



How **wonderful** it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to **improve** the world.

-Anne Frank

Dear Friend of PBHA,

We hope this letter finds you well. We are only a few weeks into fall term and already our programs are in high gear recruiting and training new volunteers, connecting with communities, and pursuing new ideas. We are getting ready for the challenges we know this year will bring and preparing ourselves for those that may yet arise; presenting not only new obstacles but new opportunities to shape the world in which we live.

Much of this fall at PBHA has been spent coordinating our response to Hurricane Katrina. PBHA's Class of 1955 Executive Director, Gene Corbin, went to Mississippi for three days to work with Jackson, Mississippi's chapter of Habitat for Humanity to develop its pilot program Operation Home Delivery. PBHA's own chapter of Habitat for Humanity is also planning to coordinate additional Spring Break trips in 2006 and a special Intersession trip to help rebuild the region. Finally, PBHA is also a co-sponsor of the campus fundraiser "HarvAid," a concert to raise money for Katrina's victims.

In addition to these initiatives PBHA continues to fulfill its obligations closer to home. As always we are searching for even more ways to make an impact, whether it be through new programs or by extending the reach of our current initiatives. Two groups of directors who worked for our Summer Urban Program this past summer have committed themselves to cultivating robust term-time programming in Roxbury and Cambridge, two areas where PBHA's presence has not been as strong in recent years as it has in the past. Moreover, PBHA is working in cooperation with the Harvard Black Men's Forum to develop the David Walker Program, a mentorship program for black youths in local schools.

On behalf of the children we serve, the communities we impact, and the volunteers whose mission you make possible, we thank you for all your past support and your confidence in the power of PBHA to change the world.

Your contributions are vital to the continued growth and success of our programs, the development of our volunteers, and the empowerment of our communities. Please do not "wait a single moment before" joining PBHA "to improve the world." We thank you for your support.

Best,

Lucy Grayson '06
Resource Development Co-Chair

Our Mission

The Phillips Brooks House Association strives for social justice. As a student-run organization, we draw upon the creative initiative of students and community members to foster collaboration that empowers individuals and communities. Through social service and social action, PBHA endeavors to meet community needs while advocating structural change. PBHA seeks to promote social awareness and community involvement at Harvard and beyond.

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