

PROJECT BABY FALL 2006 REPORT

VOLUNTEER COMMENTS

“Last week at shift, there was a teen mother whom I really connected with. She was only 17 years old, but has been through so much in her life. She basically needed help with every issue. I spend a lot of time just sitting down and talking to her about everything – it was moving and touching that she was trying so hard to do everything possible for her child and I found myself wanting to do everything in my capacity to help her. I really hope that things work out for her and her child... This experience made me realize how different, and difficult, life can be for some people, and made me even more committed to serving others.”

“I am so surprised at how nice all of the moms are and how happy they are to talk to us. This job can be overwhelming, but it’s great to feel like I’m actually figuring out how to inform people to help themselves lead healthier lives.”

“I’m currently working with a family that needs help with housing. The wife doesn’t know English, so I’ve been communicating through the husband, and he sounds so desperate for housing. It’s really frustrating not to be able to fix the housing crisis in Boston, but I like being so concerned about another person. I really want everything to work out well for them.”

“One incident that made me realize how severe poverty can be was when I was looking through housing materials and seeing that the average wait time is five or six years, but often even more. It’s sad that people are on the waitlist that long, and that presumably their situations are not greatly improving for that many years. It was such a reality check and a shock for me to realize that poverty can be a terrible cycle someone can get trapped in, and people can get so lost and frustrated... It’s so wonderful to be a part of a program that can give people hope that their lives CAN change.”