Congratulations to the 2019 Hidden Heroes and Sheroes for their dedication and vision for the community.
Program

6:00 p.m. .......................Reception / Dinner

6:30 p.m. ..........Leader of Ceremonies Opening Mrs. Yvonne McBarnett

Welcome Remarks
Cynthia Loesch-Johnson, President of the Codman Square Neighborhood Council
Julia Thompson, President of the Four Corners Action Coalition

6:45 p.m………………...Presentation of Awards

Cathy Baker - Eclipse - Millennium Award
Shawn Burgess - Civic Leadership Award
Peter Robinson - Civic Leadership Award
Cynthia Beckford-Brewington - Neighborhood Leadership Award
Ann Thorne - Neighborhood Leadership Award
Shakeriah Baxter - Youth Award
Saffiyah Coker - Youth Award

Invited Officials:
Mayor Martin Walsh
Boston City Councilor Andrea Campbell
Boston City Councilor Michael Flaherty
Boston City Councilor Annissa Essaibi George
Boston City Councilor Michelle Wu
Boston City Councilor Frank Baker
Boston City Councilor Althea Garrison
State Representative Russell Holmes
State Representative Daniel Hunt
State Representative Dan Cullinane
State Senator Nick Collins
Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley

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Hidden Heroes and Sheroes Committee
Dynell Andrews-Blake, Cynthia Loesch-Johnson, Marilyn Forman, Nicole Purvis-Donnell, Brilton Levy

Acknowledgements
Our deep appreciation is extended to Events by Delightful Décor for the beautiful decorations and dinner for this event. We would also like to thank the late Rev. Dr. Bill Loesch for his invaluable legacy in establishing this event.

A Community of Heroes and Sheroes

2012
Milton Roye  
Virginia Beal  
St. Mark/ Wainwright Summer  
Youth Program  
Lynnette Frazier  
Pastors Ron and Kim Odom  
Jim Hunt  
Francilia Jones  
Krishana Abraham

2013
Judith McGee  
Janice Knight  
Christopher Strunk  
Yolanda Ortiz  
Marie Samson  
Loraine Screen  
Theoni Solano  
Pamela “Mela” Cardosa-Bush  
Theresa Latson  
Margaret Stephens  
Bill Forry and Linda Dorcena Forry  
De’Lea O’Garro  
Marvin Sylvain

2014
Alveta Haynes  
Mark Scott  
Janice Martin  
Meg Campbell  
Thabiti Brown  
Gonzalo & Diana Diaz  
Naomi Robinson  
Chantay Robinson

2015
Rev. Garvin Warden  
Joyce Harvey  
Carol Carter  
Larry Thornton  
Silverbrook Farm (Jeff & Andy)  
Alley Pizarro  
Aryana Blake  
Andrue Winn  
Lela & Tanya Bailey-Stewart

2016
Allan & Jeanette Merren  
Victor Rodriguez  
Frank Rogers  
Rev Eugene Rivers  
2nd Church of Dorchester  
Former Mayor Ray Flynn  
Mehdi Islam  
Oladipupo Ogundipe

2017
Sandra Cotterell  
Stephanie Crawford  
Barbara Trybe  
Jeffrey Alkins  
Setrena Curry  
Mayra Duran  
Gary Wilkins  
Rasheed Belus  
Sayvion Jones

2018
Janice Galloway  
Caltor McLean  
Daryl Goldston  
Vanessa Thorne  
Andrea Campbell  
Amani Boston  
Shiylin Williams
Tonight we celebrate our 2019 Hidden Heroes and Sheroes. This annual celebration has recognized more than 150 people doing exceptional work to improve the Codman Square and Four Corners communities. These hidden heroes and sheroes give us hope and inspiration and tonight is our opportunity to learn more about them and share our gratitude and appreciation for their efforts.

This celebration also raises funds for two $1,500 scholarships to be awarded to the two high school senior awardees. This tradition began over 20 years ago by Rev. Dr. Bill Loesch. We are honoring the late Rev. Dr. Bill Loesch for his invaluable legacy by establishing the Rev. Dr. Bill Loesch Scholarship Fund, which will fund the two educational youth scholarships of $1,500 and other scholarship opportunities.

