kinds of independent retail tenants don't have huge corporate balance sheets, but they are hard-working and successful small businesses able to pay the rent and to bring needed services to the neighborhood.

"BCC used imagination and intelligence to structure financing that made the project initially possible and then ensured it could be completed and stabilized as a huge success for its residents, its neighborhood, and its city."





# THE FABRIC OF A COMMUNITY IS WOVEN ONE SOUL AT A TIME.

STRONG COMMUNITIES STEM FROM INDIVIDUALS WHOSE HOPES AND DREAMS ARE CHERISHED, NURTURED AND REALIZED. BCC IS COMMITTED TO BUILDING THOSE COMMUNITIES AND TO ENABLING THEIR CITIZENS' DREAMS TO BECOME REALITIES—AND SO WE HAVE DELIBERATELY BUILT AN ORGANIZATION THAT GIVES OF ITS STAFF AS WELL AS ITS MONEY. THAT EXCHANGE FORMS A POWERFUL LINK BETWEEN US AND THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE.

Human capital is not on the BCC balance sheet. Nonetheless, it is a critical part of the organization—as important to the communities we serve as the financial capital we offer. Thus, from BCC's inception 25 years ago, we made a conscious decision to create a culture in which employees are encouraged to pursue their own civic participation, furthering BCC's mission through their personal commitment.

The result empowers both BCC and the community—creating networks among seemingly unrelated disciplines, providing hands-on assistance to the organizations we support, and deepening our own knowledge of the inner-workings of the communities where we work.

Consider BCC Senior Loan Officer Kathryn McHugh. She markets the loan fund to potential borrowers, underwrites loan requests, and conducts ongoing portfolio management. She is also an active volunteer on housing and homelessness issues: serving on the boards of the Somerville Homeless Coalition, the Jamaica Plain Housing Trust, and the Castle Square Tenants Organization Charitable Trust, and consulting to the State and the cities of Somerville, Attleboro and Taunton on policies and programs related to homelessness. In all these efforts, she is able to connect the bankers, contractors and other professionals she knows through her work at BCC with nonprofits that need their expertise. She also brings the intelligence she gathers in the course of her volunteerism to bear on her daily work.

Jess Brooks, BCC's Director of
Development and Communications,
is also deeply engaged with several
nonprofits in the greater Boston area.
Her chief interest is The Food Project,
an organization that combines youth
development with sustainable farming,
bringing together urban and suburban
teens to grow healthy, local and affordable food that is distributed via farmer's
markets, CSAs and food pantries.

Brooks joined the board because she was "interested in food justice, liked the idea of bringing together disparate

communities, and felt that the organization offered an opportunity to apply the knowledge I've gained at BCC." Five years later, she is the incoming board chair, and Executive Director Margaret Williams is grateful. As Williams notes, "Many people who work in low-income communities perceive it as a hand-out situation; they are not interested in understanding how the community wants to build itself. Jess gets community

empowerment; she completely embodies the BCC values."

Williams adds, "BCC and The Food Project are sort of mirrors of each other; we are looking at healthy people, healthy land, healthy communities and they are too. We just go about it in very complementary ways." And that is exactly the point.



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the investment of our New Markets Tax Credit allocations. BCC Solar Energy Advantage works to stabilize and reduce energy and utility costs of existing affordable housing by improving their energy efficiency, conservation and renewable energy use. NSP Residential is a real estate company focused on developing and implementing a wide range of innovative and flexible real estate and mortgage loan acquisition strategies aimed at stabilizing communities threatened by the foreclosure crisis. Aura Mortgage Advisors is a mortgage brokerage business dedicated to helping people understand the mortgage process and own homes they can afford.

