Changing Lives Gala 2020 to Honor Susan Wornick on May 20

Bay Cove Human Services is thrilled to announce that this spring, at our 2020 Changing Lives Gala, we will be presenting our Changing Lives Award to legendary Boston newscaster Susan Wornick.

Susan has been a dedicated supporter of Bay Cove for many years, working to shine the spotlight on the work that Bay Cove does and the people that we serve. She holds a deep personal commitment to the agency’s mission, and played a wonderful, central role in the success of our Changing Lives Gala for the last five years, during which time she’s been an exemplary host and auctioneer, and one of the most popular parts of the annual event.

A member of the Massachusetts Broadcasters Hall of Fame, Susan earned numerous awards during more than three decades in journalism, including three regional Emmy Awards. And she’s made just as much impact—perhaps even more—through her unwavering support of numerous nonprofits. In addition to her tireless efforts on behalf of Bay Cove, she has supported organizations including Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless, Mayyim Hayyim and countless others., and has been honored by the State Department of Youth Services for her volunteer work with troubled teenagers. For her commitment to supporting those with the greatest challenges, we’re proud to be honoring Susan with this year’s Changing Lives Award.

The Gala will be held Wednesday, May 20, at the Westin Waterfront Hotel. The event will feature a cocktail reception, a delicious dinner, silent and live auctions, inspiring stories from individuals served at Bay Cove, and more wonderful surprises!

We hope you’ll be able to join us May 20 for this unforgettable evening celebrating the life-changing work done each day at Bay Cove. For more information about this year’s Gala, please visit www.baycove.org/gala. For sponsorship and ticket information, please contact David Hirschberg at 617-371-3167 or dhirschberg@baycove.org.

(Pictured) Susan Wornick hosting the 2019 Changing Lives Gala.
As I write this, we’ve very recently entered a brand new year, and a brand new decade. It’s 2020—a number that, until the calendar turned its page, most of us primarily tended to associate with “vision.”

As the CEO of Bay Cove—an organization tasked with the vitally important responsibility of providing services for thousands of men, women and children dealing with life’s greatest challenges—I appreciate the importance of having a well-defined vision. Our founder, Dan Boynton, had a vision back in 1974 of establishing an organization that was dedicated to helping the people that nobody else could or would, and that vision has only grown sharper and clearer in the 46 years since.

Bay Cove’s vision has been shaped by the guiding principles adopted and fostered by the agency, and by all of us who’ve been fortunate enough to work here.

At Bay Cove, we believe that everyone has value. We especially welcome people with complex sets of challenges, people who—in many cases—other organizations are unable to help. This belief was one of Dan’s key tenets—that there are no “throwaway people.”

Our services are outcome-focused, individualized, and designed to build on the strengths of the whole person. We know that there is no “one size fits all” approach to services.

We also know that the strength of our services relies on the talents and expertise of our staff. We provide exemplary staff training and professional development opportunities, understanding that ongoing learning is essential to quality improvement. Our staff, as I’ve said many times before, is our greatest resource, and ensuring that we continue to attract and retain the highest quality human services workers is one of Bay Cove’s primary goals in 2020, and beyond.

Our organization’s leadership makes use of a participatory management style that includes input from staff throughout the agency and fosters an affirmative work environment, where open communication, honesty, professionalism, teamwork, and integrity are key. I believe that this commitment to making sure our employees’ voices are heard is one of the factors that has encouraged so many Bay Cove staff to stay with our agency for years, and even decades.

We operate Bay Cove in a fiscally responsible manner. This practice protects the long-term health and stability of our organization, and ensures that we will always be able to provide the highest quality services to the people in our programs.

Collaboration has also always been key to the success of Bay Cove. We work in close partnership with the individuals and families we serve—and this commitment to working in partnership extends to our neighbors, affiliated organizations, funding sources, and all of our supporters who share our belief in Bay Cove’s mission.

