

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 Easter time, 8 Bayridge Residence were able to serve 232 breakfast meals and 297 lunch meals for the individuals that go to St. Francis House. **34 hours; about 230 homeless served**
- Bayridge Residents regularly go to Marian Manor in Dorchester to visit the elderly patients and accompany them. **100 hours; 10 elderly served**

- Residents at Bayridge also donate their time by teaching Catechism classes to second through fifth graders at Most Holy Redeemer Parish in East Boston every Sunday morning. The mentors then attend the First Communion of the students, creating a lasting bond. **120 hours; 25 youth served**

#### Summer Program for High School Student

- 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**
- **Medical Career Seminar I and II** is an intensive, hands-on summer internships are for high schoolers interested in pursuing medicine. Participants study the professional vocation of a doctor, shadow medical professionals, consider the meaning of suffering, discuss ethics in research and health care and analyze their personal study skills. **100 hours served; 30 youth served**
- **College Prep** at Bayridge Residence is for girls entering their junior or senior year in high school. The program will walk attendees through the application process, help them perfect their personal essay, and explain the financial aid process. It will also give them a chance to hone critical thinking skills in preparation for college life. There will also be work sessions on thriving in college and tours of several local major universities. **50 Hours served; 15 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 of human anthropology and emotional intelligence. **20 hours; 20 young professionals served**
- Bayridge has another running series, 'Think Deeper' open and free to college and young professionals, where young women have an opportunity to meet with established professionals in various fields and engage in meaningful conversations of topics related to developing in their professional career goals and their contribution to society. **20 hours; 40 college and young professionals served**

- Every year, Bayridge hosts seminars and workshops for students and young professionals. This year, Bayridge a winter workshop on communications and the need to foster relationships. **24 hours; 10 college 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.**

### 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 event for a New England Conservatory graduate to host her 'American Women Composer Boston Concert Series.' The Ayer Mansion has opened its doors for the Women's Chilton Club, the Patron's of the Vatican, and the Charlesgate Alliance for these groups to host their events. **20 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**