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Women's Association of the Eliot

Church, Newton

#### foundations & institutions

**Banc of America Community Development Corporation** 

Bank of New York Mellon\* Belmont Savings Bank\*

The Boston Foundation

Boston Private Bank & Trust

**Boston Trust & Investment** 

Management Company

**Brown Brothers Harriman** 

Calvert Social Investment Fund

Central Cooperative Bank\*

Citizens Bank\*0

**Community Development Financial** 

Institutions Fund\*

**Dedham Institution for Savings\*** 

**Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corporation** 

Eastern Bank\*

**ENAID Housing Trust** 

Fannie Mae Foundation

Fidelity Management Trust

Company

**Fiduciary Trust Company Funding Exchange Endowment** 

Funding Exchange Pooled Fund

Harvard University'

F.B. Heron Foundation\* **HSBC** Bank USA

Hyde Park Savings Bank\*

The Life Initiative°

Mass Development<sup>o</sup>

McAuley Institute°

Metropolitan Life Foundation Metropolitan Life Insurance

Company

Miles Properties

National Cooperative Bank

**Development Corporation°** 

The Obermayer Foundation<sup>^</sup>

**Opportunity Finance Network** 

Parnassus Fund Property & Casualty Initiative°

Rosie's Place **Robert Treat Paine Association** 

Rowe Family Charitable Trust

**Rubblestone Foundation** 

The Erich & Hannah Sachs

Foundation Salem Five Cents Savings Bank\*

State Street Bank\*

TD Banknorth, N.A.\*

Wainwright Bank & Trust Companyo

Walpole Co-operative Bank

And the many individuals, institutions, and religious organizations who wish to remain anonymous.

\* Equity Equivalent Investor

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† Wellesley Alumnae Investor

### **LOAN FUND**

#### borrowers

Arch Street Development

**Allem Realty Trust** 

Alliance for Animals

Alliance for Young Families

**Allston-Brighton Community Development Corporation** 

Architectural Heritage Foundation

Artists Cooperative at 300 Summer Street

Artist Tenants of the South End **Cooperative Corporation** 

**Asian Community** 

**Development Corporation** 

**Beacon Communities** Berkshire Arts & Technology

(BArT) Charter Public School

**Bethel AME Church Beverly Affordable Housing** 

Boston Aging Concerns—

Young & Old United, Inc. **Boston Citywide Land Trust** 

Boston Film & Video Foundation

Boston Neighborhood **Housing Services** 

**Bridge Housing Corporation** 

Cambodian Mutual Assistance

Brookside Artists, LLC

Association

Casa Esperanza

Casa Myrna Vazquez, Inc.

Casa Nueva Vida

Cascan Chelsea Neighborhood

Housing Services

**Chestnut Street Cooperative** 

Citizen Schools Citizens For Affordable Housing in

**Newton Development Organization** (CAN-DO)

City Lights

The City School Codman Square Neighborhood

**Development Corporation** Communities United, Inc.

**Community Action Agency** of Somerville

Community Action for Better Housing (CABH)

**Community Servings Cushing Manor Support Facility** 

**DIAL-SELF Teen Services Dimock Community Health Center** 

(Social Justice for Women) **Dorchester Bay Economic** 

**Development Corporation Dorchester Gardenlands** 

Dorchester Home & Garden

E.L. Havnes Public Charter School **East Boston Community Development Corporation** 

**Ecumenical Social Action** Committee (ESAC)

**Ellington Street** Cooperative Corporation

Elizabeth Stone House: Transitional Housing Project

**Emmanuel Gospel Center** 

**ETC Development Corporation** 

Fairbanks Development, LLC

Fairfield Real Estate Development

**Falmouth Housing Corporation** 

Fenway Community **Development Corporation** 

Finex House

First Night, Inc.

Forest Glen Cooperative

Fort Point Arts Community

Fountain Hill Condo Association

Franklin Field South

**Neighborhood Association** 

Friends of Shattuck Shelter

The Garment District

Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders (GLAD)

Generations, Inc./Magic Me

Guidance Center, Inc./Center Inc.