If you wish to nominate a person or group for November 2020, please submit a nomination form. Applications are received all year long and selections are made by the end of summer. Let's celebrate!
Each year, there are many nominations for the Hidden Heroes and Sheroes award. To be considered, the candidate must demonstrate success in one of the following areas:

**Neighborhood Leadership Award**  
Neighborhood Leadership Award Recognizes community members who identified a community need and through grassroots leadership effected change and improved our community.

**Awardees**  
**Cynthia Beckford-Brewington**  
**Ann Thorne**

**Civic Leadership Award**  
Civic Leadership Award Recognizes community members who identified a community need and helped to impact public policy and improve our community.

**Awardees**  
**Shawn Burgess**  
**Peter Robinson**

**Millennium Award**  
Millennium Award Recognizes community members who either brought to realization a goal of the Millennium Report or, in the spirit of the new millennium uniquely improved our community in a way not represented in the prior two categories. For more information about the Millennium Project please visit www.codmansquarecouncil.org

**Awardee**  
**Cathy Baker-Eclipse**

**Youth Leadership Award**  
Youth Leadership Award Recognizes youth who make positive change in the community and impact the lives of others.

**Awardees**  
**Shakeriah Baxter**  
**Saffiyah Coker**

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**1991**
Willie Mae Allen  
Buck Buchanan  
Rev. Fitz Allen John  
Calvin Morris  
Judge Darrell Outlaw  
Ben Thompson  
Lyndel Woodruff

**1996**
Liotha Bernadin  
Faiza Bodden  
Daniel Garcia  
James Greer  
Nancy Harrington  
Melba James  
Robin James  
Nancy Jameson  
James Keefe  
Louis Larry  
Phil Lindsay  
Angela Searcy  
AllieBledsoe Sullivan  
Marie-Armel Thedat  
Christina Thorne

**1998**
Kevin Barry  
Steve Quimby  
Teens Against Tobacco  
Patricia Carlson  
Rev. Rosena Davids  
Yvonne Price  
Candice Gartley  
Roger Greene  
Syria Temple No. 31

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Angela Searcy  
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**2001**
Arthur Sutton, Jr.  
Rev. Brilton Levy  
Marvin Martin  
Rita Lopes  
Maryellen Sullivan  
Paulencia Gattiereau  
Milo Tavoliero  
Joe Brand  
Katherine Jalbert

**2002**
Sarah Larson  
Caitlin Sullivan  
Phil Granberry  
Alvin “Junior” Lewis  
Jenny Moe  
Codman Square House Tour Committee  
Dorchester People for Peace
Cynthia Beckford-Brewington
Neighborhood Leadership Award

Cynthia Beckford-Brewington is a Police Officer with the City of Boston Police Department. Cynthia began her career with the Boston Police in 1997, after she enlisted in the United States Army at the age of 17 and became a Military Police Officer. Cynthia studied Criminal Justice at Middlesex Community College and UMass Boston. Cynthia has been assigned to Area B3 for her entire Boston Police Career where she has been able to serve members of the community she resides in.

Cynthia has spent more than 11 years with the B3 Community Service Office working with various community associations, churches, housing developments, senior, youth groups, DYS facilities, and schools in District 3. Cynthia strives to improve relationships between families and the police.

Every summer, Cynthia and her colleagues engage 50+ youth in a 6 week Teen Police Academy program focused on self esteem, respect, discipline, physical fitness, and providing a preview of what it takes to become a member of the Boston Police force. Cynthia engages in youth and police connections and dialogues. She enjoys working with youth from the numerous youth organizations in District 3 and she enjoys meeting monthly with over 30 community groups.

Cynthia has taught tap, jazz and ballet for more than 30 years at the Roxbury Center for the Performing Arts. She held the Senior Warden position at the Church of St. Augustin & St. Martin for 10 years and is a member of the Interracial Advisory Committee for the town of Bedford. Cynthia is also the mother of Zaria, a sophomore at Bridgewater State University.
Ann Thorne
Neighborhood Leadership Award

At an early age, Sister Ann Thorne had a calling to lead a life of faith and devotion to God and dedication to serve the needy under the leadership of Elder Monah in Georgetown, Gayana. As the second child of ten, she learned how to serve others by listening, watching and helping her mother with her siblings at a very young age.

