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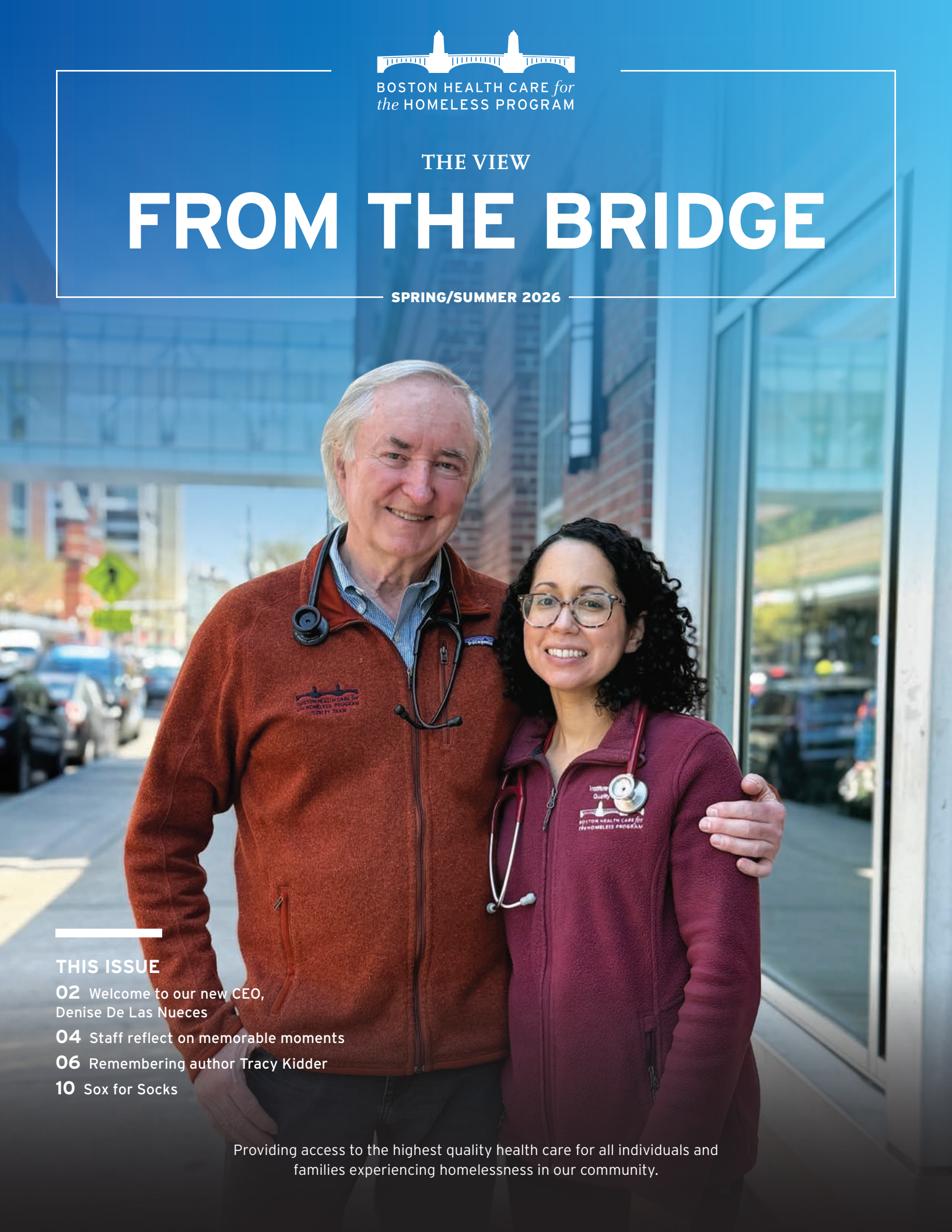

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Providing access to the highest quality health care for all individuals and families experiencing homelessness in our community.

