

Account No. 025347, Bayridge Residence & Cultural Center
395, 397-399 Commonwealth Avenue

Community Benefits

Bayridge Residence & Cultural Center, Inc. (“Bayridge”) is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization with a mission to provide university women a safe and enriching place to live. The residence is open to all women undergraduate and graduate students, regardless of race, creed, or ethnic background. More than just an intercollegiate residence, Bayridge offers its residents a variety of cultural and thematic programs that inspire, build, and strengthen character, and challenge women to become leaders and a positive influence at their schools, in their families, and with their colleagues at work. During the 2016-2017 school year, Bayridge serves as home to 53 students, studying a wide range of topics at 17 different schools throughout the city.

Bayridge is housed in 397 Commonwealth Avenue and in the adjacent National Historic Landmark Ayer Mansion located at 395 Commonwealth Avenue. The Ayer Mansion is the only surviving intact residential commission of the famed American artist and craftsman, Louis Comfort Tiffany. The Campaign for the Ayer Mansion, Incorporated (“CAM”), a separate 501(c)(3), also operates out of the Ayer Mansion and works to raise funds for, and oversee the restoration of this magnificent artistic treasure.

Both buildings are owned by the Trimount Foundation, Inc., also a 501(c)(3) organization.

The students, staff, and board of Bayridge and the volunteers, staff, and board of CAM provide many benefits to the Boston community, many of which are listed below together with time estimates. **Overall, Bayridge provided more than 1,700 hours of donated time for the public good and impacted an estimated 3,217 people.**

Contributions of Bayridge Residence & Cultural Center to the City of Boston

Services to Boston Elderly and Underprivileged Youth

- At Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter, students living at Bayridge visit at least 10 home-bound elderly women in Boston and deliver holiday meals to these shut-ins through a program coordinated by Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly in Jamaica Plain. **50 hours; 10 elderly people served**
- Throughout the rest of the year, Bayridge students teach computer skills to elderly residents at Kenmore Abbey, a senior apartment community in the

Fenway neighborhood, on a weekly basis. **150 hours; 20 elderly people served**

- Every Thanksgiving, Bayridge residents work at soup kitchens across the city. **30 hours; 300 people served**
- In the summer, Bayridge's Service in the City program brings high school students from all over the United States to Boston to provide public service. This past summer, Service in the City high school students volunteered with various organizations including the Rogerson House for the elderly, the Greater Boston Food Bank, Cradles to Crayons, and ReVision Urban Farm. **375 hours; 350 people served**
- Residents at Bayridge also donate their time by teaching Catechism classes to second graders at Most Holy Redeemer Parish in East Boston every Saturday morning. The mentors then attend the First Communion of the students, creating a lasting bond. **120 hours; 25 youth served**

Services to Young Professionals

- Bayridge provides a free, enriching annual lecture series – with speakers once a month— geared towards helping young professional women find meaning and balance in their lives. This year's lecture series, "Think Deeper" challenged young working women to examine themes about business social ethics. **14 hours; 20 young professionals served**
- Every year, Bayridge hosts seminars and workshops for students and young professionals. This year, Bayridge held a fall seminar on fashion and a winter workshop on the anthropology of the woman. **24 hours; 30 young professionals and students served**

Contributions of the Campaign for the Ayer Mansion to the City of Boston

Educational Services

- Each year, CAM provides more than 20 free tours of the National Historic Landmark Ayer Mansion, as well as dozens of specially arranged, low-fee tours for visitors, neighborhood groups, colleges, and schools. The tours educate visitors about the work of Louis Comfort Tiffany, the development of the Back Bay, Boston's social and cultural history at the turn of the 20th century, and the importance of preserving Boston's historic resources. **400 hours; 1,800 people of all ages served**

- CAM also works closely with Boston and other educational institutions to provide students with the opportunity to study preservation and conservation firsthand. Students from Wellesley, Boston University, the Boston Architectural College, and Roger Williams University have all toured the building, and participated in several seminars offered at the house free of charge. All lectures and presentations at the Ayer Mansion are offered to students at a dramatically reduced rate and residents and staff living at the house may attend for free. **150 hours; 120 students served.**
- Every summer, CAM provides opportunities for college students studying art history to intern at the house and undertake historic research, work with the collections, and gain experience in the administrative workings of a small non-profit. **400 hours; 2 students served**

Assistance to Local Groups

- The Ayer Mansion also serves as host to the events of many Boston non-profit organizations, assisting them in fundraising and gaining a wider audience for their causes. During the past year, the Ayer Mansion hosted a free wine and cheese event for 50 members of the Alumni Association of the New England Conservatory, and opened its doors for more than 180 participants of the Boston Society of Architects' Common Boston event to name just two. **10 hours; 220 people served**
- CAM holds an annual lecture series on the arts in Boston, which is underwritten by its board to keep ticket prices low. In addition, CAM offers dramatically reduced rates for students (\$5) and in an effort to support its neighbors, members of the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay and the Gibson House museum. **12 hours; 30 students served; 300 people served**