

*"It has been an inspiring experience to sit with groups of students and hear their ideas, pitches, and dreams about making events that will positively influence their peers. Through Community Call, students are able to find their voice, follow their passions, and discover the success that comes from seeing a project through to the end, a skill that will benefit them significantly in their future educational and professional endeavors."*

*Shari Davis - Director, Boston Mayor's Youth Council and Youthline*

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## Community Call Young Leader Award

*Purpose: To honor a young leader who has made a positive impact in our community and whose philanthropic leadership sets an inspiring example for us all.*

Community Call was proud to present its inaugural Greater Boston Young Leader Award to Benjamin Haideri of the Mayor's Youth Council and Jonathon Feinman of Innercity Weightlifting. The award recipients, as well as all of the nominees, were honored at our Home Sweet Home event on September 28<sup>th</sup>, located at the Cambridge Hyatt Regency. The awards were hosted by Jordan Rich and presented by Josh Zakim.

Nominations were made by Community Call high school students, ONEin3 Boston, regional foundations and the general public. Benjamin Haideri and Jonathon Feinman both serve as role models to Community Call students by inspiring students to look beyond themselves and produce an event that benefits the broader community.

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*Ben Haideri, Jon Feinman, and Josh Zakim*

*Education is for  
improving the lives of  
others and for leaving  
your community and  
world better than you  
found it.*

*-Marian Wright Edelman*

## Executive Director Update



What an incredible year for Community Call! The 2012 – 2013 Academic year was the launch of Community Call’s Enrichment Program (CCEP) in event planning for at risk high school students in the Boston public schools. The program was taught as part of the in-school curriculum at Boston Preparatory Charter School in Hyde Park and afterschool at Boston Collegiate Charter School in Dorchester.

- In January, the Boston Preparatory students produced Beat the Street at Northeastern University to provide resources to help keep youth off the streets and partnered with the Mayor’s Youthline office, Boston Police Department, Northeastern University and over a dozen non-profits offering youth oriented programming .
- In May, the Boston Collegiate class produced Play It Forward, a Boston Community Fair for financially disadvantaged families at the Parkman Bandstand on the Boston Common on Mother’s Day weekend. The event featured games and nonprofit resources available for families. (Both events are highlighted in this newsletter and on the website at [www.communitycall.org](http://www.communitycall.org).)
- In the spring, Community Call launched the inaugural, Greater Boston Young Leader Award to recognize young social entrepreneurs between the ages of 17 and 35. There were 28 outstanding nominations submitted representing a wide variety of causes, neighborhoods, and backgrounds. A peer review committee chose two recipients and the award was presented by Josh Zakim at the Home Sweet Home VI event in September.
- In June, Community Call organized a free, small-midsize business summit at Cinquecento Trattoria, bringing best practice companies and nonprofits that coordinate “giving back” efforts with other companies looking to learn more about supporting the community.
- In September, Whole Foods in Charles River Plaza raised over \$7000 for Community Call from a 5% Day! We also held our Home Sweet Home fundraiser and presented the Community Call Young Leader Award. In addition, we were interviewed on the Gwen Blackburn Show on Kiss 108 and JAMN 94.5.
- This 2013-2014 year has renewed us at Boston Collegiate and we’ve added Fenway High School and the Re-Engagement Center in Roxbury, a pilot school to bring back disenfranchised youth to complete their high school education. All three schools are well on their way to outstanding community events for the spring of 2014.
- In November, Community Call joined the Peace Collaborative, a group of volunteers and organizations committed to reducing urban violence by engaging youth in activities and providing resources to keep young people off the streets.

We look forward to continuing to grow our partnerships with businesses, education centers, and nonprofits to improve the lives of our students while making a difference in the community!

*Carolyn Edwards*



## Beat the Street: January 2013 – Northeastern U.

Beat the Street was a very successful program developed, planned and executed by students at the Boston Preparatory Charter School in Hyde Park bringing together students representing 18 Boston high schools. The event was a resource fair to provide at-risk Boston high school students with alternative programs to hanging out in the street. Co-sponsors included the Mayor's Boston Youth Zone, Northeastern University, the Boston Police Department, Rebecca's Cafe and JP Licks Ice Cream. Music and emceeing was provided by D.J. Maverik of JAMN 94.5. Presenting organizations included Girls LEAP, Project Hip Hop, the Mayor's Youthline, Boston Navigator, Suffolk County Sheriff's Department for Youth, Samarateen, Teen Empowerment, Future Chefs, Louis D. Brown Peace Institute, Community Music Center Boston, Mayor's Youth Leadership Council and more with an engaging panel discussion with the students on urban violence.



## Doing Well by Doing Good

Community Call organized a small & midsize business summit held June 20, 2013 at Cinquecento Trattoria. The event was co-hosted by Phillip Clawson, Managing Director of Community Matters Group and Carolyn Edwards, the Executive Director of Community Call.

Lessons were shared from local small and midsize businesses making a difference in Boston including; Aquitaine Group, Eastern Bank, Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare, Hollister Staffing, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, Karmalooop, and Wilmer Hale.

The summit focused on ways for companies to get more involved in the community. Organizations that work with Boston area companies including: Boston Cares, Building Impact, Common Impact, Community Call, and Community Matters Group shared ways for companies to get involved.



Thank you to Whole Foods in Charles River Plaza for your register receipt month in August and your 5% Day on September 12<sup>th</sup>. Whole Food customers help to raise over \$7000 for Community Call!

