

WE ARE:

For more than 50 years, [Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester \(BGCD\)](#) has been Boston's premier youth development agency and a trusted cornerstone of the Dorchester community.

Serving [more than 4,000 young people](#), from two months through age 18, the Club provides a [safe, enriching place](#) where youth and families have every opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive. Our [three Clubhouses in Dorchester](#) offer [200+ quality programs](#) that promote academic success, healthy lifestyles, leadership development, artistic expression, behavioral health, and social connection. Each day, our caring staff guide our youth as they build confidence, explore their passions, and form lifelong relationships.

In the Spring of 2027 we will be expanding our footprint with the opening of a [75,000 sq ft, fully inclusive facility](#) and the site of our fourth Clubhouse - [The FieldHouse+](#).

In partnership with The Martin Richard Foundation, we will create a space that will change the landscape for our youth for generations to come!

NEWLA:

We welcome you to celebrate the [2026 New England Women's Leadership Awards \(NEWLA\)](#) as we recognize and honor remarkable women who meet the challenges they face with [confidence, persistence, and compassion](#). NEWLA was intentionally created to provide positive role models for the young women we serve at BGCD. Hosted by Emmy Award-winning WBZ-TV news anchor [Lisa Hughes](#), who serves as emcee for this unforgettable evening, the program will shine a powerful spotlight on our honorees and the extraordinary contributions they make to our community. Together, we will celebrate leadership, resilience, and opportunity while directly investing in programs that empower young women to discover their voice, build confidence, and pursue their full potential. We hope you will [join us for an inspiring evening](#) that not only touches hearts, but creates lasting change in the lives of our young women.



PAST HONOREES:

1993
SALLY J. GREENBERG
JUNE ROKOFF
LIZ WALKER
GLORIA JOHNSON-POWELL
BARBARA STEVENS

1994
DR. DEBORAH PROTHROW-STITH
JOAN BENOIT SAMUELSON
MARIAN HEARD
DONNA LATSON-GITTENS
SHERI POE

1995
DR. MARGARET HENNIG
DR. ANNE JARDIM
CATHY MINEHAN
DEBRA ZEYEN
KIP TIERNAN
PAM FERNANDES

1996
FRANCES MOSELEY
SHERRY PENNEY
KAREN SMYERS
RINA SPENCE
NATALIE JACOBSON

1997
PEGGY CHARREN
JACKIE MACMULLAN
JOAN WALLACE BENJAMIN
BARBARA WHELAN
MARTHA CROWNINSHIELD

1998
FRAN RODGERS
MARGOT HILL
PAT FLYNN
JACKIE JENKINS-SCOTT
ALFREDA HARRIS

1999
LINDA MASON
KASEY KAUFMAN
ROSABETH MOSS KANTER
JANE ALEXANDER
DIANA GOLDEN BROSNIAN

2000

HOLLY METCALF
LOIS SILVERMAN
NANCY ORIOL
DEBORAH JACKSON
MARTHA COAKLEY

2001
MARA ASPINALL
MARGOT STERN STROM
REV. DR. GLORIA ELAINE
WHITE-HAMMOND
ELLEN PARKER
KATHY DELANEY SMITH
JENNY THOMPSON

2002
CLEMENTINA CHERY
LINDA DORCENA FORRY
MARIAN HEARD
JOANNA LAU

2003
ELAINE SCHUSTER
CATHERINE D'AMATO
ANDREA CABRAL
KRISTINE LILLY

2004
HARRIET LEWIS
LT. GOVERNOR KERRY HEALEY
CAROL FULP
DR. SUSAN BRIGGS
REGINA PISA
MAUREEN PETERSON

2005
EUNICE KENNEDY SHRIVER
DR. ROSEANNA MEANS
COMMISSIONER KATHLEEN
O'TOOLE
JANET FINE
MARY ANN PESCE

2006
BARBARA LEE
DR. PAULA JOHNSON
JOYCE KULHAWIK
ALISON ROCKETT FRASE
SHIRLEY SEALS
SHIRLEY SINGLETON

2007

CHERYL KANE
DR. JENNIFER LEANING
PEG FEODOROFF
TRISH KARTER
PHYLLIS GODWIN

2008
GRACE FEY
JUDY WALDEN-SCARAFILE
DR. AZZIE YOUNG
DR. CAROLYN KAELEN
MARILYN RODMAN
MAUREEN FEENEY

2009
TIZIANA DEARING
ELAINE ULLIAN
TIFFANY R. WARREN
CORINNE FERGUSON
MARY KINSELLA SCANNELL
KAI LEIGH HARRIOTT
TONYA DAVID

