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BUILDING ON HISTORY

Mayor Menino Cuts Ribbon on Spencer House

Rogerson Communities, Forward Inc. and Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino marked the opening of Spencer House with a special ribbon cutting and building dedication celebration September 21. More than 200 community leaders, foundation representatives, Spencer House residents and Rogerson Egleston Adult Day Health Program participants enjoyed the festivities which included a luncheon prepared by Amir's Catering of Jamaica Plain and music by Ignacio Long and his Latin jazz trio.

The newly-constructed Spencer House is located in Egleston Square on a 3-acre parcel that includes three historic buildings. The site was named to the National Register of Historic Places in 2005. Residents have already moved into the 46 affordable housing units at Spencer House and a waiting list has been created. Under the HUD 202 program, residents pay 30 percent of their income for rent. The average rent in the building is \$280 a month.

"The residents of Spencer House are truly enjoying their new surroundings," noted Spencer House Assistant Property Manager Kellee Webb. "They love the environment and the décor and appreciate that the building is so beautiful."

In addition to providing affordable housing, the building also offers Rogerson Fitness FIRSTSM, a state-of-the-art strength training program. The adult day health program will serve approximately 50 neighborhood and resident elders daily.

The project was a collaboration between Rogerson Communities and Forward, Inc., the non-profit property owner. Spencer House is named for Marian Spencer, President of the Forward, Inc. Board of Directors and professor of gerontology at UMASS Boston.

Pictured above, from left, are Chia-Ming Sze, Chia-Ming Sze Architect, Inc.; Mike Welch, James J. Welch & Co., Inc.; Father David Gill, St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church; Shelley Kaplan and Paula Thier, both with the Rogerson Communities Board of Directors; Greg Mansfield, Massachusetts Division of Health Care Finance and Policy; Nancy Emerson Lombardo, Richard Brown, Board President Marian Spencer and Lillian Corbin, all with the Forward Inc. Board of Directors; City of Boston Mayor Thomas

M. Menino, Rich Churchill, Marilyn Wales and Anthony Galvagna, all with the Charles H. Farnsworth Trust, U.S. Trust/Bank of America Private Wealth Management, Trustee; James F. Seagle, Jr., Rogerson Communities; Tina Brooks, Massachusetts Department of Housing & Community Development; Liz Malia, House of Representatives; James Barnes, U.S. Housing and Urban Development; John Tobin, Boston City Council; and Michael Gondek, Community Economic Development Assistance Corporation.

SPENCER HOUSE By Numbers

- 120,000 bricks
- 277 windows
- 52,200 sq. feet of steel deck
- 297 doors
- 5,000 terrace blocks
- 173.07 tons of structural steel



Rogerson Board Bids Farewell to Two While Welcoming a New Member

As Rogerson Communities welcomes a new member to the Board of Directors, we also pause to acknowledge two, long-time members of the board who retired this fall.

Pat L. Cox

A member of the board since 2000, Pat Cox also served as co-chair of the Board of Overseers and was a member of the Development, Governance and Community Relations Committees. Her work was central to reviving the board's Visiting Committee.



"Pat is tireless and dogged and she always come through on her commitments," noted Rogerson Communities Board Chair Paula Thier.

Peter M. Keating

Peter Keating joined the board in 2002 and has served on both the Development and Governance Committees. He also lent his considerable energy and enthusiasm toward helping Rogerson meet Capacity Campaign goals.



"His positive attitude and facility to point up our value has been a source of

inspiration to other board members, staff and the new friends he has introduced to Rogerson," noted Thier.

Mr. Keating will continue his relationship with Rogerson Communities by serving on the Rogerson House Board.

Rulla Tamimi

Dr. Rulla Tamimi, a resident of Roslindale, brings a sense of community to the Rogerson Communities Board of Directors and much more. Dr. Tamimi, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Epidemiology at the Harvard School of Public



Health, provides a depth of medical expertise and offers a fresh perspective on Rogerson's strategic plans as the organization renews a focus on health and wellness.

Dr. Tamimi became a Rogerson Overseer in 2004 and has been an integral part of numerous Rogerson events. She served as a core member of the Board's Visiting Committee which provided a means for residents, program participants and their families to express their opinions to both the organization's most senior management and to the governing body.

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get involved with an issue that’s important for
everyone ...*

*You really have to ask yourself..
what kind of society are we if
we’re not taking care of our
elders?”*

~ Erica Corsano

Rogerson Communities organizes a variety of fun and entertaining events and activities throughout the year. For our latest event, Erica Corsano hosted a summertime soiree at Rogerson’s Beacon House.

Guests grooved to a Latin beat while enjoying Grey Goose speciality martinis and sumptuous appetizers prepared by Vlora, Boston’s hottest Mediterranean-inspired eatery. Pictured above are Janet Wu, Namrita Kapur and Erica Corsano.

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