DEAR FRIENDS,

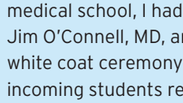
Growing up in a working-class immigrant community in New York City, I knew then that I wanted to serve those who had been dealt a difficult hand. Then in medical school, I had the good fortune of hearing Jim O'Connell, MD, and a BHCHP patient speak at our white coat ceremony—a poignant rite of passage when incoming students receive their white coats and are welcomed into the profession. Their words stayed with me such that when I finished my training, I was drawn to work here at BHCHP.

Today, 14 years have passed, I've experienced two stints as interim CEO, and I'm honored that the "interim" has recently been removed from my title. I couldn't be more thrilled and more humbled. I am very grateful to my colleagues and mentors, especially Jim, who has modeled for me and so many others what high-quality, compassionate and committed care looks like. I am equally indebted to our patients, who have been my greatest teachers of clinical medicine and of the human experience. And I am excited to remain in leadership at a program where very inspiring work is being done every day.

I remain incredibly thankful to all of you, BHCHP's steadfast supporters, whose generosity makes this all possible. Together, we advance our mission to provide or assure access to the highest quality health care for our patient community.

There are plenty of challenges ahead, but our patients show us every day how to move through the seemingly impossible—with courage, dignity, and resolve.

With gratitude,



Denise De Las Nueces, MD, MPH
CEO

Note: Please see Dr. Jim O'Connell's congratulatory message on page 9.

Cover photo: Drs. Jim O'Connell and Denise De Las Nueces outside BHCHP's flagship multiservice hub in the South End

GALA SUPPORTERS "KEEP THE LIGHT ON"

Our hearts are full of gratitude as we reminisce about the 15th annual Medicine That Matters Gala! With immense thanks to the leadership of our Gala co-chairs, John Fish and Patrick Lucey of Suffolk, we raised $1.4 million in essential funding that will help to "keep the light on" at BHCHP—the light of hope, healing, and innovation for over 11,000 patients cared for each year.

"I WAS JUST SO IMPRESSED WHEN I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO VISIT WHAT JIM AND DENISE HAVE BUILT OVER THE YEARS. EVERYTHING IS IMPECCABLE." Chris Viehbacher, CEO of Biogen

To everyone who attended and generously supported our work, whether through sponsorships, donations, or ticket purchases, we cannot thank you enough. As we brace for impending policy changes that will impact our revenue sources, we are blessed to be surrounded by an amazing community of supporters like you, who stand with us, shoulder to shoulder, especially during our times of need.

The Gala was a well-deserved celebration of Sharon McNally, CEO of Camp Harbor View, and the Biogen Foundation, who received the Dr. Jim O'Connell and Tim Russert Awards respectively. Sharon and the Biogen Foundation have dedicated themselves to making our community a better place, especially for those who struggle the most, and they inspire us to drive forward with renewed determination to bring our mission to life. We encourage you to visit our YouTube channel to watch the inspiring videos highlighting their tremendous contributions.

The honorees shared some captivating remarks about why they champion the work of BHCHP. Said Sharon McNally, "For 20 years, I've watched with great admiration as BHCHP treats vulnerable people with humanity, respect, and life-changing care. This is all hard work, and you all do it with energy, compassion, and joy... We all need to stay engaged and do what we can do to advocate for evidence-based, humane approaches that expand access to medical care, housing support, and the everyday services that help people get back on their feet."

Biogen CEO Chris Viehbacher, who accepted the award on behalf of the Biogen Foundation, added, "The caring community thinks about everybody in our community. And that's why I was just so impressed when I had the opportunity to go visit what Jim and Denise have built over the years. Everything is impeccable. And it is, again, such an honor to collaborate with you."

"FOR 20 YEARS, I'VE WATCHED WITH GREAT ADMIRATION AS BHCHP TREATS VULNERABLE PEOPLE WITH HUMANITY, RESPECT, AND LIFE-CHANGING CARE." Sharon McNally

1. Sharon McNally accepting her award with Drs. De Las Nueces and O'Connell. **2.** Chris Viehbacher, on behalf of the Biogen Foundation, accepting award, joined by Drs. De Las Nueces and O'Connell. **3.** Gala co-chair Patrick Lucey delivering opening remarks. **4.** Several of the Emerging Leaders Board members who attended the event.

