

Rogerson Communities Opens 2 New Properties



State and local officials joined Rogerson Communities' and Forward Inc.'s board members and President Jamie Seagle in a ribbon-cutting ceremony on May 28, 2015 at Cooper House.

The Honorable Mayor Martin J. Walsh joined Jamie Seagle, President of Rogerson Communities, on Thursday, May 28 at the Cooper House ribbon cutting in Roxbury. The opening of Cooper House brought 37 new units of affordable elder housing to market. It completed the renovation and renewal of what was a blighted three-acre parcel into an attractive block of housing that now includes four buildings with a total of 161 low-income housing units.

Cooper House is one of three original structures located on the historic site of the Home for Aged Couples overlooking Franklin Park in Egleston Square. The three antique buildings sat in total disrepair when Rogerson Communities took on a redevelopment plan in 1999. A fourth building, Spencer House, is new construction developed by Rogerson Communities. Spencer House opened in 2007 with 46 units of affordable housing and a state-of-the-art Adult Day Health Center.

As part of a new community partnership, Rogerson Communities purchased art for Cooper House's public spaces from



Mayor Martin J. Walsh joined with many of the Boston area artists whose artwork was commissioned to fill the common areas of Cooper House.

local artists through Discover Roxbury, an artist-run, community-based organization that leverages the neighborhood's artistic, cultural, and historic assets to promote civic engagement and economic development in Roxbury.

On October 5, 2015, Rogerson Communities was pleased to host the ribbon-cutting ceremony announcing the opening of Hong Lok House on Boston's Essex Street. The much anticipated completion of Hong Lok brings a total of 74 new units of low-income housing for elders to this neighborhood, replacing the 28-unit elder housing facility originally developed in 1978.

The new Hong Lok House will be the center of activity for Chinatown seniors and will promote a sense of stability, caring and community. Most important, all units will

remain affordable in perpetuity. The October 5 ribbon-cutting was the culmination of a nine year struggle to redevelop a vital center for Chinatown's seniors. Rogerson Communities undertook the complicated task of fundraising and securing financing as well as managing design and construction of the new eight-story Hong Lok House. Rogerson's expertise included gathering government funding sources, and spearheading private fundraising in order to move the project forward.

"It was a privilege to have worked with Rogerson Communities to bring this project to fruition. The end product is something the entire community can be proud of and I am pleased to be welcoming each tenant into their new home," stated Ruth Moy, Executive Director of the Greater Boston Chinese Golden Age Center. ■



(Above) Hong Lok House, Essex Street in Chinatown. (Left) Mayor Martin J. Walsh, along with other state and local officials, Chinese community leaders, and philanthropic foundation representatives, was among the many who celebrated the October 5th ribbon-cutting ceremony at Hong Lok House.

FRAME *of* MIND



Left: Frame of Mind subjects: (L to R) Katiti Kironde, Doris Yaffe, Dyan McClimon-Miller, Mary Kakas, Madeleine Capino.
Above: Frame of Mind opening reception at Copley Place Center Court.

It is estimated that close to one million people passed through Center Court at Copley Place and saw the Frame of Mind project. The Frame of Mind Project was created to bring attention to Rogerson Communities and our mission to support aging with dignity, vitality, and longevity.

The exhibit highlights a diverse group of Boston women - fashion icons, trailblazers, thought leaders, entrepreneurs and innovators who have refined their style over time. The women featured range in age from 62 to 86.

An opening party launched this exhibit which we have been asked to bring to other locations in the coming year. Stay tuned, or see Rogerson Communities' Frame of Mind at www.frameofmindproject.org. ■

Fire Opal Fundraising Event!

Join Rogerson Communities on Thursday, December 10 from 6-8 PM and shop a variety of the area's most talented artisans - 10% of the evening's proceeds will benefit Rogerson Communities. Fire Opal is located at 683 Centre Street in Jamaica Plain.

Your Giving Matters

Please support Rogerson Communities with a year-end gift. Also, looking ahead to the coming year, consider making a commitment to an automatic monthly contribution.

To arrange automatic monthly payments, or to discuss other forms of planned giving, please contact Courtney Barth, Vice President of Development and Community Relations at barth@rogerson.org or 617-469-5822. Thank you for your generosity toward the many elders who count on Rogerson's support. ■

SAVE THE DATE WELCOME HOME! 2016

May 10, 2016

The Charles Hotel, Cambridge

Honoring

Richard L. Friedman

with the

Charles E. Rogerson Award
for Community Service



Meredith and Gene Clapp, recipients of the 2015 Charles E. Rogerson Award for Community Service, watch a tribute video detailing their outstanding contribution to the community.



Top: (L) Paula Thier, former Rogerson Communities Board Chair and current Board member, and (R) Brit d'Arbeloff, current Board Chair.

Bottom: A Gala time was had by all.

Welcome Home! 2015

Rogerson Communities was proud to honor Meredith and Gene Clapp with the 2015 Charles E. Rogerson Award for Community Service this past spring. Their long-standing commitment to caring for the local community and beyond has directly impacted the quality of life of so many residents and elders who utilize Rogerson Communities' essential services to age with dignity, longevity, and vitality. Thank you, Meredith & Gene! ■



(Left to Right)
The Clapps:
Jay, Gene, Meredith,
and Marjorie.



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