Sister Ann Thorne left Guyana with her three children for the United States in 1985 to join her husband. Initially, she was active with the Cambridge Adventist Congregational Church where she served for seventeen years as the Children’s Teacher, Secretary Mission Leader and Deaconess.

Eventually, Sister Ann Thorne was called to the Second Church in Dorchester where she served in several ministries including Children’s Church, Nursing Home, Missions, Senior, and Homeless. She also provides sewing classes for the community.

On November 25, 2006, she launched a Senior Luncheon at the Second Church where she recognizes and honors seniors in the community. This year is the 14th year of this Senior Luncheon and it will take place on November 30, 2019 at 12 pm at the Second Church.

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Shawn Burgess
Civic Leadership Award

Shawn Burgess is a lifelong resident of Codman Square and the Principal Broker of Burgess Realty Group, LLC. Shawn holds a degree in Finance from UMASS Amherst’s Isenberg School of Business; he is a member of the Codman Square Neighborhood Council, and a proud Parent of a BOLD Teen.

Shawn’s commitment to improving the quality of life in the Dorchester neighborhood is exemplified every day. As a licensed broker for over 20 years, he has helped hundreds of families realize their dream of homeownership. Additionally, he has helped several local business owners identify space and remain operating in the community. Shawn works hard to ensure continued investment and commitment to the community by bringing neighborhood groups, developers and owners together to help build a common vision for Boston. It is no surprise that his real estate office is located in the heart of Dorchester.

Whether you see him at community meetings, local banks or just talking to people along Washington Street, Shawn has formed relationships that tie the community together. His passion for his neighborhood is only matched by his love for his family. In his spare time, he enjoys deep-sea fishing, cycling and spending time with his wife and four children. Shawn is also a member of Freedom In Christ Church located in Codman Square.
Peter Robinson
Civic Leadership Award

Peter Robinson is the co-owner of Celebrity Cut’s Barbershop located at 145 Washington Street in Dorchester. Peter’s passion for cutting hair began when he was 14 years old cutting hair under the trees of Jamaica and practicing on his friends and family.

In the year 2000, Peter migrated to Boston and obtained his license to continue his craft. He advanced his skills at Mattapan’s Finest owned by James Mitchell in Dorchester and then become an entrepreneur partnering with Jr. and Max and the rest is history.

Peter truly enjoys making every client feel welcomed and special as they enter his chair and his goal is to have his clients leave Celebrity Cuts feeling like a star.

Peter is a staple in the community and he enjoys helping others. For the past three years, Celebrity Cut’s has given back to the community through its annual back to school event. Peter and his team provide free haircuts and styles for girls and boys along with backpacks loaded with school supplies.

About the Leader of Ceremonies

Yvonne McBarnett, better known around the Boston College community as “Ms. Smiley” immigrated to the United States from London, England at the age 13. She graduated from Hyde Park High School, attended UMass Boston for nursing and eventually transferred to Bunker Hill Community College where she graduated with an associate’s degree in science.

Yvonne joined Boston College in the Thea Bowman AHANA Intercultural Center under the leadership of Dr. Donald Brown. Yvonne then completed her bachelor’s degree in science-sociology from the Woods College of Advancing Studies and a master’s degree in administrative studies.

After more than 15 years of assisting students, Yvonne was hired as the director of the Montserrat program with the University’s Mission & Ministry Division. She leads the operational functions of the Montserrat program providing holistic guidance and mentorship to students with high levels of financial need and supporting them in their academic, social, and spiritual formation.

Yvonne enjoys giving back to the community and assisting youth on their educational journey. She is a proud “double Eagle” and a BC mom!
We invite you to take part in the raffle to win exciting prizes and to raise funds for the Youth Scholarship Fund.

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(2) Stop & Shop Gift Cards (value $50) = 6 tickets
Hamilton Beach Mixer (value $20) = 2 tickets
(Visit the table to learn about more prizes.)

