

Pine Street Inn Overview

Mission

- To be a community of respect and hope for each guest it serves;*
- To be a resource through which neighbors and friends can help to meet the basic needs of others, and*
- To serve as a national leader in the fight to end homelessness.*

Founded in 1969, Pine Street is now the largest provider of emergency shelter, transitional services, and housing for homeless men and women in New England.

Pine Street Inn welcomes more than 1,300 homeless individuals daily to provide short- and long-term solutions so that they can begin the journey out of homelessness and on to permanent housing. Our vision is to help individuals gain stability and their highest level of independence by offering a wide range of services for every person who turns to the Inn for help.

The following programs are provided at Pine Street:

Permanent Housing: over 500 individuals live in 29 residences throughout Boston and in Brookline that are either owned or managed by Pine Street. Tenants pay 30 percent of their income toward rent for their room in a supportive environment that keeps them connected to services that help ensure a successful transition to self-sufficiency. Approximately 90 percent of those placed in housing have remained housed.

Shelter, Food and Health Care: Each night, 700 men and women come in for shelter or are in transitional programs at Pine Street. They are provided with food, clothing, health care and case management services.

Street Outreach: Pine Street's outreach teams travel throughout Greater Boston to offer food, blankets, healthcare and referrals to approximately 125 unsheltered men and women. Pine Street is currently the only organization offering outreach in Boston every night.

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Education and Job Training: Guests are offered literacy and adult basic education services, including GED classes. We also provide job training in three areas (food services, building maintenance and computer repair), and offer the national STRIVE (Support & Training Result In Valuable Employees) program that provides individuals with skills and job placement services. Pine Street was the first site to offer the national STRIVE program to the homeless. Approximately 200 individuals complete these programs each year.

Services for the Mentally Ill: Psychiatric clinicians are on staff at Pine Street to provide counseling, treatment and referral services. Additionally, seven of Pine Street's 29 permanent housing residences are dedicated to providing intensive support for individuals who live with mental illness.

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