H R Ross Industries

Hart Development Associates

Harvard Community Health Center/Griffin House

Harwich Ecumenical Council for the Homeless

**HEARTH** (formerly Committee to End Elder Homelessness)

HomeStart, Inc.

Hope House

**Humphreys Street Studios** Inquilinos Boricuas en Accion (IBA)

Island Housing Trust

Jamaica Plain Neighborhood **Development Corporation** 

Jamaica Plain Scattered Site Cooperative

**Jewish Community Housing** for the Elderly (JCHE)

Jumpstart for Young Children, Inc.

**Just-A-Start Corporation** 

Keen Development Corporation

Kit Clark Senior Services/ Federated Dorchester Neighborhood Houses

Lawrence Community Works

Lifehouse

Living in Dorchester

Madison Park Development Corporation

Mattapan Community **Development Corporation** 

**MD** Properties

Media & Technology Charter High (MATCH) School

Methunion Manor Cooperative Corporation

Miles Properties, Inc.

Milton-Fuller Housing Corporation

Mission SAFE

Mitchell Properties

Neighborhood of Affordable Housing (NOAH)

**Neighborhood Development** Corporation of Grove Hall

**New Boston Fund** 

North Metropolitan Homemakers-Home Health

Aide Service

**November Collective Cooperative Corporation**  Quincy Geneva Housing **Development Corporation** 

Rehoboth Bethel Development Corporation

Roxbury Multi-Service Center

Ruggles Affordable Assisted Living Center

Salem Harbor Community **Development Corporation** 

Salem Mission

Second Home/United Homes for Children

Shelter, Inc.

Tuttle House, Inc.

University Lutheran Association of Greater Boston/Harvard Square

Homeless Shelter **Urban Edge Housing Corporation** 

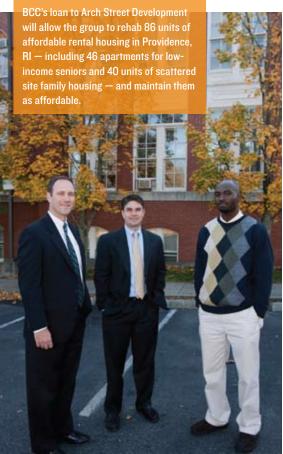
Veterans Benefits Clearinghouse **Development Corporation** 

Valley Community Development

Corporation Victory Programs

VIET-AID

Visiting Nurses Association (VNA), Somerville







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Nuestra Comunidad **Development Corporation** 

**Nu-Life Development Corporation** 

Oaktree Development

Operation Outreach—USA, Inc.

Otisfield, LLC

Corporation

Paige Academy

Park View Cooperative

Paul Sullivan Housing Trust

Peace at Home

Penikese Island School

Peterbridge, Inc.

Pine Street Inn

Putnam & Western Cooperative

SMILE Pre-School Inc.

Sojourner House

Somerville Community Corporation

South Boston Neighborhood **Development Corporation** 

Spontaneous Celebrations

Michael Stella

Tent City Corporation

The Communities Group (TCG) of Massachusetts

The Leaguers, Inc.

The Starting Line/MOPPETS

Frank Thomas/Otisfield, LLC Trinity Development/Foley

Assisted Living

Trust on Behalf of Eastern Service Workers Association

**VNA Lowell Street Limited** 

Vocational Advancement Center

Wahash Construction

WATCH, Inc.

Watertown Community Housing

Windale Developers, Inc.

