

**LYNDIA DOWNIE  
PRESIDENT**

**BIOGRAPHY**

During her 25-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 Boston and in Brookline, housing nearly 500 formerly homeless and very low-income individuals. All houses provide on-site support for tenants.

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

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In 2007, 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.

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

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