

# News Release

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## **Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership tips its hat to its 4,300-plus property owners and property managers**

BOSTON – Property owners and property management companies are critical to successful rental assistance partnerships. And on March 4, MBHP celebrated their owners’ and managers’ commitment to affordable housing and honored the best of the best.

The seventh annual MBHP Property Owner Appreciation Event, held at MBHP’s Lincoln Street facility near South Station, featured a cocktail and appetizer mixer, followed by the keynote speaker and presentation of awards to four of MBHP’s 4,300 property owners/managers who exemplify “above and beyond” commitment to their tenants.

Keynote Gregory Vasil, president and CEO of the Greater Boston Real Estate Board, greeted the property owners and managers with thanks for the part they play in the area’s quality, affordable housing. He also discussed the Greater Boston real estate market in light of the current economic climate as well as efforts by the GBREB to support and advocate for property owners throughout the area.

Four MBHP property owners/managers then were presented awards for going “above and beyond” for their tenants.

Josephine McNeil, executive director for the Citizens for Affordable Housing in Newton Development Corp. (CAN-DO), was honored for her ongoing dedication to creating and preserving affordable housing in Newton and for her personal attention to her tenants.



Shown are Greater Boston Real Estate Board President and CEO Gregory Vasil, MBHP Director of Property Owner and Inspectional Services Kevin Donaher, MBHP Director of Client Services Maura Pensak, award recipient Josephine McNeil, and MBHP Executive Director Chris Norris.

Nichole Anderson, of Quincy’s Faxon Commons, was recognized for her initiative in assisting a disabled tenant relocate to an accessible apartment within the Faxon Commons complex rather than leave the community she called “home.”

New Chelsea Realty’s Jerry Sneirson was recognized for his dedication to the integrity of his hometown of Chelsea – where most of his tenants live – through his personal attention to each household in his properties.

Frantz Dumond of Clopo Realty Trust was recognized for being, as his Dorchester tenants call him, “the best landlord they’ve ever had” and for his commitment to quality housing for his MBHP program participants.

Each award-winner received a certificate of appreciation; a photo with the nominator and/or presenter of the award, and a membership to the Boston Building Materials Co-Op.

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MBHP is the state's largest regional provider of rental housing voucher assistance. We serve homeless, elderly, disabled, and individuals and families with low and moderate incomes. Our region spans Boston and 29 surrounding communities; Arlington, Bedford, Belmont, Braintree, Brookline, Burlington, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Lexington, Lynn, Malden, Medford, Melrose, Milton, Newton, North Reading, Quincy, Reading, Revere, Somerville, Stoneham, Wakefield, Waltham, Watertown, Wilmington, Winchester, Winthrop and Woburn.

Our mission is to ensure that the region's low- and moderate-income individuals and families have choice and mobility in finding and retaining decent affordable housing; all of our programs and initiatives are designed to encourage housing stability, increased economic self-sufficiency, and enhanced quality of the lives of those we serve. To achieve our mission and to promote efficient service delivery, we work collaboratively with a broad array of service providers and neighborhood-based organizations.

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