BHCHP's very own Dr. Jim O'Connell addressed the audience with a heartfelt and poignant tribute to Tracy Kidder, the Pulitzer prize-winning author who spent five years deeply embedded within our program in order to write *Rough Sleepers*. He developed a profound connection with our staff and patients. If you have not read the book, we encourage you to do so, as it provides a unique glimpse into the lives of our patients and the people who care for them. Although Tracy passed away in March, his presence and impact are still deeply felt across BHCHP and will be for years to come.

Once again, our sincere appreciation to everyone who made our Gala a successful and memorable evening. Your support is a testament to our collective will to care for Boston's most vulnerable citizens, and we are immensely thankful! ■

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HEARD IN THE HALLS OF BHCHP

Since 1985, BHCHP has grown to meet the evolving health care needs of our patients. Your support has helped us expand access to high-quality, dignified care and further the innovations that make us leaders in homeless medicine locally and worldwide.

This article highlights the transformative impact of your gift in advancing our mission. Told through the perspectives of five staff members from diverse teams and backgrounds—recently honored at our annual Employee Recognition Event—these stories highlight our shared purpose and our gratitude for your support in making this work possible.

If you'd like to see our work in person—which we highly recommend—please contact us to schedule a tour! We'd be honored to show you the halls of BHCHP where you can hear these stories live and witness the big difference you're making in the lives of our patients every single day. ■

To schedule your BHCHP visit, please email Kat Gudiel, our Donor Relations Coordinator, at kgudiel@bhchp.org. You can also call us at 857-654-1044.

Street Outreach

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"A story that has stayed with me is of a patient who was homeless for years while living with multiple chronic health conditions that were largely unmanaged. He had long struggled to smile because he felt self-conscious about his teeth and was deeply anxious about seeing a dentist. With encouragement, he met with our dental team, and we took the time to explain the treatment process clearly to ease his fears. Over the course of a few months, his confidence grew steadily and when he finally received his dentures, his reaction was unforgettable—he couldn't stop smiling and expressing his gratitude. For him, it wasn't just about dental care, it was about achieving something deeply personal: "getting my smile back." Today, he is paying it forward by working as a counselor, using his own lived experience to support others navigating similar challenges. His story is a powerful reminder that the work we do is not just about treating conditions—it's about restoring dignity, building trust, and helping people reclaim their sense of self."

Bessy Wrights, Dental Practice Manager

"I'm working on the case of a woman who has neck cancer and a history of substance use. She is living on the streets and missed her court mail, which went to the shelter she used to stay at. To reopen her case, I needed to submit some paperwork, with only three weeks to get everything ready. We met to fill out some basic forms, including her work history and daily function report. She also inquired about receiving state-funded cash assistance, which is often one of the first things I help our patients with. I'm multitasking every day—meeting patients, making phone calls, filling out reports, visiting stakeholder offices. There are a lot of pieces to complete the puzzle. I work with some amazing folks and what has kept me here for so long is seeing what we can accomplish as a team. And that feeling has stayed consistent."

C.C. Williams, Patient Benefits Coordinator

"I've been a nurse at the BHCHP clinic at Pine Street Inn for the last decade, and I have a deep appreciation for the spirit of my colleagues and our program. I wish the public could get to know the wonderful personalities of our patients, be it in the shelter or on the street. They could be our aunts and uncles, sisters and brothers, daughters and sons. It's humbling to realize that any one of us could be in a similar situation as our patients."

