Dear Friends,

2015 was a year to remember. We celebrated 130 years of uninterrupted service to the community with a gala fundraiser on May 1st that raised over $570,000 – a record for Ellis. Former Board member and State Street EVP Alison Quirk was presented with the first-ever Ida Eldredge Vision for Boston Award. Later in the summer, Ellis staff and families celebrated our big birthday with a block party on Chandler Street.

The current and past generations of “Ellis families” who attended those events were a vivid reminder of what an important resource Ellis continues to be to the community we serve. As I walk through our programs and see children, youth and elders spending their day in an engaging, nurturing and safe place, I’m deeply grateful to the many individuals and institutions who contribute each year to make our work possible.

Many of you have also chosen to support the renovation of our building at 66 Berkeley Street, for which we spent much of the year preparing. You can read more about that project on the next page. I hope you’ll be joining us for the grand opening in early 2017.

Sincerely,

Leo J. Delaney, Chief Executive Officer

For over a century, Ellis has worked to strengthen Boston’s inner-city working families with high quality education and care for children, youth and vulnerable adults. The goal of all our programs is to engage, educate and empower.
2015 also marked the first time that we were awarded numbers for the Boston Marathon through John Hancock’s Non-Profit Partnership program.

We were delighted when Board member Mike Scannell, who had already run Boston an impressive 17 times, told us he wanted to be one of our two runners. The second number went to BNY Mellon employee Brad Dunn, pictured above. Both Brad and Mike turned in awesome performances on race day and in their fundraising efforts as well, raising over $25,000 in support of our programs and services. We’ve been awarded a third number for the 2016 race and are looking forward to celebrating the achievements of Team Ellis on Marathon Monday.
Our *Early Education Center* continues to be a recognized leader among Boston’s community-based programs working to increase access to high quality early childhood education for low-income families. It’s a busy, dynamic and diverse environment enrolling 117 children a day between the ages of 2 months and 5 years. The Center’s focus is on promoting healthy social, emotional and cognitive development for all children, and making the most of the developing brain’s plasticity in the early years of life.

For older children and youth, the *School-Age Program* is a nurturing, engaging and academically supportive out-of-school time option in the South End and Roxbury. This year, 12 very talented students from the South End program worked with Boston Ballet to create an original dance piece which they performed at our 130th gala. That collaboration allowed us to showcase the energy and enthusiasm of our Ellis kids, as well as the ways in which we enhance our program offerings by partnering with local arts and cultural organizations.

The *Adult Day Health Program* is a medical model program to which elderly and disabled adults come each day for services including breakfast and lunch, medical monitoring, case management, advocacy and a diverse range of activities to maintain cognitive and physical function. Many of the adults have been coming to the program for 10 years or more, and it’s fair to say that they view the staff and clients as family members. The program’s staff members take pride in giving clients a sense of connection, community, independence, and accomplishment.

The word “community” comes up a lot when we speak or write about our programs. One of the ways in which we build our internal Ellis community is by creating opportunities for our programs to interact, connect and share experiences. Knowing that 5 year olds are unfailingly curious, happy to meet new people and try new things, we created the *Intergenerational Project*. Once a month, the children from our K-1 classroom spend 90 minutes across the street with the elderly and disabled adults at our Adult Day Health Program. Each week’s session has a theme, typically centered around a book which adults take turns reading to the children. They then work on a related activity together, from arts and crafts projects to exploring the science behind some of the story lines. It’s hard to say which group looks forward to the activities more!
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Balance Sheet June 30, 2015

**Assets**
- Cash and cash equivalents: $495,986
- Accounts and pledges receivable: 221,133
- Prepaid expenses: 8,350
- Property and equipment - net: 7,592,116
**Total Assets**: $8,317,585

**Liabilities**
- Notes payable: $3,235,013
- Line of credit: 35,000
- Note payable - Children’s Investment Fund: 43,908
- Accounts payable: 124,202
- Accrued expenses: 86,614
- Deferred revenue and rent: 14,752
- Deferred compensation: 36,000
- Deposits: 20,176
**Total Liabilities**: $3,595,665

**Net Assets and Members’ Capital**
- Unrestricted: $4,666,845
- Noncontrolling interest: 704,516
- Temporarily restricted: 4,971
**Total Net Assets**: 5,376,332
- Members’ capital: (654,412)
- Total net assets and members’ capital: 4,721,920
**Total Liabilities, Net Assets, and Members’ Capital**: $8,317,585

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**Revenue**
- Earned Revenue: $974,187
- Government Grants & Contracts: $1,600,554
- Other Income: $88,245
- Events: $672,737
- Corporate & Foundation: $344,655
- Individuals: $150,052
- **Total Revenue**: $2,809,236

**Expenses**
- **Total Expenses**: $2,790,836
- Early Education: $1,827,114
- Administration: $338,527
- Development: $338,527
- School-Age Program: $524,198
- Adult Day Health Program: $561,300

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**In 2015 Ellis...**
- Enrolled 268 children & youth in high-quality educational programs
- Provided over $70,000 in scholarship assistance to families in need
- Provided respite care to the families of 43 elderly & disabled adults
- Celebrated 130 years of service to the community
- Hosted 150+ volunteers who provided over 4,200 hours of service
- Engaged corporate volunteers to provide 111 kids with new backpacks & school supplies