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“People will remember the way you
HELPED LIFT THEM UP.”

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.

Since joining BGCD in 1988, Mary has been a central source of leadership and influence at the Club. Her commitment to inclusion, education, and relationship building has been critical in establishing BGCD as a leading provider of youth services in Boston.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Program Management & Development: Mary oversees the Club's early education centers, licensed school age programs, inclusive services, L.I.F.T., Family Engagement and Community Partnerships. She spearheaded the creation of BGCD's nationally-acclaimed inclusion program, including the award-winning Project BIND, as well as the LIFT program, which assists individuals and families in building financial security. Mary also designed and implemented BCGD's behavioral health program after the COVID-19 pandemic.

Partnerships: Mary maintains close relationships with numerous community partners at the Club and has worked closely with Boston's leaders as well as various state representatives and senators to increase access to educational opportunities across Massachusetts.

Relationship Building: Mary has fostered trusting relationships with thousands of members and their families, navigating cultural differences to provide services that meet the community's needs.

Event Organization: Mary and her team coordinate dozens of annual events for families in need, including holiday gift giving projects, resource fairs, family field trips and cultural celebrations.

Mentorship: Mary works on a local and national level to promote recognition of the professionals leading early learning. Under her leadership, the Club's turnover rate amongst educators is one of the lowest in the state. Mary leads a team of 40 staff across programs.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & RECOGNITION

Board Membership: Mary is a trustee on the Don and Marilyn Rodman Family Foundation and serves as the Neighborhood Agent for the Dorchester Family Engagement Network. Previously, she served as a trustee on the Bessie Tarrt Wilson Initiative for Children and as President of the Governing Council Board of the Boston Community Partnerships Programs. Mary represents BGCD as a member of Fields Corner Crossroads, a collaboration of eight Dorchester agencies.

Awards & Recognition: Among other accolades, Mary received the Lifetime Advocacy Award by Boston Association for the Education of Young Children and The InnerCity Network of Early Childhood Professionals, Boston Irish Honors, and the Embracing the Legacy award by the Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps.