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Charlie King, Bev Grant, and special guests to open Haley House’s 50th Anniversary Weekend on Dec 2!

Join Charlie King and Bev Grant on Friday, December 2 at 7:30 pm at Boston College High School in Dorchester for this heart-warming, fun-filled, musical fundraiser to kick off the Haley House 50th Anniversary Weekend. After 40 years of friendship and mutual admiration, the two folksingers are joining forces and taking their show on the road. The evening will be rooted in the history of Haley House with songs that have inspired and supported activists for many decades. Charlie and Bev will be joined for this special evening by Ben Tousley, Bob Franke, Martha Leader, Kate Stevens and Sue Kranz!

Charlie King is a musical storyteller and political satirist. He was born and raised in Brockton, Massachusetts in 1947 and cites the folk music revival of the 1960s, the American Civil Rights Movement and the Vietnam War era as his as musical influences. His songs have been recorded and sung by other performers such as Pete Seeger, Holly Near, Ronnie Gilbert, John McCutcheon, Arlo Guthrie, Peggy Seeger, Chad Mitchell and Judy Small. Honors include an "Indie" award for one of the top three folk recordings of 1984. In May 1998, the War Resisters League gave their Peacemaker Award to Charlie and to Odetta. Pete Seeger nominated Charlie for the Sacco-Vanzetti Social Justice Award, which he received in November 1999. Charlie has released a dozen solo albums since 1976. He has also released three albums with the touring ensemble Bright Morning Star, and numerous compilation albums with other artists. Folk legend Peggy Seeger said, "If we had more Charlie Kings in the world I'd be less worried," to which Tom Paxton added, "Luckily, we have him!" For nearly 40 years, Charlie has played a December concert for Haley House, and this year he is bringing a group of friends along for the fun.

Bev Grant grew up singing and playing in Portland, Oregon, where she began her performing career as a child in a band with her two sisters. After moving to New York City, she devoted herself to topical songwriting and social activism, notably in her band The Human Condition. Bev is featured on the Grammy-nominated Best of Broadside album and is the founder and director of the Brooklyn Women’s Chorus. Her song “We Were There” has become an anthem of women in the labor movement. “Songwriting became my way to work out thoughts, feelings, and beliefs, and to connect with others. I began to understand that most of our stories, poor and working people’s stories, aren’t what we hear on the radio. I continue to write songs that focus on poor and working women the
world around. I look for the common threads that bind us through the personal stories of real people, each struggling for a better life.”

This weekend of events is the culmination of Haley House’s celebration of **50 years of commitment to food with purpose and the power of community**. We hope you can join us for our entire weekend of celebration on **December 2-4, 2016**. For more info, visit: [www.haleyhouse.org/50years](http://www.haleyhouse.org/50years)

**To make an online donation to Haley House, go to:** [www.haleyhouse.org/donate](http://www.haleyhouse.org/donate)

**About Haley House:** Since our beginning in 1966 we have believed in finding radical solutions to systemic social problems by addressing them at their roots, challenging the attitudes and structures that perpetuate suffering and injustice. Founded a soup kitchen and shelter in the Catholic Worker tradition in 1966, Haley House now stands committed not only to direct services - a soup kitchen, meal for elders, and food pantry - but also to other critical needs in our society: we have developed more than 100 units of permanent, affordable housing in the South End; established urban agricultural programs in both the South End and Roxbury; and spearheaded the development of two social enterprises, the Haley House Bakery Café, and Dudley Dough.

**Weekend Schedule:**
Friday 12/2 7:30 PM @ Boston College High School, Dorchester
Haley House 50th Anniversary Folk Concert with Charlie King and Bev Grant

Saturday 12/3 10:30-2:30 PM @ Bruce C. Bolling Municipal Bldg, Roxbury
Haley House 50th Anniversary Forum

Saturday 12/3 6:30 PM @ Boston College High School, Dorchester
Haley House 50th Anniversary Dinner

Sunday 12/4 10 AM @ Bruce C. Bolling Municipal Bldg, Roxbury
Haley House 50th Anniversary Gathering and Reflection

For press releases on events during the 50th Anniversary Weekend, go to [www.haleyhouse.org/50media](http://www.haleyhouse.org/50media)