



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS  
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# New England WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP Awards 2026

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# 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 BROSNIAHAN
- 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 KAELIN  
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
- 2013

CARMEN ORTIZ  
DIANE B. PATRICK  
MARGARET BLOOD
- 2014

BARBARA LYNCH  
KRISTEN MCCOSH  
DR. MYECHIA MINTER-JORDAN  
ELLEN ZANE
- 2015

NORA BASTON  
DR. CHERI A. BLAUWET  
JOANNE Y. JAXTIMER  
QUEENETTE SANTOS
- 2016

KRYSTAL 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



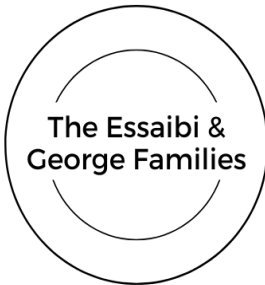
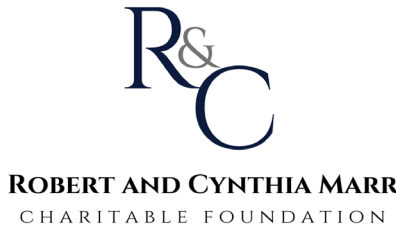
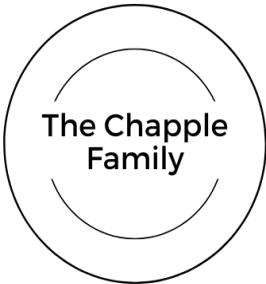
# PAST EVENT CHAIRS

- LAUREN BAKER  
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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  
CHANTEL MAYO  
LORETTA MCLAUGHLIN  
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



# PAST SPONSORS



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# SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

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(as it should appear in printed materials)  
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## 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## ADVERTISE

- ☐ \$1,500 FULL PAGE AD IN EVENT PROGRAM GUIDE
- ☐ \$800 HALF PAGE AD IN EVENT PROGRAM GUIDE
- ☐ \$500 QUARTER PAGE AD IN EVENT PROGRAM GUIDE

## 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

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](http://bgcdorchester.org/NEWLA).

Please reply by March 30 to:  
Patty Lamb, Sr. Director of Marketing & Communications  
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**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.