Dave Droll, PSI Clinic Nurse

"Having been a member of the security staff at the Barbara McInnis House (BHCHP's 24/7 respite facility) for five years and now working as a nursing aide, I enjoy having more time to interact with our patients and get close to them. Recently, we admitted a patient who came in confused, severely malnourished, and infected with lice. He couldn't walk, spoke little, and spent most of his time in bed. I helped his nurse with the lice treatment and made sure all his belongings were laundered. I then prepared for him a clean bed. Soon after, the patient started to communicate more effectively and slowly gained his energy. He began walking down the hallway, and even downstairs to get his own meals. My early intervention helped him to open up with our team and start his healing journey."

Jusu Coker, Respite Aide

"I was just starting to work at BHCHP on a cold December day in 2004, when I met M for the first time. I remember this patient as if it were today. I introduced myself and he nodded without saying a word, hunched over and looked at the floor. We continued meeting week after week, 15 minutes at the max, as he couldn't tolerate anything more. He had a traumatic upbringing and was suffering with anxiety and substance use. He didn't believe he could get better but both of us kept showing up. These days, he comes in for an occasional visit and has a good laugh about the old days. He is filled with compassion towards himself and a better understanding of the recovery process. He is finally free. Witnessing the profound transformation of our patients, while working shoulder to shoulder with amazing colleagues, has kept me here for 22 years."

Patti Cullen, Behavioral Health Clinician

TRIBUTE TO TRACY KIDDER

By Dr. Jim O'Connell

Tracy interviewing patients during BHCHP street rounds inside a MBTA station; Tracy and his wife Fran at the Harvard Medical School White Coat ceremony with BHCHP CAB & Board member Joanne Guarino and Dr. Jim O'Connell

On a wintry night in 2014, Paul English and Tracy Kidder joined us on Pine Street Inn's Overnight Van. Paul, a serial entrepreneur, cherished Boston philanthropist, and creator of the search engine Kayak, was the subject of Tracy's penultimate book, *A Truck Full of Money*. He was keen to understand the complexities of homelessness and was so taken by the experience that he conceived the idea for the Winter Walk during that evening. Over the past decade, the annual fundraiser has grown from a Boston-based event into a movement that now takes place in major cities across the country.

TRACY LOVED OUR PATIENTS, CHERISHED OUR STAFF, ADORED PATIENTS JOANNE AND DEREK AND SARA AND OUR CONSUMER ADVISORY BOARD, AND NEVER STOPPED RAVING ABOUT THE "CONCIERGE" CARE OUR TEAMS OFFER TO THOSE WITHOUT HOMES.

Dr. Jim O'Connell

Intrigued by such lives "hidden in plain sight," Tracy approached us with an idea for his next book. We balked and initially declined, despite our awe of this American literary legend whose captivating story of Dr. Paul Farmer in *Mountains Beyond Mountains* has influenced a generation of medical, nursing, and public health students. I was summarily rebuked by our intrepid Consumer Advisory Board (CAB) members who embraced this rare opportunity for their stories to be told. And so began our wondrous journey with Tracy Kidder.

Both Pauls, Farmer and English, cautioned about Tracy's notoriously meticulous research: "He will stick to you like glue for years, so be ready!" Indeed, for the next five years, Tracy embedded himself in our program, becoming a member of our street team, attending huddles, venturing on the overnight van, walking the streets on day rounds, spending hours in the waiting room of MGH Clinic, spending Sundays at McInnis House, and joining us for home visits. He traveled with us to the National Health Care for the Homeless Council conference in Baltimore and to street medicine conferences in Pennsylvania and the Netherlands. He saw our patient Joanne Guarino speak at the Harvard Medical School White Coat ceremony and joined our Consumer Advisory Board and BHCHP Board meetings. He laughed through countless dinners at our homes, celebrated holidays and birthdays with us, and attended our weddings. He spent hours talking to our patients on the streets, in coffee shops, in subway stations, in our clinics, in their new housing, and in nursing homes and rehab centers. In sum, Tracy became family—and a cherished friend.

