



Philanthropy Partners of the Cape and Islands
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**Philanthropy Partners of the Cape & Islands Announces
2024 Distinguished Service to Philanthropy Award Recipients**

August 22, 2024, Hyannis, MA, - The Philanthropy Partners of the Cape and Islands have proudly announced the winners of the 2024 Distinguished Service to Philanthropy Awards. These awards will be presented at the 24th Annual Philanthropy Day on Cape Cod, taking place on November 13 at The Emerald Resort: Irish Village in Hyannis.

This prestigious conference attracts over 500 professional fundraisers, executive directors, board members, and volunteers from across the region. Each year, the nonprofit community celebrates outstanding contributions in four categories: Philanthropist, Business/Organization, Volunteer, and Youth.

“The Distinguished Service to Philanthropy awardees epitomize the very best of our caring and generous community. Their unwavering support for numerous nonprofits and their ability to inspire others to do the same make a significant impact. At Philanthropy Day, we honor these remarkable individuals, businesses, and groups. Their dedication and compassion remind us of the power of giving and the difference we can make together,” said Jennifer Curran, PPCI Board President.

Outstanding Philanthropist Award: Gail and David Oppenheim. This honor recognizes their exceptional generosity and civic engagement on Cape Cod. The Oppenheims have provided significant philanthropic support to local nonprofits, focusing on housing, food security, healthcare, and more. Additionally, they have donated property and resources, empowering organizations to expand their impact. Their hands-on involvement includes serving on boards and volunteering in food security programs, demonstrating a commitment to addressing pressing community needs.

Outstanding Business/Organization Award: Todd and Beth Marcus of Cape Cod Beer. Known for their unwavering commitment to supporting nonprofits on Cape Cod, Cape Cod Beer has become a cornerstone of community engagement and philanthropy. Todd and Beth's dedication to making a positive impact is evident through their partnerships with local organizations, focusing on environmental conservation, social causes, and economic development. Their innovative initiatives and generous contributions have made a lasting difference, showcasing the true spirit of community involvement and leadership.

Outstanding Volunteer Award: Amy Doherty, Founder of Wellstrong. Amy has dedicated herself as the full-time executive director, grant writer, and board treasurer of WellStrong, a nonprofit organization in Falmouth, Massachusetts. With a mission to support people in recovery from substance use disorder

through fitness, wellness, and mindfulness, WellStrong has impacted over 2,200 lives and employed over 30 individuals from the recovery community. Amy's tireless efforts have raised over \$500,000, enabling the organization to offer more than 18,000 programs, including yoga, meditation, and recovery-based meetings. Her leadership and selfless dedication have created a supportive community that fosters healing and growth.

Outstanding Youth Award: Youth StreetReach. Since its founding in 2007, Youth StreetReach has empowered young people to support Cape Cod's homeless community through service and compassion. Inspired by the CityReach program in Boston, four young leaders launched this initiative to provide breakfasts and other support at the Federated Church in Hyannis, backed by local churches and organizations. Youth StreetReach is driven by a mission to educate and engage youth in social justice, emphasizing hospitality and respect for the dignity of all people. With almost 50 volunteer groups contributing food, clothing, and companionship, the program has made a meaningful difference in the lives of countless individuals.

Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate these amazing people and organizations and the positive change they have helped create. Those interested in learning more or registering to attend the Awards Ceremony at Philanthropy Day should visit CapeCodGiving.org/philanthropy-day/. Early bird registration is \$90 for guests and \$70 for PPCI Members who register by Sept. 30, or \$110 for guests and \$85 for PPCI Members after that date. Reserved tables are also available.

For more information, visit CapeCodGiving.org or follow event updates on Facebook at facebook.com/capecodgiving.

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