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MHIC News

MHIC Presents Excellence in Community Development Awards at Twenty-Second Annual Meeting

BOSTON, June 4,
At its twenty-second annual meeting and awards ceremony, MHIC today presented **Excellence in Community Development** awards to individuals and their organizations for their "enthusiastic commitment, vision, tenacity, and perseverance."

MHIC President Joe Flatley and MHIC Chairman Rusty Aertsen presented the awards at the meeting, held in at the Omni Parker House in downtown Boston and attended by more than 250 people.



Pictured l-r are Rusty Aertsen, Stephen Teasdale, Dorcas Grigg-Saito, Marc Dohan, Joe Flatley

"It is a great pleasure to use this forum to put the spotlight on a few of our many wonderful partners who have demonstrated exceptional achievement, often in the face of major challenges. We hold up the work of these individuals and their organizations as models, and to publicly recognize what they have done for their communities."

Awards were presented to:

Lowell Community Health Center and its **Chief Executive Director Dorcas Grigg-Saito**, for their "tenacity in pursuing the dream of a state-of-the-art community health facility to "Care for Lowell."

Under Dorcas Grigg-Saito's leadership, Lowell Community Health Center undertook the ambitious rehabilitation of a vacant historic mill complex to create a new 100,000 square-foot home for the health center. Doing this involved the entire Lowell community, which came together to support and help capitalize the fundraising campaign. Serving more than 50,000 low-income residents of the Greater Lowell area, the Center has a multi-lingual staff that speaks over 25 languages. Its programs have been recognized as national models and recently LCHC was named one of the top five health centers in the nation for excellence in cultural competency. The new facility, which opened at the end of 2012 significantly expands LCHC's capacity; it was financed by MHIC with New Markets Tax Credits.

Twin Cities Community Development Corporation and its **Executive Director**

Marc Dohan, for their “focused vision to rebuild and reconnect neighborhoods in close collaboration with the Cities of Fitchburg and Leominster.”

Twin Cities CDC has been a leading force in promoting the revitalization of housing and commercial development in the twin cities of Fitchburg and Leominster. Founded in 1979 and based in Fitchburg, the non-profit is led by the diverse resident and business communities of the twin cities and is dedicated to building quality housing, good jobs, strong businesses and effective leaders. Since inception, the CDC has developed approximately 123 units of affordable housing and 11,000 square feet of commercial space. Twin Cities also provides programs in community organizing, foreclosure prevention and homeownership. Working with Marc Dohan, who became executive director in 2002, MHIC has financed projects for Twin Cities under its New Markets, Low-Income Housing Tax Credit and Neighborhood Stabilization programs.

Main South Community Development Corporation and its **Executive Director Stephen Teasdale** for their “vision and perseverance in restoring the physical and social fabric of the Main South neighborhood through comprehensive community development.”

Main South CDC literally has transformed neighborhoods in Worcester. Founded in 1986 as a result of concerns about the neighborhood’s then-evident social and economic decline, the non-profit is dedicated to improving the quality of life for residents and businesses in Worcester’s Main South neighborhood. Stephen Teasdale became the organization’s first executive director in 1988 and under his leadership Main South has developed 349 housing units (homeownership and rental). Most recently, the CDC partnered with Clark University and the Boys & Girls Club of Worcester to undertake the redevelopment of a 30-acre tract of some of the most distressed real estate in the City – the Kilby-Gardner Hammond area. Main South has also acquired and redeveloped vacant, foreclosed properties and returned them to productive use. As well as housing development, the agency makes small business loans and provides tax assistance, employment counseling and summer reading programs. MHIC has financed projects for Main South under its Lending, Low-Income Housing Tax Credit and Neighborhood Stabilization programs.

Consigli Construction Company, Inc. and its President **Anthony Consigli**, President for their “enthusiastic commitment and achievement of minority participation.”

Consigli Construction Co. was the construction manager for the recently-completed Lowell Community Health Center. That project was completed on time, under budget and with above-targeted levels of minority participation and employment. Consigli Construction is a leading construction manager and general contractor headquartered in Milford, Massachusetts, with offices in Williamstown, Mass., Portland, Maine and Hartford, Connecticut. Founded in 1905, it is a family-owned business with four generations of family history behind its name. Consigli Construction has been construction manager for three MHIC-financed projects.

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