Tracy was clear that this would be his book without our editorial input, making us paranoid about the many vacuous or stupid things we might blurt out in those years. When the book was published almost a decade later in 2023, Tracy personally signed and gave copies to each of the more than 100 rough sleepers he had interviewed. Despite my fear of shattering anonymity, the only disgruntled individuals were those who did not make an appearance in the book. We found that to be perhaps the most meaningful tribute to the art and humanity of Tracy Kidder.

I traveled often over the past three years to attend book events with Tracy, often at medical, nursing, and public health schools. *Rough Sleepers* inspired many and has been such a gift to BHCHP, piercing what my mentor Barbara McInnis called our armor of "blessed obscurity." Tracy loved our patients, cherished our staff, adored patients Joanne and Derek and Sara and our CAB, and never stopped raving about the "concierge" care our teams offered so joyfully to those without homes. He admitted that he frequently forgot he was with us to write a story and felt part of our team.

I visited him often while he was on home hospice at his daughter Alice's home. He grappled openly with the reality of his imminent death, noting that the afterlife in Jewish tradition is now and not on the other side of death. Tracy Kidder found transcendence in the mundane but heroic work of teachers, carpenters, computer geeks, policemen, doctors, and so many others, always seeking to find what T.S. Eliot in *Four Quartets* calls "a lifetime burning in every moment." ■

WITH A GRATEFUL HEART

By Linda Wood O'Connor

From left: Colleen Eagan, Dr. Jim O'Connell, and Linda Wood O'Connor

It was 25 years ago when I first fell in love with the mission and the people connected to Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program. A very charismatic and deeply dedicated Street Team nurse, Cheryl Kane, was asked to launch the Development effort for the program, and they could not have made a better choice! Having been a volunteer in the homeless community for many years, I felt immediately drawn to Cheryl's commitment and to BHCHP's unique and lifesaving mission.

When the opportunity to have a "home of our own" came about in 2005—thanks to then-Mayor Thomas Menino donating the empty 77,000-square-foot Mallory Institute of Pathology building at 780 Albany Street—I was inspired to come work for BHCHP's small but talented Development Team on the critical campaign to renovate the building that is now Jean Yawkey Place. This is where many of YOU came into the picture! Mayor Menino aptly referred to BHCHP then as "Boston's best-kept secret"—which made it more of a challenge to raise the funds needed for the project. But thanks to the awe-inspiring generosity of individuals, foundations, and corporations, we completed the $42 million project debt-free despite the economic downturn of 2008.

As I tiptoe into retirement in the next couple of months, I can't leave without thanking each of you for the vital role you play in our work. Over the years, I have seen firsthand the extraordinary resiliency of our patients, selfless dedication of our staff (from housekeeping and food services to doctors and clinicians of all types), and the steadfast support of our donors. You play a key role in ensuring that inspiration can be found in every corner of our program. I strongly encourage you to come see our work firsthand.

While I continue to be inspired by nurses like Cheryl Kane and doctors like Jim O'Connell, I realized a long time ago that I can't *be* them, but I can *help* them. Like all of you, I donate to support BHCHP's mission. In that way, we are all making this inspiring and critical work possible.

"I HAVE SEEN OUR PROGRAM'S UNLIMITED POTENTIAL IF GIVEN THE RESOURCES WE NEED. I HAVE ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT DEVELOPMENT IS MORE THAN FUNDRAISING; IT IS RELATIONSHIP BUILDING—WE TRULY VALUE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU."

Linda Wood O'Connor

And like many of you, my husband Jack and I feel part of the BHCHP family. For this reason, we have named BHCHP in our will, knowing that there will always be a need and that BHCHP can be trusted to direct these funds to where they are needed most. I am deeply grateful for the priceless gift of working closely with the visionary senior leadership of BHCHP over the years—Dr. Jim O'Connell, Bob Taube, Barry Bock, and now our long-time inspiration and new CEO, Dr. Denise De Las Nueces. We are truly blessed!