As we enter this new year, all of us at Bay Cove remain committed to upholding our agency’s guiding principles, and we’re encouraged, as always, by the support that we receive in fulfilling that mission from you. Whether you’re new to Bay Cove, or a loyal longtime supporter, we are grateful to you for the role you play in ensuring that our vision of full, rich lives for people with the greatest challenges continues to be realized, one person at a time.
Artful Seeds Fellowship Unleashes Creativity and Joy

In September, Bay Cove was chosen by fellow Boston non-profit The Art Connection as one of the organizations to participate in their Artful Seeds Artists Fellowship. The program unites local artists with area non-profits.

Artist Cicely Carew of Cambridge (pictured right) was paired with Bay Cove’s Mental Health Services programs at the Dr. Solomon Carter Fuller Mental Health Center, with Carew coming to the program and creating a colorful mural installation in partnership with program staff and persons served.

The collaboration allowed individuals served by our clinicians to express their creativity, and participate in the creation of a permanent art installation at the Fuller.

To learn more about Bay Cove’s involvement in the Artful Seeds Fellowship, please visit https://tinyurl.com/y2lgox6g.

Clothing Donations Help Those We Serve Stay Warm This Winter

For the significant number of men and women we serve at Bay Cove who struggle with poverty or are homeless, the winter months are the most difficult and dangerous to negotiate. Thankfully, we have many generous supporters who show the warmest of hearts during the coldest time of year. This winter, Bay Cove has been the recipient of much-needed donations of warm winter clothing, as well as financial donations to purchase such clothing. Additionally, we’ve had a number of coat and clothing drives conducted on our behalf.

Our thanks to all of the organizations who have conducted drives for and donated to Bay Cove, including Armstrong Ambulance Service, Audley Travel, Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Brooks Brothers, Elements Massage, Floyd Advisory, Holway Child Study Center, HW Staffing Solutions, Johnson Controls, Medtronic, One Beacon Insurance, Optum, Oxfam America, PatientPing, Peabody and Arnold, Vantage Travel, Waves Car Wash and many others.

Also this winter, for the second straight holiday season, our CASPAR Shelter and Outreach programs ran the Give Homelessness the BOOT! campaign, with the goal of providing 100 pairs of new winter boots and winter gear for our shelter guests. We’re proud to say that we met that goal, and our profound thanks go out to the following donors who supported our boot drive and/or donated winter clothing to CASPAR: BioMed Realty, Congregation Sha’aray Solomon, DivcoWest, Intellia Therapeutics, KA Ricco Hair Design, Lori Lander and 365 Helping Hands, Life Science Cares, MIT, Nimbus Therapeutics, Nizhoni Health, and ShellTech.

With weeks of winter yet ahead, we still have a great need for items like winter coats (particularly large sizes XL-5XL), winter gloves, winter boots, new wool socks, new underwear (both men and women) and men's pants. If you would like to donate, please contact Caitie Sprague at csprague2@baycove.org, or 617-619-5930.
Join Us for CASPAR’s “Strengthening Our Community” Event on April 2!

We're delighted to announce that the popular annual “Strengthening Our Community” event for our CASPAR programs will take place on April 2, from 6-8:30 p.m., at the offices of Takeda Pharmaceuticals, located at 65 Franklin St. in Cambridge. Our 2019 event was a sold-out smash success, one that brought together close to 250 friends of our agency—including members of Cambridge’s civic and business communities, elected officials and neighbors—and raised more than $225,000 to support our life-saving work with individuals challenged by homelessness and addiction.

This year, we're honored to be presenting the Carl F. Barron Catalyst for Change Award to Mark Roopenian and his team at DivcoWest for their steadfast support of CASPAR and their commitment to helping our most vulnerable neighbors throughout Cambridge and Somerville.

Returning as our event co-chairs this year are Jeff Lockwood of Novartis and Sarah Gallop of MIT, and we're grateful to have our friends at Alexandria Real Estate on board as our lead sponsors for the event.

If you’re interested in joining us for Strengthening Our Community, please visit www.casparevent.org, or contact CASPAR Director of Development Julia W. Londergan at jlondergan@baycove.org for more information. We hope to see you there on April 2!

