



# Friends of the Russian Bilingual Services Program Newsletter

## 25 Years of Success: A Celebration to Remember

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We are thrilled to share the incredible success of the 25th anniversary celebration of our Russian Bilingual Services Program! With 150 attendees and over \$100,000 raised so far, your heartfelt support has made this milestone truly special. It was a joy to see so many familiar faces.

A sincere thank you to everyone who attended and to those who donated, even if you were unable to join us. Your contributions will help us continue our vital work, bringing hope to those who need it most. These funds will support enrichment activities, entertainment, and staff, ensuring the ongoing impact of our program. Your unwavering trust means the world to us at Hebrew Rehabilitation Center, and with your continued support, we can accomplish even more for your loved ones.

To each and every one of you—whether you've been with us since the beginning or joined us along the way—your support has been invaluable, and for that, we are deeply grateful.

I want to extend my appreciation to the leadership of HSL, our incredible staff, our panelists, the moderator, and all who attended. Your presence and support made this event truly special. Here's to 25 more years of excellence! Alexandra

*Alexandra Dashevskaya, Director, Russian Bilingual Services Program*



## Highlights from Our 25th Anniversary Celebration



*"I'm just thinking how wonderfully all of you organized this evening-just amazing! I feel like I've grown wings, and I'm so proud to be working here. Thank you so much for the inspiration!"*



*"A heartfelt thank you for the love and care HRC shows to our beloved elders. Everyone spoke from the heart. The food was excellent."*



*"Thank you so much for such a wonderful evening yesterday. Everything flowed so seamlessly, all the speeches, along with all the participants, were truly outstanding. A huge thank you for everything you and your team do every day. I deeply understand the hard work and patience behind it all...I recognized many familiar faces. My deepest respect to all of you! I am very proud of the program. I made an online donation and encouraged my friends to do the same."*



## Your Feedback and Kind Words Matter



*"You are amazing, and we can always rely on you. You have been always here for us, the workers in our program. Our program thrives and flourishes because you created it and continue to support all our projects"*



*"I am grateful and privileged to have my mother to be part of Russian Bilingual Program. I could have only dreamed that she will be in such a place in her most senior days. You and your stuff are exceptional people. I am happy that fundraising was a success, and glad to be part of it even in a small way."*



*"The evening was a grand success with a capital 'S'! An amazing atmosphere of warmth and kindness, flawless organization, and all the speakers touched our souls and hearts. Everyone was focused on the stage, rather than on the iPhones, which is rare these days. You and your teams put in an incredible amount of effort caring for our families, and we are truly grateful to you. We are always happy to support you!"*



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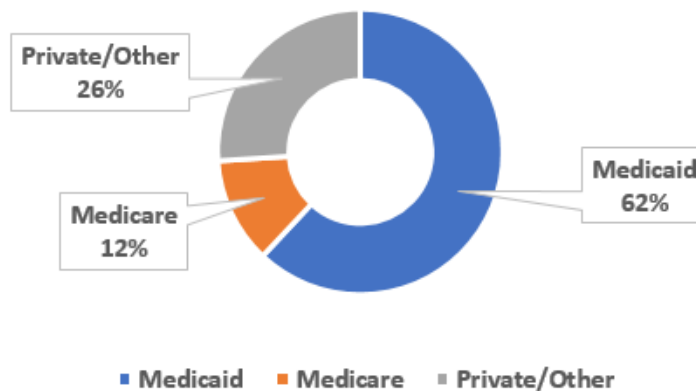
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## Giving Care a Heart: How Philanthropy Makes a Difference

Philanthropy is the lifeblood of institutions like Hebrew Senior Life, and the Bilingual Russian Program, in particular. It enables the Program to go beyond basic care, covered by Medicare and Medicaid, ensuring that patients live with dignity, purpose, and in connection to their heritage. **Specifically in the Jewish tradition, the concept of *I'dor v'dor*—from generation to generation—underscores the sacred responsibility to honor and care for our elders.** Jewish non-profit long-term care facilities embody this value, offering not only medical and personal care but also a deeply rooted sense of community, identity, and spiritual continuity. Through philanthropy, **Friends and Supporters of the Bilingual Russian Program** have become stewards for community continuity for those who only can speak Russian in their advanced age—ensuring that our elders are not only cared for but also cherished, and that their stories, traditions, and wisdom continue to inspire future generations.

### Massachusetts: Distribution of Certified Nursing Facility Residents by Primary Payer Source in 2024 KFF



Similar to the overall statistics in Massachusetts, most patients in the Russian Bilingual Program are dually eligible Medicaid and Medicare beneficiaries, with Medicare covering acute care and Medicaid providing payments for room and board, as well as Medicare co-payments and deductibles. Recent study suggests that on average, Medicaid only covers 82% of the true cost of care, and for non-profit organization such as Hebrew Senior Life, this could go as low as 76%. Therefore, supplementing low Medicaid with donations is vital for creating a home like environment and programming. After all, philanthropy, at its heart, is not just about money—it is about love, about making sure our family members and loved one live with joy, respect, and the dignity they deserve. When you give, you are not just helping—you are transforming lives.