I leave my role with a heart full of gratitude to YOU, our donors, who make our work possible and truly help save lives. Thank you for being "family" to our staff and patients. I have seen our program's unlimited potential if given the resources we need. I have always believed that Development is more than fundraising; it is relationship building—we truly value our relationship with you.

I am thrilled to share that my treasured friend and colleague of close to 20 years—Colleen Eagan—is now the Chief Development Officer for BHCHP! Many of you have had the pleasure of coming to know Colleen over the years and share my deep admiration of her. I have never met a more talented, hardworking, mission-driven, and highly successful development professional in my 40 years in this field. It gives me great hope to pass the torch to Colleen, knowing she will confidently lead and strengthen our Development efforts in partnership with all of you to meet whatever financial challenges come our way. BHCHP is in the best of hands! ■

EXPANDING ACCESS TO CANCER SCREENING

Cristian Torres, our Cancer Screening Patient Navigator, sharing information at a table in the BHCHP lobby

When you live on the street or in a shelter, doing your annual mammogram or prepping for a colonoscopy can seem like monumental tasks. Unfortunately, people experiencing homelessness bear a higher burden of cancer and have worse outcomes than their housed counterparts. Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program (BHCHP) has developed a preventive health program that makes it far easier for patients without a home to access timely cancer screenings.

"ONE OF THE BARRIERS FOR OUR PATIENTS IS APPOINTMENT ADHERENCE BECAUSE THEY HAVE SO MUCH GOING ON IN THEIR LIVES. WHEN WE CAN PROVIDE RAPID ACCESS, IT'S MORE SUCCESSFUL."

Sanju Nembang, BHCHP Director of Quality

The program targets the most common preventable cancers: breast, colon, and cervical. (BHCHP also prioritizes other types of screenings, such as lung cancer, depression, and anxiety.) "With screening, we can reduce the severity of disease and mortality," said Director of Quality Sanju Nembang.

BHCHP's preventive care program is about seizing the moment. When a patient comes in with any medical concern, staff use the opportunity to address needed screenings. In some cases, BHCHP caregivers are able to secure same-day appointments at partner hospitals for things like mammograms. "One of the barriers for our patients is appointment adherence because they have so much going on in their lives," explained Nembang. "When we can provide rapid access, it's more successful." These initiatives yield results: breast cancer screening rates for BHCHP patients 40 to 74 years of age have reached 38%—up 10% from last year.

Patients may miss appointments for a variety of reasons such as lack of transportation, anxiety about the procedure, or fear of a possible cancer diagnosis. When setting up a screening appointment, staff determine patients' needs and might offer counseling to allay their fears or an appointment escort.

THE CANCER SCREENING PATIENT NAVIGATOR

About six years ago, BHCHP hired a cancer screening patient navigator to mitigate the barriers preventing patients from accessing screenings. The navigator educates patients about the importance of screenings, helps them make appointments, sends them appointment reminders, accompanies them to screenings, arranges transportation, and ensures that patients receive their results and follow-up care.

PATIENT INCENTIVES

Incentives are another effective part of BHCHP's cancer screening program. Grant funding pays for rewards like $10 gift cards and CityPak backpacks, designed for people experiencing homelessness. These seemingly small gifts can make an outsized difference for patients, helping to address some of their daily struggles.

SELF-COLLECTED HPV SWABS

For patients who have experienced sexual trauma, a pap test—the most common screening for cervical cancer—can be very difficult to tolerate. Patients can now self-administer a relatively new test for cervical cancer called the HPV self-swab, giving them more privacy and control, while reducing discomfort and anxiety. The test can be done anywhere. "A street team clinician can give the patient a swab and then they can go into a public bathroom to do the test," said Nembang. "It's a really important innovation for our program."

The test detects high-risk strains of the human papillomavirus (HPV), which causes cervical cancer. From January 2025 to January 2026, screening rates increased from 55% to 65%, a significant jump for this population.

