

## **Pine Street Inn**

Founded in 1969 as a safe place for 200 men suffering from alcoholism, Pine Street Inn has expanded to provide a comprehensive range of services to over 2,100 individuals each day. The largest homeless services provider in New England, PSI programs include permanent housing, emergency shelter, street outreach and workforce development. Their goal is to end homelessness by making the safety and stability of permanent housing a reality for all.

Pine Street's four shelters, totaling more than 500 beds, provide guests with a safe place to lay their head at night as well as nutritious meals, laundry services and showers. In partnership with Boston Health Care for the Homeless, they also offer health care clinics. Pine Street Inn's Street outreach teams offer clothing, food, blankets, health care referrals and human contact to homeless individuals who – often struggling with mental illness and addiction – choose not to come into shelter.

Efforts to end homelessness are increasingly focused on permanent supportive housing. Currently, Pine Street owns and/or manages 440 permanent supportive housing units in buildings throughout Greater Boston, providing permanent housing for nearly 900 formerly homeless individuals and helping people become stable in their new homes and communities. One example is in our own neighborhood, at 140 Clarendon Street, where PSI partnered with Beacon Communities to develop 111 homes for formerly homeless people.

After tenants become stable in Pine Street's supportive housing, they may be ready to move on to more independent living. Staff then help people find an apartment and furnishings, and assist with the move-in process. Staff provide short-term support as tenants settle into their new homes.