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## CRAIG WELTON, CHIEF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER



*If there's any opportunity to make a meaningful impact in someone's life,*

**I WANT TO TAKE IT.**

### ABOUT BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF DORCHESTER:

BGCD is dedicated to making a positive impact on youth and families in the Dorchester community. Its three clubhouses allow Dorchester's young people to learn, explore talents, play and make friends. Today, members have access to 200+ activities for just \$5 a year. Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester annually serves over 4,000 children between the ages of two months and 18 years. During the school year, the Club serves approximately 250 meals every weekday.

Equipped with a lifetime of advocacy and motivated by an unwavering dedication to serving others, Craig's leadership of fundraising and development efforts enables BGCD to reach more families, scale its services, and fulfill its mission.

### KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

*Fundraising:* Craig has helped nonprofits including BGCD, Northeast Arc, and Best Buddies broaden their impact by skillfully leading significant fundraising efforts.

*Community Development:* Under Craig's strategic leadership, BGCD is moving forward with a \$70M capital campaign for the Fieldhouse+, a state-of-the-art facility at Columbia Point. At Northeast Arc, Craig navigated the pandemic to bring a \$3M campaign to fruition that created a community center for people with disabilities and their families; he did this while increasing general operating fundraising to \$2M+ annually.

*Strategic Planning:* When the 2008 recession caused Best Buddies MA & RI to lose state funding, Craig was instrumental in developing a nationally recognized event leveraging well-known celebrities and raising in excess of \$5M annually to keep programming financially viable and establish the organization as a household name.

*Program Management:* At Best Buddies, Craig launched and managed inclusion programs that positively impacted tens of thousands of people in hundreds of communities.

*Academics:* Craig holds a BA from Saint Anselm College; an MPA from Northeastern University (NU); an Executive Certificate of Nonprofit Leadership from Duke University and an Executive Certificate in Social Entrepreneurship from The Stanford University Graduate School of Business. He is an adjunct professor at NU's Graduate Program of Nonprofit Management.

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND RECOGNITION

*Elected Leader:* As Peabody's Ward 1 Councilor, Craig represents a diverse community while balancing a variety of local priorities.

*Board Membership:* Craig is an active and previous member of several local boards including: The Sisters Wish, Best Buddies MA & RI, and North Shore Children's Museum (Founding Board Member).

*Awards and Recognition:* Among other accolades, Craig was named to the Boston Business Journal's '40 Under 40', recognizing Greater Boston's best and brightest young business leaders.