



HOPE IN ACTION

Event Details

When: Wednesday, May 19, 2010
8:00 a.m.-10:00 am Breakfast, Awards Ceremony, and Agency Highlights

Where: John Hancock Conference Center
40 Trinity Place
Boston, MA 02116

Who:

- *Honoring:* Boston University's Center for Addictions Research and Services for their invaluable contributions to the field of addictions treatment through pioneering research, evaluation, program development, and training; and their advocacy for close collaboration between researchers and practitioners to further the implementation of evidence-based treatment in community based programs. The **Hope in Action 2010 Community Leadership** award will be accepted on behalf of BU-CARS by Dr. Lena Lundgren, Director of the Center and Director of Research for Boston University's School of Social Work.
- *Keynote speaker:* Michael P. Botticelli has been with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health for more than 18 years, and has served as the Director for the Bureau Substance Abuse Services since August 2003. Throughout his tenure with the Bureau, Mr. Botticelli has worked tirelessly to increase research efforts, champion public policies, and facilitate collaboration amongst government agencies and community based providers, to improve the state's capacity to meet the substance abuse prevention and treatment needs of the Commonwealth's residents.

Goals:

- Raise \$100,000 to provide vital housing and treatment services and to address head-on the rising rates of substance abuse, mental health disorders, and homelessness that accompany recession
- Increase awareness about the impact of substance abuse on our community
- Celebrate Casa Esperanza's graduates and their families

What is Casa Esperanza?

➤ **Reaching Those Most in Need**

Casa Esperanza serves men and women, and their children, from across Massachusetts who struggle with substance abuse. The majority also suffer with the trauma of domestic violence and sexual abuse. Virtually all of our clients are homeless and most have lived in poverty their whole lives. More than half of our residents face HIV, hepatitis, tuberculosis and other serious illnesses. Most of the individuals in our program have lost custody of their children due to their addictions. Many have no income or employment when they arrive, and less than one quarter have a high school diploma. Against these incredible odds, the men and women in recovery at Casa Esperanza defy the stereotypes of people struggling with substance abuse as they work together to create new lives for themselves and their families.

➤ **A National Model for Supporting Long-term Self-Sufficiency**

In 1984, Casa Esperanza opened the first bilingual/bicultural residential treatment program in Massachusetts. In 1991, Casa was selected by SAMHSA as one of 13 "Best Practice Facilities" in the nation. In 1995, we addressed a key barrier to women seeking treatment by opening the Latinas y Niños Center, the first residential treatment program allowing residents to maintain custody and care of their children. In 1991 and in 2003, Casa answered the need among graduates for sober, affordable, housing by opening Nueva Vida (New Life) for individuals and Dunmore Place for families. In 2007, we opened the doors of the Familias Unidas Center, which offers a full array of relapse prevention and after-care services, including mental health services and trauma therapy. In that same year, we were also chosen to represent SAMHSA at the Latino Addiction Conference as a national model for substance abuse treatment. Now, Casa is preparing to once again extend the reach of hope as we launch the construction of Nueva Esperanza (New Hope), which will provide 14 units of supportive housing.

Over the last two decades Casa has developed a holistic, client-centered approach to treating individuals and families with substance use and co-occurring mental health disorders, helping more than 2,600 people gain the skills they need to become self-sufficient, contributing members of society and reuniting hundreds of families torn apart by addiction.

Keynote:

Michael P. Botticelli
*Director,
Bureau of Substance
Abuse Services,
Department of Public
Health*

Honoring:

Boston University School
of Social Work
*Center for Addictions
Research and Services*

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Casa Esperanza, Inc.'s mission is to help men and women to recover from alcoholism and drug addiction, gain the skills they need to be self-sufficient, contributing members of society and to repair and strengthen families torn apart by substance abuse.

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