



2024 INCOMING BOARD MEMBER

CHELSEA BOSTON

Chelsea Boston was homeless when she found out she was pregnant with her son. Through the assistance of non-profits, she was able to get back on her feet and find housing before her child was born. Her experiences with homelessness--and the nonprofits that helped her--led her to pursue a degree in social work. She wanted to be able to help others, just as she had been helped.

Chelsea received her social work degree in 2020 from Champlain College, where she participated in the Single Parents Program. Though it is still early in her career, Chelsea has worked at two homeless shelters, the Vermont Recovery Network, and the Vermont Coalition of Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs. She is now employed at Barre City School, where she works with kids who face many of the challenges common in housing-insecure families.

In 2021, Chelsea was able to purchase her home with the help of Downstreet's down payment assistance program. Due to her involvement in this program, and the many other experiences she has had in the housing sector, Chelsea was asked to join Downstreet's Board.