



# Update!

## ROGERSON COMMUNITIES

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### *Mayor Unveils Cornerstone for Egleston Square's Spencer House*

On Wednesday, June 7 Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino helped unveil the cornerstone for Spencer House, our newest affordable housing development for elders now under construction on School Street in Egleston Square.

The building, set to open in the spring of 2007, will provide 46 much-needed independent, one-bedroom apartments for low-income elders and an adult day health program for residents and community members. The project is a collaboration between Rogerson Communities and Forward, Inc., the successor organization to the Roxbury Council of Elders. Forward, Inc. and Rogerson Communities have been working together since 1999 as owner and developer of the Egleston Square property.



*Unveiling the Spencer House cornerstone were (from left) Candace Sealey of U.S. Congressman Michael E. Capuano's office; Taylor Caswell, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Charlotte Golar Richie, Department of Neighborhood Development; Marian Spencer, Forward, Inc.; James F. Seagle, Jr., Rogerson Communities; Mayor Menino; Jane Wallis Gumble, Department of Housing and Community Development; and State Representative Liz Malia.*



### JOIN US.

Join us for the 13th annual **Art of July**, Boston's signature art-inspired fundraiser to benefit local charitable organizations. This year, Rogerson Communities has been chosen as the event's beneficiary. Auction items include works from local and national painters, photographers, and illustrators.

**Thursday, July 27**

7 to 11 p.m.

The Copley Marriott, Boston  
Tickets are \$35, VIP tickets are \$100  
[www.artofjuly.com](http://www.artofjuly.com)

### *Rogerson is building ...*

A brighter future for Chinatown elders through a new relationship with the Chinese Golden Age Center and the On-Luck Housing Development Corporation.

By partnering with these long-time contributors to Boston's Chinese community, Rogerson will bring much-needed, new affordable elder housing and expanded adult day health programming to this historic neighborhood.

The project will replace a 28-unit building on the site with a new, 8-story building. The modern brick and steel structure will include 74 apartments for elders and a significantly larger space at street level for the adult day health program.

Construction will be phased to allow relocation of residents to the new building before the existing building is demolished.



*Ruth Moy, Executive Director, Greater Boston Chinese Golden Age Center*

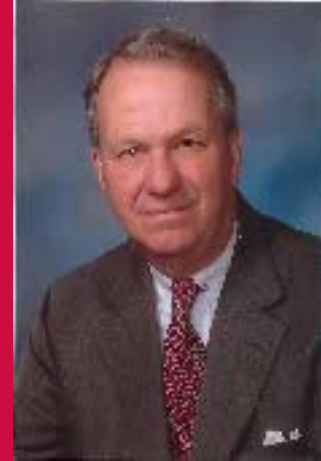
## Paula Thier Assumes Rogerson Communities' Board Chair Position

### Honoring A Commitment to Growth

David S. Lee, who recently stepped down after six years in his position as Chair of Rogerson Communities' Board of Directors, leaves the post with a legacy of growth. Under his leadership, Rogerson's first major fundraising campaign was capped off with a "hard to get" grant from the Kresge Foundation. He also led the Board to commit a stunning \$800,000 of the campaign's \$3 million goal. The funds have allowed Rogerson to rapidly expand into new offices and bring on new staff members.

"Philanthropy is something I am vitally interested in - it is what makes the United States unique," Lee stated. "Private support moves society ahead and makes us the great country that we are."

Under his watch the Board has diversified in ways unimaginable when he first became involved. It did so naturally and each new member has felt welcomed and valued. Lee will continue to serve on the Board of Directors.



### Charting a New Course

A member of the Board since 1996, Paula Thier assumed the position of Board Chair in May. During her tenure as a Board member, she has won the respect of fellow members and staff with her work ethic, her commitment and her excellent sense of humor.

"It [Rogerson] resonated with me as I recognized the difficulties faced by the elderly population of Boston, with limited means, trying to find affordable, quality housing," she said. "It was obvious that Rogerson offered an answer."

Thier brings with her outstanding experience in the area of fundraising and development. As chair of the Rogerson Development Committee she guided this crucial area of Board work to stunning successes in both capital and annual campaigns. Through her broad contacts in the Boston community, she has introduced many new and supportive friends to the Rogerson family.



## Thanking Two Long-Time Members of the Board of Directors

As Rogerson Communities welcomes a new Board Chair and honors the legacy of our outgoing Chairman, we also pause to acknowledge two, long-time members of the board who retired this spring.



#### Joseph L. Serafini

A board member for the past 28 years, Joseph L. Serafini was instrumental during the growth of Rogerson Communities, sharing his considerable expertise in real estate development and finance with the organization. A stalwart on the Finance Committee, Mr. Serafini also served on the Board of Directors' original Strategic Planning Committee in the late 1970's.

"I have always counted on Joe to ask the tough questions at Board meetings," noted outgoing Chair David S. Lee. "We need that, and we always understood that they were meant in the spirit of eliciting the best and most informed decisions."



#### David H. Morse

As a member of the Board of Directors for 30 years, David H. Morse served as Clerk of the board since 1979. Morse retires having helped to keep up with all matters corporate as Rogerson moved from a single entity to the multifaceted one the organization is today. In addition to his duties as Clerk, Morse also served on the Finance Committee.

"You have always given our growing organization your best attention," noted Lee. Morse will continue his involvement with Rogerson, remaining on the board of Rogerson House and joining the Beacon House board.

## ***Rogerson Communities is Building***

As Rogerson Communities works to open doors to new residences, offer new and improved adult day health and fitness programs and assist other non-profits to do more for elders and families in need, we continue to measure up to the high standards we set for the 25 programs and residences already under management. Every day, Rogerson builds on the foundation provided by you, our donors and friends. **Thank you.**

### **■ Gifts to Rogerson Communities 1/1/06 – 5/31/06**

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***With the help of their entire family, Brian Heney (left) and his brother Bill formed the O'iginal Foundation to raise and distribute money to non-profit organizations, who provide services to people living with Alzheimer's disease and other memory loss. Their gift to Rogerson Communities helps support services provided in the Adult Day Center.***

***"I'm one of ten children and family means a lot to me. After we lost my father and grandfather to Alzheimer's, my brother and I realized that we wanted to do something to help other families who were living with Alzheimer's and couldn't afford the care. Now we have a reason to get together with our family and friends in a positive way and to help others."***

***~ Brian Heney, co-founder of the O'iginal Foundation***



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*“Many older adults want to stay in Boston in the neighborhoods where they have roots, but they need supportive services and most importantly, they need affordable, accessible housing. Rogerson is doing just that. Whenever I visit Beacon House, I have to remind myself that this is affordable housing!”*

*This is what affordable housing can look like when it is done right.”*

*~ Ronald E. Logue, Welcome Home! 2006 Honoree*

Now in its 8th year, *Welcome Home!* has evolved into a must-attend event that beckons Boston's most caring and generous citizens to come out for a night of fine food, great company, and a unique and competitive auction. This year, we will honor one of these outstanding citizens — Ronald E. Logue, Chairman and CEO of State Street Corporation — for his outstanding work on behalf of many charitable organizations, including Rogerson.

Funds raised at *Welcome Home!* sustain Rogerson on the ever-challenging path of creating homes and programs for elders who need care.

Join us on November 9 at the Four Seasons Hotel as we honor Mr. Logue. For information about the evening's dinner and auction, contact Keri Aulita, Annual Fund and Special Events Manager, at (617) 469-5822 or e-mail [aulita@rogerson.org](mailto:aulita@rogerson.org).

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