Women's Educational Center (The Women's Center)

Women's Housing Initiative (Brookview House)

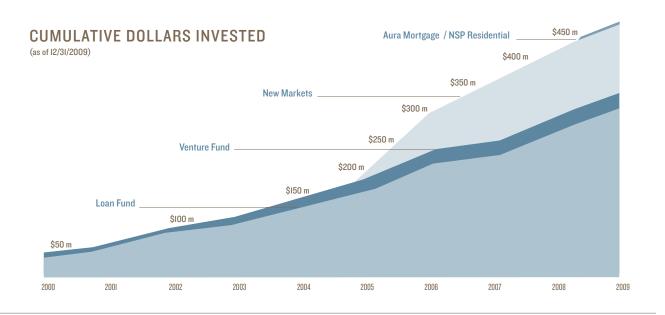
Women's Institute for New Growth & Support (WINGS)

Worcester Common Ground

Worcester East Side CDC

YWCA of Boston

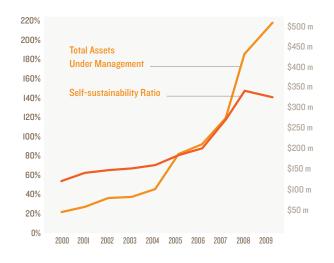
### FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE





### **SELF-SUSTAINABILITY RATIO**

(as of I2/3I/2009)



### PERSONNEL EXPENSE AS PERCENTAGE OF ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT

(as of I2/3I/2009)





### MISSION STATEMENT

Boston Community Capital's mission is to build healthy communities where low-income people live and work. To this end, we finance affordable housing, child care facilities, arts programs, schools, health clinics, youth programs and other community services; invest equity dollars into businesses that create social and financial returns; and develop new financial tools that connect low-income communities to mainstream financial markets. We serve as a vehicle for a wide range of investors, including individuals, institutions and faith-based organizations. Working together, we achieve the cost-effective access to capital that is a key to building healthy communities.

# 1984

The Housing Concerns Committee of Old South Church asks the Institute for Community Economics (ICE) to initiate and guide the development of a revolving loan fund for low-income housing in the Boston area.

In December, the Boston Community Loan Fund (BCLF) incorporates.

### 1985

In May, BCLF holds its first annual meeting and elects its first 12-member Board of Directors. Board includes Nikki Flionis, President; David Wiley, Vice President; Jerome Groskind, Treasurer; Elyse Cherry, Clerk/Secretary, and James Walsh, Member.

In July, DeWitt Jones joins as a full-time fund manager.



On August 9, BCLF receives its first loan from Terri Ragot and, in turn, makes a loan to Tent City.





Tent City today

By close of year one, BCLF has 19 investors and a loan pool of over \$440,000; it leverages an additional \$65 million in public and private financing to create or preserve over 360 units of affordable housing. Nine loans have been repaid and all loan payments are on schedule.



BCLF provides first loan over \$100,000 to Casa Myrna Vazquez.

Membership nearly doubles from 35 to 68.

BCLF joins 25 other loan funds around the country to establish the National Association of Community Development Loan Funds (now Opportunity Finance Network).

# 1987

Initiates bridge lending program with loan to Dimock Community Health Center/Social Justice for Women.



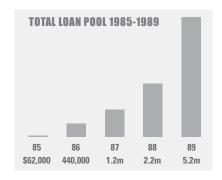
# 1988



Makes first loan over \$200,000 to Rehoboth Bethel Development Corporation.

1989

Lends \$1.7 million, doubling cumulative lending to date.



Total loan pool grows to over \$5 million from more than 300 investors, which the organization uses to provide or preserve over 1,000 affordable housing units with no loan losses.



Staff expands to five.

Collaborates with Boston Aging Concerns on the "IOO Rooms Campaign," renovating IOO lodging house rooms.

# 1990

In the face of the banking and real estate collapse, BCLF establishes – and meets – goal of restructuring its portfolio without losing a single investor dollar or a single unit of housing.

1991

Grows long-term lending capacity five-fold to \$1 million, by actively seeking five-year loans from investors.

1992

Hosts the National Association of Community Development Loan Funds (NACDLF) Annual Conference.



Expands lending area to Cambridge, Massachusetts with loan to the Cambridge and Somerville Cooperative Apartment Project (now Cascap).



Broadens its mission to include community development lending, and provides working capital to allow a community organization to restructure its finances.

