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***Two Boston nonprofits merge to address growing need for family homelessness prevention***

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**BOSTON –FamilyAid Boston** and the **Family-to-Family Project** are joining forces to strategically address the need for deeper homelessness prevention resources for parents and children currently at risk of losing their housing. The two organizations completed a formal merger on July 1, 2017.

Massachusetts has seen one of the largest increases in family homelessness in the U.S. over the past decade. In addition to those in shelter, there are thousands of parents and children living just a health crisis or a missed paycheck away from losing their housing. Data reveals a significant need for more private resources to supplement the state’s successful effort to reduce this number by providing homelessness prevention services to families before they have to enter shelter. By merging, FamilyAid Boston and the Family-to-Family Project will be able to reach a larger number of families in crisis and offer expanded services to those in need.

“Our organizations are longtime partners and share a common mission,” says **FamilyAid Boston President Richard Ring**. “In the course of our work together, we began to see a growing need for more private resources to keep parents and children in their homes. It became clear that we could help many more families by officially joining together. The Family-to-Family Project will benefit by sharing FamilyAid Boston’s larger infrastructure, and FamilyAid Boston will build on the progress made over the past year with our Family Stability Fund for families at risk of homelessness.”

**Paul and Katie Buttenwieser**, who founded the Family-to-Family Project in 1988 with a group of Cambridge neighbors, see the merger as an opportunity to address this need: “We are so grateful that the Family-to-Family Project has been able to help so many Boston-area families over the last 30 years. The innovative partnership with FamilyAid Boston will strengthen this vital work in many ways, allowing us to assist many more parents and their children. With a common mission to prevent and end family homelessness — one family at a time — these two organizations will make an even greater difference over the next 30 years.”

The Family-to-Family Project will continue to operate as a program of FamilyAid Boston, partnering with a network of other agencies to provide families in crisis with financial assistance in conjunction with case management from partner agencies.

#### About The Family-to-Family Project

The Family-to-Family Project operated since 1988 as a 100% privately funded nonprofit working with a network of partner agencies to provide parents and children at risk of homelessness with one-time financial assistance and crisis intervention to help them remain housed.

#### About Family Aid Boston

FamilyAid Boston is a 100 year-old organization that works with the City of Boston, state, and a growing number of private partners to provide homelessness prevention, shelter, affordable housing, and supportive services including employment counseling and housing search to 800 families every year.

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