

## Letter: Stop cycle of homelessness

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I am writing this letter to thank everyone who supported our Walk to Prevent Homelessness on September 25, 2005. MetroWest Outreach Connection raises funds to assist families and individuals in imminent danger of eviction or those who are homeless and seek permanent housing. Those who are trying to attain permanent housing are homeless due to a number of circumstances like those experienced by many households in our community.

Unfortunately, those who became homeless did not have the resources to overcome their particular financial crisis. Those we help must be able to sustain their rent payments once we provide financial assistance.

Preventing homelessness is the most cost-effective alternative to housing families in motels or shelters. As an all-volunteer organization, over 95 percent of our funds go to assist our clients. More than 60 percent of those we assist reside in Framingham.

It is most critical for families to be able to have their children continue their education in the same schools. Educating these children is the only way to stop the cycle of homelessness. Otherwise they will be next generation of the homeless. They will not have the skills that are needed to acquire good paying jobs.






Through the first year of the implementation of the Homeless Prevention Program, we have assisted 125 households, affecting 290 individuals. Over 90 percent of those receiving assistance are still in permanent housing.

If you are interested in more information about our organization, please visit our Web site at <http://www.mwoconnection.org>.

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