

SAVE THE DATE
March 7, 2010—7th CAN-DO
ANNUAL CELEBRATION

Josephine Receives
2009 Mayor's Medallion Award

At the Mayor's Annual Prayer Breakfast in May, Mayor David Cohen presented one of four Medallion Awards to Josephine. These awards are presented annually to individuals and organizations that have made an outstanding contribution to the City of Newton.

In his award letter the Mayor spoke of CAN-DO's fifteen years of living out its name with an organizational attitude and a record of success which has made Newton a better place to live. In presenting the award he expressed his gratitude to Josephine for her dedication to increasing the affordable housing stock in the City and cited her for being instrumental in assisting many individuals. He also credited her with making Newton a more welcome and diverse community.

Thanks from a Tenant

I would like to extend my gratitude to CAN-DO for giving me the chance to start a new, better life and provide my children with a stable environment to call home. Having a home is an integral part in self actualization, since a person cannot move forward in life without having that basic necessity.

When I was homeless and living from place to place, Josephine offered me the apartment I currently live in without asking questions. Out of the goodness of her heart she took a leap of faith and allowed me to move in without having the deposit. In addition, she helped me with the process of finding financial aid to pay for certain rental fees. Two years later, my family and I are happy and in a good place. My children are excelling in school and I will be graduating from college with a Bachelor's degree in December 2009.

I truly believe that the wonderful turn my life has taken is a direct result of the opportunity I was given by Josephine and CAN-DO. I hope that some day in the future I can give back and pay forward all of the help I've received - - give other women in similar situations to the one I was once in the opportunity to have a safe and stable home.

Sincerely Grateful,
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Thanks from a Homeowner

Having grown up in Newton, I wanted to stay in the area to be close to family and friends as well as work. Like most households in Massachusetts, housing was a large portion of my monthly expenses and as a single person I did not share this expense with someone else.

The possibility of owning a home in Newton seemed quite frankly, unrealistic. But thankfully I was made aware of the opportunity to purchase as a first time homebuyers in the Linden Green Condominium Project developed by CAN-DO. Josephine and CAN-DO have not only provided me the opportunity to obtain homeownership in a city I love, but also remain a member of the Newton community.

Sean Jordan

Shaw/Star Receipts can raise funds for CAN-DO!
See website—www.newtoncando.org

MBHP Tips its Hat to Josephine!



In March this year, the Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership tipped its hat to four MBHP property owners/managers who were presented awards for going "above and beyond" for their tenants. Josephine was honored for her ongoing dedication to creating and preserving affordable housing in Newton and for her personal attention to her tenants.

Josephine is pictured above with 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 and MBHP Executive Director Chris Norris.

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For eat-in or take-out meals on
SEPTEMBER 25th and/or 26th