Cooperative Home Care of Boston is BCLF's first business borrower, a pre-cursor of our Venture Funds. Pictured below: Graduation ceremony for Cooperative Home Care's first class of home health aides.



Helps establish the Community Development Venture Capital Alliance (CDVCA).

# 1994

Establishes One-to-Four Family Program to renovates distressed homes in targeted neighborhoods.



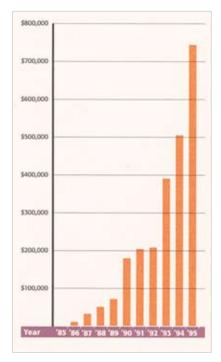




Bill Clinton signs legislation to create the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund.



# 1995



We are growing. Permanent capital increases to nearly \$750,000.

# 1996

Boston Community Venture Fund initiates a \$5 million private placement offering and invests its first \$50,000 in WorkSource Staffing Partnership. Pictured below: a WorkSource graduate.



Receives an inaugural award from the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund of the U.S. Department of Treasury.

# 1997

BCLF becomes Boston Community Capital (BCC), an umbrella organization with three affiliated nonprofits: Boston Community Loan Fund, Boston Community Venture Fund, and Boston Community Managed Assets.

# 1998

Hosts Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin for an event celebrating the launch of our Venture Fund.

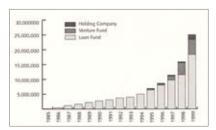
Moves to new offices at Palladio Hall in the heart of Dudley Square, Roxbury.



Writes a five year strategic plan to grow to an \$80 million organization.

Broadens geographic reach to encompass the entire state of Massachusetts.

Launches a second \$15 million Venture Fund, focused on lending across the Northeast.



Assets under Management reach \$26 million

### 2001

Completes "Realizing Return: A Proposal for the Development of an Exit Strategy for the Community Development Venture Capital Industry."



Successfully exits from venture investment City Fresh Foods, which brings a I7% annual return on investment.

# 2004

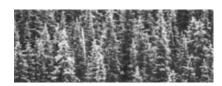
Receives \$70 million New Markets Tax Credit award, one of the largest made to any nonprofit in the nation.



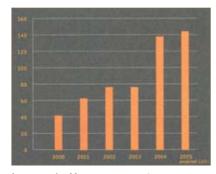
# 2005

NMTC leverage loan to Media and Technology Charter High (MATCH) School is the first of its kind, paving the way to new expertise in a growing industry.

Funds projects in rural Maine and Washington State, expanding geographic reach nationwide.



Partners with four other organizations to create the Green Building Production Network to provide grants and technical assistance to enable affordable housing projects to have substantial green outcomes.



Assets under Management continue to grow — over \$150 million under management on 12/31/05

# 2006

Receives second New Markets Tax Credit award.

Receives one of the highest ratings possible from the CDFI Assessment and Rating System (CARS).

Launches Aura Mortgage Advisors to combat predatory lending practices and provide low-income communities with affordable home mortgages.

Develops replicable model for financing affordable housing with renewable energy and green design.

# 2007

Publishes "Recouping the True Costs of Foreclosure," a white paper describing the destabilizing impact of foreclosures on low-income communities in Massachusetts.

Recognized by the Calvert Foundation as one of five "U.S. leaders in promoting affordable housing/responsiblelending solutions to help thwart predatory lending and mortgage foreclosures."

# 2008

Launches Solar Energy Advantage, to finance renewable energy for affordable housing. SEA becomes the largest third-party owner of solar panels in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and a model for the financing of renewable energy.



# 2009

Launches Stabilizing Urban Neighborhoods (SUN) Initiative to address the foreclosure crisis in low-income communities. SUN helps families facing eviction due to foreclosure remain in their homes by purchasing foreclosed properties at steep discounts and re-conveying them to current occupants with fixed rate mortgages they can afford.

BCC has over \$500 million under management.





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