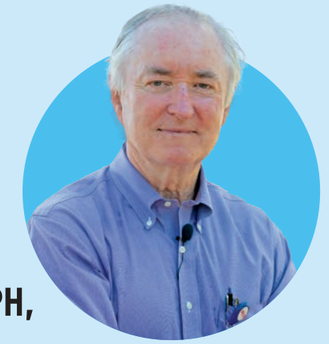
BARBARA MCINNIS HOUSE AND COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING

Some patients due for a colonoscopy have typically done the grueling preparation at the Barbara McInnis House, BHCHP's 24/7 medical respite facility. Over the past couple of years, however, colonoscopy appointments have been harder to come by. So these days, patients are more likely to do the simpler fecal immunochemical test at a BHCHP clinic, which analyzes a stool sample and requires no prep. If the test is positive, or if a patient is at elevated risk for colon cancer or experiencing concerning symptoms, BHCHP staff will arrange for a colonoscopy, and the prep can be done at the McInnis House.

In the last 15 years, colorectal screenings have gone from 20% of eligible patients to closer to 40%. Screening rates have plateaued—and recently declined—prompting BHCHP to secure funding from the Mass League of Community Health Centers and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to partner with four other health centers on quality improvement. The new goal is to raise screening rates to 45%.

THESE INITIATIVES YIELD RESULTS: BREAST CANCER SCREENING RATES FOR BHCHP PATIENTS 40 TO 74 YEARS OF AGE HAVE REACHED 38%—UP 10% FROM LAST YEAR.

By engaging patients at the moment they are already seeking care and removing barriers one by one, Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program is reshaping what preventive medicine can look like. ■



BHCHP CO-FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT JIM O'CONNELL, MD, WELCOMES DENISE DE LAS NUECES, MD, MPH, AS NEW CEO

As we embark upon our 42nd year since the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation awarded a grant to Mayor Flynn and the City of Boston, our Board, Consumer Advisory Board, and ebullient staff are excited to share that Denise De Las Nueces, MD, MPH, has succumbed to our pleas and accepted the permanent role of CEO, shedding the "interim" role she has so brilliantly held twice previously.

A dynamic leader, Denise proved inspirational in shepherding BHCHP through our first-ever financial shortfall in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and has recently guided us through myriad health policy changes while preparing for the impending changes in Medicaid that threaten the care of homeless populations in Massachusetts. Denise leads with clarity and extraordinary judgment. She embodies our collaborative culture and understands our unique niche within the network of shelters, community health centers, and academic health centers. Dr. De Las Nueces has engendered renewed hope among our 700 staff members while earning immense respect for her leadership.

Denise's curriculum vitae will assure you that we have found a true treasure. Denise received an MD from Harvard Medical School, completed residency in medicine at Brigham & Women's Hospital, and earned an MPH from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health as a distinguished Commonwealth Fellow. Since joining BHCHP in 2012, Denise has been Medical Director of our 24/7 medical respite facility, the McInnis House, and the entire organization as well as Chief Medical Officer, earning national accolades from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for overseeing our efforts with the Boston Public Health Commission to control a deadly outbreak of meningococcal infection in the homeless community. An Assistant Professor at the Boston University School of Medicine, Denise is board certified in internal medicine and addiction medicine. We are all in awe of this master clinician and skilled educator who still continues to care for her patients in our BMC Clinic. ■

TWENTY YEARS OF SOX FOR SOCKS

Each year for the past two decades, the Boston Red Sox and the Red Sox Foundation have loaded the bases with care and commitment for the patients served by BHCHP. Thanks to their generous support, Sox for Socks has become an iconic partnership, inspiring Red Sox fans to make a difference in the lives of people experiencing homelessness in greater Boston. For one three-game home series, the Red Sox invite our staff and volunteers to collect donations of new, white cotton socks from gamegoers. And its impact extends beyond meeting a crucial tangible need for our patients; as importantly, Sox for Socks raises awareness of BHCHP's lifesaving mission and compassion for people experiencing homelessness in our community.