Cathy Baker-Eclipse Millennium Award

Cathy Baker-Eclipse is a landscape architect and project manager for the Boston Parks and Recreation Department. She was born and raised outside Baltimore and attended Cornell University, graduating with Honors. She became interested in landscape architecture as a way to combine her love of art with improving the environment in tangible ways. After 10 years of working for award winning design firms in the Boston area, she transitioned to the public sector in 2008.

Cathy has worked on a broad range of park types in her career, from pocket playgrounds in Chinatown to master plans of 45-acre recreation facilities in Dorchester. She is currently managing projects to protect the waterfront from the effects of sea level rise, neighborhood playground replacements, and multiphase park renovations. She is proud to have worked on several parks in the Codman Square neighborhood, including Dr. Loesch Family Park, Roberts Playground and field, Harambee Park Master Plan Implementation, and Codman Square Park. She finds purpose in the work to improve the quality and access to open space for all residents.

Cathy lives in Roslindale with her husband, Mark, and 2 daughters, Arden and Willa. In her free time, she enjoys knitting, visiting new places, and making lists.
Shakeriah Baxter
Youth Leadership Award

Shakeriah Baxter has been active with the Dorchester YMCA for three years. Shakeriah is a member of its Achievers Program focused on civic engagement, community service projects and healthy lifestyle choices. Shakeriah is also a member of the Youth & Government Program focused on shaping public policy and improving the neighborhood. Shakeriah has also participated in a trip to London with the YMCA.

Shakeriah’s parents are from Jamaica and she credits them with providing many opportunities for her that have allowed her to be the first generation in her immediate family to attend college.

Growing up, Shakeriah witnessed both youth and adults struggle with mental health and her goal is to offer support to others by pursuing a career as a social worker, specializing in the needs of young adults. In addition, Shakeriah aspires to obtain a Juris Doctor. Currently, her top school is Johnson & Wales University in Rhode Island. With these goals, Shakeriah hopes to be a strong role model for her younger sister.

Shakeriah enjoys having fun, dancing, traveling, playing volleyball, exploring, and growing as a person. She is optimistic, determined and passionate about helping others.
Saffiyah Coker
Youth Leadership Award

Saffiyah volunteers with the Four Corners Action Coalition to improve her community by organizing residents and providing positive opportunities for youth.

She attends Noble and Greenough School and is the Girls Varsity Crew Captain, a Girls Crew Training Captain, an Editor-In-Chief of the Yearbook, a staff writer on the school paper, a student member of the Challenge and Success Team, a Middle School Mentor, a Core Leader of Students United for Racial Justice, and a Core Leader of Sister to Sister, which is an affinity group for women-identifying students of color. Saffiyah is deeply dedicated to the wellness and betterment of youth of color at her predominantly white institution. Through mentorship and school-wide discussions, Saffiyah aims to create a safe environment for young students of color to advance.

Saffiyah is also the founder of Postmarked with Love, a holistic letter-writing campaign for 5th graders at Neighborhood House Charter School in Dorchester. Saffiyah has her fellow students write letters of positive encouragement to these 5th graders to better their self-esteem and mental health at an early age.

Saffiyah Coker lives in Dorchester with her mother, father, older brother, and two pets.
Congratulations to the 2019 Hidden Heroes and Sheroes!

A special thanks to Rev. Dr. Bill Loesch for his leadership in the Codman Square and Four Corners neighborhoods.

Join us on the first Wednesday of each month and learn more about Codman Square initiatives such as the Codman Square Farmers Market, Dorchester, Winter Farmers Market, Codman Square Tree Lighting, Codman Square Clean Ups, Codman Square Park and more.

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Rev. Bill Loesch

Join us and learn more about this newly established scholarship fund in memory of the late Rev. Dr. Bill Loesch, a founder of the Hidden Heroes and Sheroes celebration and strong advocate of the Power of Education. Every year, two scholarships of $1500 each are given to two high-school seniors that have shown dedication and leadership in their community.

Please donate to the Youth Scholarship Fund at www.codmansquarecouncil.org.

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