An open letter to poverty

You will no longer lie to me about my self-worth.
You will no longer steal my hopes and aspirations.
You will no longer cheat me out of my rights.

You will no longer force me to choose between food, heat, or medicine.
You will no longer push me around from one unsafe home to another.
You will no longer hold me back in dead-end jobs.

You will no longer deprive me of being a part of a healthy community.
You will no longer depress my spirits, deny my dreams,
defeat my plans or discourage my heart.
You will no longer crush my soul.

With Caritas, I have found a new way.
I now have a supporting community that provides me with a safe, affordable home. I now have things I seldom had before: a warm coat, a nutritious meal, and a peaceful night’s sleep.

Thanks to my Caritas family, I have my own place now, and you will no longer be welcome.

Caritas Communities is committed to **Improving Lives. One Room at a Time.**
Join Us

Caritas Communities 33rd Annual Dinner
Monday, January 28, 2019

Sponsorship Opportunities

**Doorways to Dignity Sponsor: $50,000**
- Premium seating for 20 guests
- Overnight accommodations for two guests at the Westin Boston Waterfront, breakfast included
- Logo or family name has headline recognition on invitation (deadline September 19) and on all event-related print materials
- Feature story to appear in social media campaign
- Headline logo visibility on video screen, night of event
- Special recognition from podium, night of event
- Inside front cover placement of full-page color ad in program book
- Logo and link on the Caritas Communities website

**Haven of Hope Sponsor: $7,500**
- Priority seating for 10 guests
- Logo or family name appears on invitation (deadline September 19) and on all event-related print materials
- Highlighted in social media campaign
- Logo visibility on video screen, night of event
- Recognition from podium, night of event
- Full-page ad in program book
- Logo and link on the Caritas Communities website

**Partners in Permanence Sponsor: $25,000**
- Premium seating for 16 guests
- Logo or family name prominently displayed on invitation (deadline September 19) and on all event-related print materials
- Feature story to appear in social media campaign
- Prominent logo visibility on video screen, night of event
- Special recognition from podium, night of event
- Special placement of full-page ad in program book
- Logo and link on the Caritas Communities website

**Strength and Stability Sponsor: $10,000**
- Premium seating for 10 guests
- Logo or family name displayed on invitation (deadline September 19) and on all event-related print materials
- Spotlight visibility in social media campaign
- Logo visibility on video screen, night of the event
- Recognition from podium, night of event
- Distinguished placement of full-page ad in program book
- Logo and link on the Caritas Communities website

**Pride in Property Sponsor: $5,000**
- Preferred seating for 8 guests
- Company or family name appears on invitation (deadline September 19)
- Listing on video screen, night of event
- Recognition from podium, night of event
- Half-page ad in program book
- Logo and link on the Caritas Communities website

**Rooms of Renewal Sponsor: $3,000**
- Reserved seating for 4 guests
- Listing on video screen, night of event
- Listing in evening’s program book

**Individual**
- Tickets $400
- Young Leaders $200

**Purchase a Program Book Ad**
- Full-page ad: $1,000
- Half-page ad: $500

Ads are black and white; artwork due January 10, 2019

**Contact Fund Development at events@caritascommunities.org or 781.843.1242 x19 to reserve space.**

“I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can still do something. And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.”
— Edward Everett Hale, author and Unitarian Clergyman from Boston

“Caritas is one of those things I can do.” — Rick High
Rick joined John M. Corcoran & Co. in 1982, having started his career in the nonprofit and government sectors. With no prior business experience, he learned by watching. “Leo Corcoran and his brother John showed me that how a business conducts itself is just as important as turning a profit,” he recalls. “Fairness and integrity were paramount. So was respecting the worth and dignity of every person. Leo and John left a legacy of goodwill wherever they went, whatever they were doing.”

As president since 2002, Rick believes his foremost obligation is to honor and preserve that legacy—and then to build on it. And that includes following Leo’s and John’s examples of contributing to the community, especially to the economically disadvantaged, both as a company and individually. Today the company manages more than 10,000 apartment homes, about 4,000 of which are affordable housing.

“The company giving part comes easily,” Rick reports, “because so many of the staff are deeply committed to service. They generate the ideas. My role is simply to encourage and ask, ‘How can I help?’” The results are notable: In 2008, the National Multi Housing Council awarded the company its national “Good Neighbor Award” for its charitable work.

On the personal side, Rick and his wife Anne Perkins focus their giving on the disadvantaged in our cities. Favorites include The Food Project, NOAH, English for New Bostonians, St. Mary’s Center for Women and Children, the United Negro College Fund, the Hispanic Scholarship Fund and, of course, Caritas.

“Caritas is providing disadvantaged individuals decent, affordable, safe places to live—the foundational first step in escaping lives of poverty. I have terrific trust in the Board and staff. The results of their hard work are self-evident.” – Rick High
What We Do
At Caritas Communities, we provide very low-income individuals with permanent housing, support, a sense of community and expanded opportunities. For 33 years, Caritas has helped fill the need for safe, secure housing in Greater Boston.

Our Response to Poverty
It’s nearly impossible to afford housing in Greater Boston if you make minimum wage or live on a low fixed income. Lack of affordable housing is a primary cause of homelessness, and in 2017 over 17,000 people experienced homelessness in Massachusetts.

Caritas’s response to this worsening crisis is to provide affordable housing to some of Boston’s most vulnerable citizens: previously homeless veterans, those dealing with mental and physical health issues, the elderly, the minimum wage worker—people on extremely low fixed incomes, or those unable to earn a living wage. We know that not having a home makes it impossible to escape poverty and the hardship it brings. We know that having a home combats poverty by providing basic human needs like shelter, water, safety, warmth, and community. Not until these needs are met can a person thrive. As a foundation for breaking the cycle of poverty, there truly is no place like home.

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Sponsorship Reply Form

Donor Name/Company Name (Please list the donor name exactly as it should appear in print.)

Contact Name  Title
(Caritas Communities will contact this person regarding guest list, program book ad, etc.)

Address

City          State           Zip

Email Address     Telephone

I/we will support Caritas Communities as a sponsor:

☐ Doorways to Dignity: $50,000
☐ Partners in Permanence: $25,000
☐ Strength and Stability: $10,000
☐ Haven of Hope: $7,500
☐ Pride in Property: $5,000
☐ Rooms of Renewal: $3,000

I/we will purchase:

☐ Full-page ad – $1,000  ☐ Individual Ticket – $400 Quantity _________
☐ Half-page ad – $500  ☐ Young Leaders Ticket – $200 Quantity _________

Payment Options:

☐ Our donation of $ ____________ is enclosed.
  Please make check payable to Caritas Communities Inc.
☐ Please Invoice (to address above)

☐ Credit Card: MasterCard/VISA/American Express Number CVV#

Expiration Date Amount Signature

Billing Address (if different than above)

Please indicate if you would like Caritas Communities to reserve space at the Annual Dinner for your group:

☐ I will attend the Dinner on Monday, January 28, 2019.
☐ Please contact me at a later date regarding my Dinner attendance.
☐ I cannot attend but would like to make a donation.

For more information, please contact Melissa Kamp at mkamp@caritascommunities.org or 781.843.1242 x19