

Congratulations to the 2023 Employee Community Volunteer Award Recipients!

Thank you for helping children and families in your community and for your commitment to an organization that is important to you.

Ruby John

Department: **Radiology**

Years of Service at BCH: **16**

Community Organization: **Life Changing Church**

Years with Community Organization: **17**

Ruby oversees the Sunday School and funds will be used to support families and educational needs.



Being a part of the Sunday School Department has allowed for my faith to be strengthened. Working at Boston Children's can be strenuous both physically and mentally, therefore Church serves as a grounding force amidst daily stressors. My Faith has allowed me to greatly aid families that come into my department.

Deborah Antanavica

Department: **Pediatrics**

Years of Service at BCH: **11**

Community Organization: **Hearts for Heat, Inc.**

Years with Community Organization: **14**

Deborah is a board member and president. Funds will support fuel assistance for families.



It gives a warm feeling to be able to help families in your own neighborhood and know that you have made them a little more comfortable by providing help with their heat. So far this year, we have provided 2,492 gallons of fuel to 13 families.

Kathryn Crist

Department: **Information Technology**

Years of Service at BCH: **10**

Community Organization: **Hospitality Homes**

Years with Community Organization: **10**

Kathryn was a board member and currently an advisor to the executive committee. Funds will support day-to-day operations and lodging for families ineligible for host homes.



I decided to join the Board because I was attracted to their mission of increasing health care access to a broader and more diverse population. I was also inspired by their unique host home model and the additional support it provides to patients and families during what can be a very stressful time in their lives.

Erin Tibbetts

Department: **Pharmacy**

Years of Service at BCH: **6**

Community Organization: **Camp Surefire**

Years with Community Organization: **10**

Erin has been a volunteer counselor and is now volunteer medical staff at the camp. Funds will be used for the camp's financial aid program for youth.



I eagerly packed my bags to head to summer camp for the week. The long days, paired with nights filled with checking campers blood sugars left me tired, but yet I had never felt more happy and energized. The camp was truly a family and I had quickly become a part of it, just like each and every new camper and volunteer. Each summer, I am grateful to have the opportunity to volunteer.

Annette Correia

Department: **Occupational Therapy**

Years of Service at BCH: **35**

Community Organization: **Courageous Conversations Towards Racial Justice**

Years with Community Organization: **7**

Annette is on the leadership team. Funds will be used to bring trainings with a trauma lens for youth.



I have chosen to speak out, to help others learn, ask the hard questions and work towards making it easier for the next group of children in this world. Having these discussions in small groups is very personal and requires facilitation and a lot of personal education of topics and ways to manage.

Alyssa Kelly

Department: Staff Nurse, **Neonatal ICU**

Years of Service at BCH: **21**

Community Organization: **Caring Closet**

Years with Community Organization: **5**

Alyssa started Caring Closet to help families in need of child and baby items. Funds will support essential items.



While working in a local food pantry, I identified an unmet need for essentials in my community. In 2018, I started The Caring Closet to bridge that gap. The Caring Closet provides items such as diapers, wipes, formula, breastfeeding supplies, clothing, toys and books, blankets, school supplies, and birthday/holiday packages. The Caring Closet has served over 1,200 children.

Jermaine Joynes

Department: **Health Affairs**

Years of Service at BCH: **6**

Community Organization: **AIDS Care Ocean State**

Years with Community Organization: **4**

Jermaine is on the board. Funds will help families struggling with rent, utilities, food, and medical costs.



I had a clear goal to work with a community organization that benefits those with the greatest need. The organization's work with at-risk families that face not only hardships associated with HIV/AIDS, but poverty, addiction and illness resonated heavily with me and my personal values.

Danielle Cook

Department: **Sports Medicine**

Years of Service at BCH: **3.5**

Community Organization: **Kiwanis Club of Greater Boston
Young Professionals**

Years with Community Organization: **4**

Danielle is the president and on various committees. Funds will support food pantries through two programs (providing books for children and food for families).



I have always enjoyed community service. I am the current club president, chair of the fundraising committee, and the Kiwanis Advisor for Boston University's Circle K International club. As president, I plan and lead our monthly general meetings and monthly board meetings. I help plan our service projects and focus on making connections with our members.

Fatima Ali-Salaam

Department: **Web Applications Development**

Years of Service at BCH: **4**

Community Organization: **Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council**

Years with Community Organization: **4**

Fatima is the board chair. Funds will support relationship building activities with students and families.



As a founding member of the GMNC, I want to be part of an organization that first and foremost says that I don't have to move out of my neighborhood to live in a better one – we are the better one. At the end of the day, I only want to spend my free time with those whose words match their actions.

Thank you

- Our 2023 Award Recipients
- The David S. Weiner Award, an award named after the former president and CEO of Boston Children's, for providing the funding
- Each employee who took the time to reach out to us or submit an application
- Members of the Employee Advisory Group for the Community Mission for your support, guidance, and feedback