

Stronger Together

We are so impressed by the collaborative spirit demonstrated by our nonprofit leaders. They clearly understand the importance of building an effective network of strong nonprofits working together for the good of the entire community. *And* they put ideas into powerful action.

Most recently, the Executive Directors of **ACT Lawrence**, **Si Se Puede** and **Bread & Roses Housing** joined us in putting together training in the Fundamentals of Board Governance *en Espanol* for Spanish speaking nonprofit boards like **Olive in July** and **Casa de Esthersy**.



Ana Luna, Lorie Mendoza, and Yesenia Gil delivered Board training en Espanol.

But wait - there's more! **Cathy Landry**, the **YMCA's** CFO, joined the CPA firm **Barrett & Scibelli** to present the Board's Role in Financial Oversight for our Cultural Inclusion Program.



YMCA CFO Cathy Landry makes numbers come alive!

Cathy is also volunteering to help several of our nonprofits understand and present their financials in effective ways. This is truly what community looks like!

Lysbeth Noyes Honored

Community InRoads' Program Director, **Lysbeth Noyes**, was honored by our friends at **Asperger Works** at their annual Dinner of Hope.



It was a well-deserved recognition of Lysbeth for her work helping to train and develop Asperger Works' Board of Directors along with volunteer **Stacey Leibowitz** and **June Cowen Sauvageau**, CEO of NILP. Lysbeth also helped match them with volunteer **Yvonne LaGarde** who helped them with a grant template. Wow. It really does take a village.

Hail to the President

Jorge Collado, an emerging community leader and Cultural Inclusion graduate, was recruited by Neighbors In Need's Board two years ago and is now their esteemed president.



Jorge was beyond impressive up at the podium at their fundraising gala, *Soup's On*. Let's just admit it. We're gushing with pride.



Bilingual attorney **ERIKA CASTILLO** presented the Board's Role in Legal Oversight *en Espanol* to nonprofits Olive in July and Casa de Esthersy with a special flare and knowledge.



CULTURAL INCLUSION GRADUATES: Expect great things from these 15 extraordinary professional women who participated in 8 months of training in board governance and inclusion.

The Match Maker Thanks Our Volunteers

ABLED ADVOCACY will soon benefit from **LYSBETH NOYES'** customized training on Board Fundamentals followed by a facilitated session of Board Roles to Board Goals with our terrific volunteer **STACEY LEIBOWITZ**. So lucky to have them on our team.

ANCHOR OF HOPE thanks **YVONNE LAGARDE** for facilitating a "fabulous" Board retreat to help them formulate specific goals as they look toward the future.

ACT LAWRENCE'S Board Chair received expert mentoring from seasoned Groundwork Lawrence's Chair, **SARAH YOUNG**. Can't get much better than the mighty Sarah Young.

ASOCIACION CARNAVELESCA was so fortunate to have **ERNIE CINTRON** step in to help them file their 990 and financial paperwork. Ernie, you are an absolute blessing.

COMMUNITIES TOGETHER is grateful for legal advice from **ATTORNEY KARA JOHNSON**. A short consult worth a king's ransom.

COMMUNITY INROADS really struck it rich with Cultural Inclusion recruits **NORMA ORTEGA** joining our Board along with **KARINA CALDERON** as a Senior Advisor! We were also fortunate to have **TODD SMITH** lead our Board through a fantastic Board Roles to Board Goals session.

ELEVATED THOUGHT'S Board benefitted from the fundraising knowledge of **TRACY SOPCHAK** who presented a customized development orientation session to their directors.

FAMILY SERVICES OF THE MV sends a big thumbs up to **CHRIS MARTINS** for a very thorough marketing analysis on their EAP program. Just what they were looking for, Chris!

GREATER LAWRENCE FAMILY HEALTH CENTER was matched with seasoned event planner **JESSICA MOLIGNANO** who has formally joined their Business Leaders Network and Gala Committee.

NOTRE DAME CRISTO REY HS once again engaged talented photographer **KEVIN SPARKS** to capture the night at their gala.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY successfully engaged three wonderful Cultural Inclusion grads: **GUILLERMINA MARTINEZ** on their Gala Committee and **INDHIRA DELEON** and **MARIEL BATISTA** on their Family Selection Committee. Home run, Habitat!

JEANNE GEIGER CRISIS CENTER landed a special one with much sought after Cultural Inclusion graduate **JACKIE DELACRUZ** who agreed to join their Board of Directors. Congrats to all!

L'ARCHE BOSTON NORTH radiated huge smiles when Cultural Inclusion grads **LYNETTE MCRAE** and **ESTHER ALBURQUERQUE** accepted invitations to join their Board. They are also so pleased with **ADAM HAMEL's** legal review of their employee material.

LA CASA DE ESTHERSY is a brand new nonprofit that will soon be getting a brand new website with the gracious help of **MIKE URBONAS**. Good things coming from Casa de Esthersy.

LAZARUS HOUSE keeps thanking us for database guru **DAVID DREYFUS'** major enhancements to their Project Bethlehem database. David, you know we love you, right?

MERRIMACK RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL is so thankful for the financial guidance of **HAL TORMAN** and for techno-whiz **JOHN NORTON** who solved a problem with their email.

MV DREAM NETWORK can't say enough about **TRACY SOPCHAK'S** workshop on fundraising techniques. "Refreshing, knowledgeable and understandable" is what they say about Tracy.

SI SE PUEDE is benefitting from **JON MACHADO's** event planning experience for their upcoming fundraiser. Jon, you're in demand!

UNCOMMON THREADS needed a way to tell their story in concrete measurable terms to funders. Who better to help than data poet and metrics guru **KARYN MARTIN?**

WINDRUSH FARM **PETER KEIVER** did a bang-up job exercising his professional marketing eye in editing their PR Powerpoint.

YWCA NE MASS recruited a stellar new Board member – Cultural Inclusion grad **DENISE MOLINA CAPERS**. A lovely match!