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## Biography

Lyndia Downie  
President, Pine Street Inn



During her 26-year tenure at Pine Street Inn, Lyndia Downie has served in a variety of roles, including volunteer coordinator, director of the men's shelter, director of development, vice president of programs, and since 2000, as president and executive director. At the helm of New England's largest resource for homeless men and women, which serves 1,300 people each day, Downie has distinguished herself through her conscientious stewardship of Pine Street Inn's mission and resources.

She has led the way in moving homeless men and women off the streets, out of temporary shelter, and into permanent housing. Pine Street Inn operates houses in 29 locations throughout greater Boston, housing more than 550 formerly homeless and very low-income individuals. All houses provide on-site support for tenants.

Downie is a committed leader in the nonprofit, social service community. She currently serves on the boards of the Massachusetts Council of Human Service Providers; the Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership; the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Corporation of Massachusetts; and the Bay Cove Human Services.

Her other appointments include the City of Boston's Emergency Shelter Commission, the Supreme Judicial Court Committee on Substance Abuse, the Kresge Foundation Ad Hoc Evaluation Committee and the University of Vermont Regional Board. She has been a board member of the Nehemiah Housing Trust (Interfaith Housing Coalition).

She was named a Barr Foundation Fellow and was appointed to the Governor's Commission to End Homelessness. She has also received an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from Mt. Ida College. Most recently, she taught a special class at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University on "Homelessness and How to End (or at least decrease) It."

In addition to its shelters and permanent housing, Pine Street Inn also provides street outreach and job training programs with the goal of supporting men and women in rebuilding their lives and moving toward self-sufficiency.

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