While the purpose of the drive is serious and deeply meaningful, the atmosphere is festive. Volunteers are often joined by families of Red Sox players to cheer on fans who bring socks. Two other long-time Sox for Socks partners, NESN and Gentle Giant Moving Company, also help make the collection a tremendous success.

Why socks? People experiencing homelessness often spend hours on their feet, walking as their primary mode of transportation, and enduring all kinds of weather. Without clean socks to change into, foot hygiene suffers, increasing the risk of infection and other preventable health complications. Socks are one of the most requested items by patients. And we can offer this token of comfort and dignity thanks to the support of so many people, including you.

This year, we return to Fenway Park from July 20–22, when the Red Sox play against the Baltimore Orioles. **We are excited to share that you can join in the fun by purchasing game tickets via a special link. $5 from every ticket sold through this link (see QR code on the right) will be donated to BHCHP!**

Please help us spread the word about our campaign and we hope to see you soon. To further the impact of this campaign, you can also host a sock drive at your workplace. Please reach out to Edith Gregory, our Corporate Relations Manager, at egregory@bhchp.org to learn more. The company that collects the greatest number of socks will receive the annual Sox for Socks MVP Award at the BHCHP Emerging Leaders Board Fall Soirée. Just like David "Big Papi" Ortiz used to say, "It's an easy way to help!"

Looking back on 20 incredible years at Fenway, we are deeply honored by the Red Sox community's generous support for those who too often suffer most in our city. This invaluable partnership reflects a shared commitment to caring for Boston's most vulnerable residents—and is part of what makes us #BostonStrong. We can't thank the Boston Red Sox and Red Sox Foundation enough for making Sox for Socks possible and for touching the lives of our most vulnerable neighbors. Thank you! ■

To learn more, check out our website at **www.bhchp.org/events/2026-sox-for-socks**

Thank you for being part of the 2026 season of Sox for Socks!

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BHCHP'S SOX FOR SOCKS

Clockwise starting from upper left: Gentle Giant movers deliver a box full of white socks at BHCHP; Game attendees dropping off socks at the Gate D table; Red Sox players' families cheer for Sox for Socks (credit: Sarah Boeke, Red Sox); Dr. Denise De Las Nueces and Paulita Velazquez-Fernandez of BHCHP with Tom Caron, Lenny DiNardo, and Jim Rice of NESN

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EMERGING LEADERS BOARD NEWS

The new year means new members on our Emerging Leaders Board (ELB). Please join us in welcoming Jared Brewer, Vail Cort, Kanverly Cruz, Thomas Dacey, Marc Hem Lee, Kushal Kadakia, Rahim Malik, Sheila Malley, and Julia Pirro! Many of the new members were actively involved with our Ambassadors program, so their induction into the ELB is no surprise. Now that we have a productive March planning retreat behind us—where new members connected and strategized with current ones—we're eager to see what fresh ideas and efforts the ELB has in store this year.

The ELB has hit the ground running, preparing for upcoming events such as a Summer Social and the Fall Soirée, while dedicating volunteer hours to BHCHP or other organizations that serve our patient community, including the Greater Boston Food Bank and the Paulist Center's Wednesday Night Supper Club.

At the same time, ELB members are working hard to engage their personal and professional networks, helping to raise greater awareness of BHCHP's mission and the critical funds needed to support this work. In the last year, examples of these efforts include completing a century bike ride fundraising challenge, securing corporate sponsorships for ELB events, hosting BHCHP leaders and patients for a lecture, connecting our senior leadership with policy stakeholders, and more. We are truly fortunate to have the support of these civic-minded young professionals—rising stars in our community who generously commit their time and talents to BHCHP.

If you're a young professional who is interested in giving back and making a difference in our community, consider signing up to be an Ambassador and stay connected with ELB news by following us on social media, website, or email. You can also reach out to our team to learn more! ■

If you would like to reach our Development team, please call us at **857-654-1044** or email us at **developmentteam@bhchp.org.**

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