This autumn, members of Bay Cove’s Board of Directors pitched in at our CASPAR Emergency Services Shelter, where they prepared and served delicious and nutritious dinners for shelter guests. (Above, left) On October 16, (l-to-r) Board member Sally Thompson, SVP for Operations Jim Laprade, SVP & CFO Kerry Ollen, Board Chair Mike Lento, and Board Vice Chair Ruth Fishbein were part of a volunteer group, while on Thanksgiving Day, Board member Bob Bramson (not pictured) led a group of family and friends (above, right) in preparing a wonderful holiday meal. Our thanks to all our Board members for their efforts, which were greatly appreciated by the men and women we serve at the shelter!

If you would like to participate in our Cookin’ With CASPAR volunteer program, please contact Julia Londergan at jlondergan@baycove.org, or visit www.baycovehumanservices.org/cookin-with-caspar to learn more!
Team Bay Cove 2020 Hits the Ground Running

Following a very successful effort by a team of extraordinary runners who raised $80,000 in 2019, Bay Cove is thrilled to announce that we are once again fielding a team for the 2020 Boston Marathon®!

Thanks to the generosity of our friends at John Hancock Marathon Non-Profit Program, who make it possible for our agency to participate in the world’s most famous and acclaimed marathon, Bay Cove has six numbers in this year’s race. We are excited to partner once again with John Hancock and raise money for Bay Cove’s vital services for men, women and children with the greatest challenges.

Team Bay Cove 2020 consists of two returning runners, Jill Antenucci, who is running her third consecutive Marathon for Bay Cove, and Andrea Schussler, who ran her first-ever marathon for Bay Cove last spring; Alexandra Hanson, a Bay Cove staff member; Brittany Piotrkowski, a member of our agency’s Young Professional Advocacy Board; and Bay Cove supporters Lisa Ponte and Kimberly Ranft. Together, these six amazing runners make up the first-ever all-woman Team Bay Cove!

Our team members are well into their training for the race—aided by a mild winter that we all hope continues! The runners are also actively engaged in their fundraising efforts. To learn more about the team, and to support their run for Bay Cove with a donation, please visit our team fundraising page at www.baycove.org/marathon.

We thank you, as always, for your support. Say it with us… GO TEAM BAY COVE!!!!
Holidays A Time For Friends and Celebration at Bay Cove

(Top): Christmas at our Early Intervention program is always joyous, thanks in large part to our longtime Bay Cove supporters, the “Fifty Families.” Each year, this group of supporters based in the town of Lincoln fulfills holiday wish lists from families served by the program. Led by Tucker Smith (pictured, top left, with this year’s amazing array of gifts), the group arrived on Dec. 12 with hundreds of presents, more than 4,000 diapers, and other items to make the season bright. As always, we cannot thank these generous friends enough for their profound kindness!

(Below): Continuing a beloved holiday tradition, our friends Garry and Lynne Smith hosted a Hanukkah celebration at Center Club, one of Bay Cove’s clubhouses for men and women with mental illness. The annual holiday celebration was started, and fostered for many years, by longtime Bay Cove supporter Burton Herman, who passed away in 2019. Mr. Herman’s son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Jennifer Herman, (pictured, second and third from right) were in attendance, carrying forward the family commitment to Bay Cove and those we serve.
On October 19, The Association for Behavioral Healthcare (ABH) hosted its annual Salute to Excellence event, recognizing exceptional achievements by providers of mental health and substance use disorder services.

At the event, Joe Spinale, Director of Recovery for Bay Cove’s Mental Health Services, was honored with the Moe Armstrong Award for Peer Leadership. Bay Cove President & CEO Bill Sprague was in attendance at the Boston Marriott Newton to present the award to Joe.

Our heartiest congratulations to Joe for this wonderful and well-deserved recognition!
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MISSION:

Bay Cove Human Services partners with people to overcome challenges and realize personal potential.

Our Adult Day Health (ADH) programs offer individualized health, wellness, and social supports to seniors who may require nursing treatment or monitoring.