

CAN-DO



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CAN-DO, Citizens for Affordable Housing in Newton Development Organization, Inc., is a community-based non-profit developer of affordable housing for individuals and families with low and moderate income.

From the President of the Board

As you know, CAN-DO has been faced with significant financial challenges over the past couple of years, as well as extreme resistance to a project we were proposing in Waban. I am happy to provide our friends and supporters with an update.

Our financial status has improved, with many thanks to forgiveness of our federal loans by the City of Newton Housing Office and a restructuring of our outstanding loan with the Cambridge Savings Bank. We were not, however, able to overcome a neighbor's opposition to the Waban project and had to abandon it.

We are now ready to resume working to achieve our mission – to provide housing affordable to low-moderate income individuals and families. We are excited about the possibility of a new project to provide housing for homeless women veterans and their children. Stay tuned!

There are two upcoming fundraising events which we hope you will support.

- **Dough Raiser at UNO** – Chicago Grill at Newton Corner. CAN-DO will receive 20% of the check for eat-in or take-out meals on September 25th and 26th.
- **Bloomingdales' Nonprofit Day** – October 29th. Purchase ticket for \$10. All proceeds from ticket sales go to CAN-DO.

For more information about these two events, go to www.newtoncando.org or call 617-964-3527.

We continue to appreciate your best wishes and tremendous support.

Kevin McCormick



2009 Annual Celebration



The stars from our Sixth Annual CAN-DO Celebration this past March are pictured above. On the left is Congressman **Barney Frank** who presented the keynote address.

Next to Rep. Frank is **Jason Rosenberg**. Attorney Rosenberg was the recipient of the Pillar Award, for his unwavering support of CAN-DO and his pro bono legal help as well. Attorney Rosenberg is a partner in the Newton law firm of Rosenberg, Freedman and Goldstein, LLP.

Next is **Josephine McNeil**, CAN-DO's Executive Director, who presented the award to **Steve Gartrell**, Associate Director for Housing and Community Development for the City of Newton (pictured to her right). Mr. Gartrell received the annual Y.I.M.B.Y. (Yes in My Backyard!) award for his 35 year role in supporting the development of affordable housing in Newton. In 1994 Mr. Gartrell fostered the formation of CAN-DO and in 1999 he provided capacity building funds which enabled CAN-DO to hire staff and establish an office.

The photo to the left is Alderman **Paul Coletti** and his wife Delores at the celebration. On their right is Michael Jellinek, CEO of Newton Wellesley Hospital.

Thanks to Mistress of Ceremonies, Robin Young of WBUR, who once again did a wonderful job. We also want to extend our thanks to the energetic crowd who attended, as well as the business and individuals who donated raffle items, and to our many sponsors.