2010
LYNDIA DOWNIE
RUTH N. BRAMSON
MAGDALEN BISH
SR. MARGARET A. LEONARD
KAREN KEATING ANSARA

2011
JOAN CUTLER
CORINNE GROUSBECK
MONICA SPRAGUE JORGE
ERIN McDONOUGH
MARY O'BRIEN
RUTH ELLEN FITCH

2012
CARMEN ORTIZ
DIANE B. PATRICK
MARGARET BLOOD

2013
BARBARA LYNCH
KRISTEN MCCOSH
DR. MYECHIA MINTER-JORDAN
ELLEN ZANE

2014

THE CORCORAN WOMEN
LISA DONOVAN
HARMONI TURNER

2015
NORA BASTON
DR. CHERI A. BLAUWET
JOANNE Y. JAXTIMER
QUEENETTE SANTOS

2016
KRISTAL BANFIELD
SHAWNA YOUNG
SWANEE HUNT
LISA HUGHES

2017
JOANNE CHANG
DONNA GAVIN
BECCA PIZZI

2018
DENISE BURGESS
SANDRA FENWICK
LORRIE HIGGINS
MELISSA REILLY

2019
KENELL BROOMSTEIN
YVONNE GARCIA
NOELLE LAMBERT

2020
JULIE FRATES

2021
SHERRY DONG
TERESA MAYNARD
SAMANTHA MEWIS
DORA ULLIAN

2022
DR. KIZZMEKIA CORBETT
JEN FAIGEL
SILVIA LOPEZ CHAVEZ

2023
COLLETTE DIVITTO
PAMELA EVERHART
TANIYA NAYAK

2024
CARA BELVIN
ALLISON FEASTER
HUONG VU

2025
THE CORCORAN WOMEN
LISA DONOVAN
HARMONI TURNER

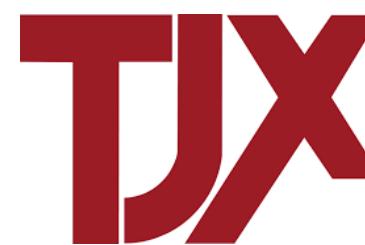
PAST EVENT CHAIRS

LAUREN BAKER
HEATHER CAMPION
KATHERINE CRAVEN
MARTHA CROWNINSHIELD
DONNA DRISCOLL
CARLINE DUROCHER
SUSAN MENINO FENTON
LINDA DORCENA FORRY
NANCY FRIEDMAN
CAROL FULP
ANNISSA ESSAIBI GEORGE
PAM HAMLIN
TERESA HEINZ
LINDA PIZZUTI HENRY
LORRIE HIGGINS
POOJA IKA
JOANNE JAXTIMER

KAREN KAPLAN
AMY LATIMER
CHANELLE MAYO
LORETTA MC LAUGHLIN
ANGELA MENINO
CATHY MINEHAN
MARY ANN PESCE
COLETTE PHILLIPS
CHARLOTTE GOLAR RICHIE
JUNE ROKOFF
ANN ROMNEY
LOIS SILVERMAN
ALMA WAHLBERG
LIZ WALKER
KIMBERLY WILLIAMS
SAKEENA WILLIAMS



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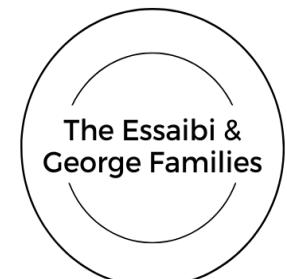
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COMMITTEE*



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Company or Individual Name: _____
(as it should appear in printed materials)
Primary Contact: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
Company/Billing Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Facebook Page: _____ Instagram Handle: _____

SPONSOR

- \$100,000 PRESENTING
- \$75,000 PREMIER
- \$50,000 PLATINUM
- \$25,000 GOLD
- \$15,000 SILVER
- \$10,000 BRONZE
- \$7,500 PATRON
- \$5,000 TABLE

- I AM UNABLE TO ATTEND BUT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION OF \$ _____

By check payable to Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester in the amount of \$ _____

(Please mail checks to 1135 Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester, MA 02125.)