Boston Collegiate Charter School – Play It Forward on the Boston Common 5/11/13



## HOME SWEET HOME 2013!



Home Sweet Home VI was a signature dessert tasting competition between 20 top Boston dessert chefs. There was a panel of celebrity judges for the top choice, as well as votes cast for guest favorites. The evening included dancing with the fabulous Love Dogs and VJ Rick Hodgkins, wine tasting hosted by Sommelier, Augusto Gabriel of Vine Link, magic by mentalist, Christopher Bolter, and an art exhibition provided by Future Boston Alliance. The Community Call Young Leader Award was presented by Josh Zakim.

Thank you to our celebrity Judges:

- Jill Epstein - Publisher, Wheretoatboston
- Andrew Rimas – Editor, Improper Bostonian
- Jordan Rich - WBZ Radio Host
- Aimee Seavey Assistant Editor, Yankee Magazine

Participating restaurants included: Area Four, Amelia's Trattoria, Bambara, Bergamot, Cambridge School of Culinary Arts, Cinquecento, Crema Café, Davio's Cuchina, Finale Desserterie, The Fireplace, Haley House Bakery & Cafe, Harvest, Henrietta's Table, Kickass Cupcakes, Konditor Meister, No9 Park, Sofra Bakery & Café, Temple Bar, Union Bar and Grille, and Zephyr's on the Charles.

### **Congratulations to our 2013 Home Sweet Home Winners!**

- **Most Decadent - Henrietta's Table**
- **Best Chocolate - Henrietta's Table**
- **Best Non-Chocolate - Temple Bar**
- **Most Creative - Zephyr on the Charles**
- **Best in Show – Finale Desserterie**



# HOME SWEET HOME & YOUNG LEADER AWARD 2013



# COMMUNITY CALL YOUNG LEADER NOMINEES

**Pierre Berastain**, Cambridge: Student at Harvard Divinity School, Immediate Past Co- Chair MA GLBT Domestic Violence Coalition, Director of Media Relations for Hispanic Black Gay Coalition, the Co-Founder and Co-Chair of the Massachusetts Restorative Justice Collaborative

**Phil Beauregard**, New Bedford: created a Marathon Bombing Victim fund raising over \$350,000

**Luis M. Echeverri**, Quincy: Mentor and Math Tutor for Year Up, Councilmember for Year Up Leadership Council, Member of Executive Board of NSHMBA (National Society of Hispanic MBAs), Vice President of Corporate Relations for NSHMBA

**Jon Feinman**, Boston: Executive Director and Founder of InnerCity Weightlifting

**Stas Gayshan**, Wayland: Founder and CEO of Space with a Soul

**Benjamin Haideri**, Roslindale: Council Member for Mayor's Youth Council Representatives 2012-2013

**Lindsay Hyde**, Founder and President of Strong Women, Strong Girls

**Justin Kang**, Cambridge: Campus and Youth Organizer, Opportunity Nation, Co-Chair, Social Investment Council, Echoing Green

**Becah Kaplan**, Beverly: founder of Panthers Partner for Israel

**Johanna Marinova**, Dorchester: Co-Director Press Pass

**Loan Nguyen**, Dorchester: Volunteer for Viet AID

**Chris Powell**, Maynard: Co-Founder and Director of The Capacity Lab, The Food Project, Board of Trustees, The Osprey Foundation, Board Member

**Cori Rosenberg**, Boston: Development Assistant at Foundation for MetroWest, Founder of Boston Society of Young Philanthropists

**Rebekah Roulier**, Boston: General Manager of the Doc Wayne Youth Services, Inc.

**Harvey Simmons**, Boston: Harvey founded EverTrue's "Raise the Rim" fundraiser to benefit *Innecity Weightlifting* and co-founded the "Techies Got Talent" competition to benefit *Music and Youth*.

**Tom Smith**, Newton: Executive Director, Founder, and Lead Attorney for Justice At Work

**Ellen Tang**, Quincy: Volunteer for Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center (BCNC)

**Marquis Taylor**, Boston: Founder and Executive Director for Coaching 4 Change

**Maria Vertkin**, Medford: Founder and Executive Director of Found In Translation

**Scott Warren**, Co-founder and Executive Director of Generation Citizen

**Samantha Eisenstein Watson**, Boston: Executive Director and Co-Founder of The SAMFund for Young Survivors of Cancer

**Aaron Whittemore**, Marlboro: Volunteer mentor and coordinator for Stand & Deliver

**Graham Wright**, Boston: Founder and Host of Opus Affair

## **THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS & PARTNERS!**

- *Boston Youth Zone*
- *Boston Police Department*
- *Onein3 Boston*
- *Boston Parks & Recreation*
- *Northeastern University*
- *Boston Beer*
- *Cambridge Hyatt Regency*
- *WBZ News Radio 1030*
- *Yankee Magazine*
- *Improper Bostonian*
- *Whole Goods*
- *Liberty Bay Credit Union*
- *CORT Furniture*
- *Bay State Banner*
- *Showcase Sound & Lighting*
- *CMG*
- *The Aquitaine Group*
- *Boloco*
- *Rebecca's Café*
- *J.P.Licks*
- *Irobot*



## **COMMUNITY CALL**

***Students making a  
difference in their lives  
and their community***

Teaching and student produced events require funding! We have three school events scheduled this spring. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation now online at [www.communitycall.org](http://www.communitycall.org) or by sending a check to:

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