



Philanthropy Partners of the Cape and Islands

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Philanthropy Partners of the Cape & Islands Announces Keynote Speaker for 2023 Philanthropy Day on Cape Cod

July 5, 2023, Hyannis, MA - Philanthropy Partners of the Cape and Islands (PPCI) is pleased to announce that retired President and CEO of the YMCA of Greater Boston, James Morton, will be delivering the keynote address at the organization's 26th Annual Philanthropy Day on Cape Cod conference, slated for Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at the Hyport Conference Center at the Emerald Resort in Hyannis, Massachusetts.

With a wealth of leadership experience and a captivating personal journey, Morton will share his insights on how the first 30 years of his life significantly influenced his second 30 years. In this thought-provoking talk, he will explore the driving forces behind leadership, the power of personal stories, and how our life experiences shape our actions as leaders. Don't miss this opportunity to gain valuable wisdom from a distinguished leader dedicated to fostering potential, promoting social responsibility, and advancing diversity and inclusion.



“Leadership is fundamental to a nonprofit’s success,” Chris Ellis, PPCI Board President said. “James’ wealth of leadership experience and captivating personal journey will undoubtedly inspire, motivate and enlighten our attendees.”

Each year, this prestigious high-profile conference attracts hundreds of attendees from across the region. Non-profit organizations on Cape Cod and the Islands, their volunteers and board members, as well as professional advisors are welcome to attend the only full-day philanthropy conference on Cape Cod to share current best practices in fundraising and celebrate charitable giving!

Those interested in learning more or registering should visit CapeCodGiving.org/philanthropy-day/. Early bird registration is \$80 for guests and \$55 for PPCI Members who register by Sept. 30, or \$100 for guests and \$75 for PPCI Members after that date. Reserved tables are also available.

For more information, visit CapeCodGiving.org, email administrative coordinator Jean Kourafas at ppci@capecodgiving.org or follow event updates on Facebook at facebook.com/capecodgiving.

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More about James Morton

James Morton retired on December 31, 2022 from his role as the 13th President and CEO of the YMCA of Greater Boston. The YMCA of Greater Boston, America's first YMCA, is one of the largest private social services providers in Massachusetts, offering programs and services that nurtures the potential of every child and teen, supports healthy living and well-being, promotes social responsibility, and advances diversity, equity and inclusion for all. Prior to joining the YMCA of Greater Boston, James served as the President and CEO of YMCAs in Hartford, Connecticut and Springfield, Massachusetts.

James also has a deep professional connection to work force development and education, having served as a leader of two work force development agencies and as an educator in the Springfield (MA) Public Schools. James practiced law in greater Boston and Springfield for 18 years, with a focus on housing, small business development, domestic relations and contracts. James earned a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from the University of Wisconsin, a Juris Doctorate from Northeastern University School of Law, and was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from Salem State University.

Morton has served on numerous boards and committees, including the Massachusetts Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Springfield Empowerment Zone Partnership Board, Boston After School and Beyond Board, The Lynch Foundation Board of Trustees, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center Community Advisory Board, and Rockland Trust Board of Directors. In addition, he has been an active participant on numerous YMCA of the USA committees on youth development, executive leadership development, and multiculturalism. He is an active member of the African-American YMCA CEO Network.

In 2020, he was recognized as one of Boston's Power 50 by the Boston Business Journal for his leadership during the Coronavirus health crisis and, in 2021, he was named one of the 100 Most Influential People by Boston Magazine. Morton is a former All-American Masters track and field athlete and holder of several national Masters titles. He is married, with one adult son, lots of nieces and nephews, and a dog named Cassius.

More about Philanthropy Partners of the Cape and Islands

The purpose of Philanthropy Partners of the Cape and Islands (PPCI) is to encourage charitable giving; promote cooperation and foster a better understanding among professional charitable gift planners; and further the education and capabilities of its members, the professional community and the general public in all aspects of development including charitable gift planning. Governed and operated by an-all-volunteer, community-based board of directors, Philanthropy Partners of the Cape and Islands is a local chapter of the National Association of Charitable Gift Planners. PPCI annually presents Philanthropy Day on Cape Cod, slated for November 15 in 2023. PPCI is sponsored in part by Cape Cod 5, Kelley Foundation, Inc., and the Cape Cod Healthcare Foundation. Learn more at www.CapeCodGiving.org.