Please charge my Visa / MasterCard / Amex Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Name of Cardholder: _____ Security Code: _____

Billing Address (if different from above): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Signature: _____

To learn more, please visit bgcdorchester.org/NEWLA.

Please reply by March 30 to:
Patty Lamb, Sr. Director of Marketing & Communications
Phone: 617-288-7120 Fax: 617-288-8221 Email: plamb@bgcdorchester.org

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

PRESENTING \$100,000

- Title of the event will include "presented by xxx"
- Exclusive VIP reception with honorees
- Premier seating for (20) guests (\$10,000 value)
- Opportunity to welcome guests from the podium
- Co-branded exclusive volunteer engagement opportunity
- Custom artwork created by BGCD members
- Logo will appear on event materials including: invitation, program book, individual banner, website, and podium AV presentation
- Full-page ad on the inside cover of program book
- 3 social media posts across BGCD platforms

PREMIER \$75,000

- Exclusive VIP reception with honorees
- Premier seating for (20) guests (\$10,000 value)
- Co-branded exclusive volunteer engagement opportunity
- Custom artwork created by BGCD members
- Logo will appear on event materials including: invitation, program book, individual banner, website, and podium AV presentation
- Full-page ad prominently placed in program book
- A dedicated social media post on BGCD platforms

PLATINUM \$50,000

- Exclusive VIP reception with honorees
- Premier seating for (10) guests (\$5,000 value)
- Logo will appear on event materials including: invitation, program book, individual banner, website, and podium AV presentation
- Full-page ad prominently placed in program book
- A dedicated social media post on BGCD platforms

GOLD \$25,000

- Exclusive VIP reception with honorees
- Premier seating for (10) guests
- Logo will appear on event materials including: program book, individual banner, website, and podium AV presentation
- Full-page ad in program book

SILVER \$15,000

- One table for (10) guests (\$5,000 value)
- Logo will appear on event materials including: program book, individual banner, website, and AV presentation
- Full-page ad in program book

BRONZE \$10,000

- One table for (10) guests (\$5,000 value)
- Logo will appear on event materials including: program book, event banner, website, and AV presentation
- Full-page ad in program book

PATRON \$7,500

- One table for (10) guests (\$5,000 value)
- Name will appear on event materials
- Half-page ad in program book

TABLE \$5,000

- One table for (10) guests (\$5,000 value)
- Company name listed in program book

MORE BENEFITS: Your sponsorship directly advances our mission while positioning your company in front of a highly influential audience. In addition to on-site recognition, select levels will receive expanded visibility through our media outreach and marketing efforts as well as our in-house publications and social media channels. NEWLA has been featured in The Boston Globe, Boston Magazine, Dorchester Reporter, WBZ, and more. Your investment is a tax deductible gift that strengthens our ability to meet the evolving needs of the children and families we serve.

OUR AUDIENCE: NEWLA attracts more than 500 civic-minded attendees annually who live and work in Greater Boston. They represent some of the region's most respected businesses and financial institutions, government agencies, and nonprofit organizations, and share a commitment to supporting the next generation of leaders in our city.

2026 NEWLA CHAIR



Annissa Essaibi George

***Partnership Advisor, Big Brothers
Big Sisters of Eastern Mass***

Annissa Essaibi George is a lifelong Dorchester resident, mom of four, former Boston Public Schools teacher, business owner, and first-generation American. She is a fierce advocate for young women and girls as both a role model and mentor and is excited to Chair the 2026 New England Women's Leadership Awards (NEWLA).

Annissa was elected Boston City Councilor At-Large in 2015 and ran for Mayor in 2021. As the first BPS teacher elected to the Council and former Chair of the Education Committee, she championed increased school funding, student support services, vocational education, and school safety.

A founder and former chair of the Council's Committee on Homelessness, Mental Health, and Recovery, Annissa led efforts to support students experiencing homelessness and advance access to mental health care. She is the owner of Stitch House in Dorchester, former CEO & President of the Big Sister Association of Greater Boston, is a "Big Sister" and a mentor in the Big Brothers Big Sisters New Girls Network. A proud Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester alum, Annissa and her family remain deeply rooted in the Dorchester community.