

President's Award

Lowell High School Junior Air Force ROTC



The student cadets of Lowell High School's Junior Air Force ROTC are this year's recipients of CTI's Local Heroes President's Award. These young men and women have earned this distinction for their willingness

to embrace the ROTC mission to be educated and trained in citizenship, participate in community service, accept responsibility, and build their character and self-discipline, while also receiving instruction in air and space fundamentals. This year's class of 475 cadets represents over 14% of the LHS student body.

CTI is honoring the ROTC cadets for the tens of thousands of hours of community service they perform annually throughout the City of Lowell, while meeting high standards of academic excellence.

Among their notable community service projects are park and recreation space restoration with the National Park Service, neighborhood cleanups with the City of Lowell, and shoveling for the elderly through Project Rosebud. They also assist the local VFW in Veteran ceremonies; help Saint Vincent DePaul's thrift store; and tutor students, serve the poor and help immigrants adjust to life in Lowell.

They also have had the privilege and distinction of presenting The Colors for two World Series, and numerous Red Sox games and Celtics playoffs.



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Marjorie McDermott Award

Francis “Frank” O’Malley, Westford

Francis “Frank” O’Malley is this year’s recipient of the Marjorie McDermott award for his exceptional compassion and service to “children of all ages”, including those with and without disabilities. His admirers describe Frank as “steady, devoted and deeply caring” and a “gentleman who persists in seeking justice for people and solutions to needs.”



A father of a grown daughter with developmental disabilities, Frank has committed decades to advocacy and volunteerism, helping build community-based solutions for people with disabilities.

Among the organizations he has supported and influenced are Life-Links, Inc.; the RARA program of Lowell; the Special Olympics (coaching the track and field team); the Westford Public Schools; the Massachusetts Department of Mental Retardation; the Massachusetts Department of Developmental Services; and Community Teamwork, Inc. and its Senior Corps Volunteer program.

Cheryl Follien, former Director of Family Services at Lifelinks, notes, “It is said we are most human when we focus our attention on the needs of others. Frank is a prime example of this. He is always looking beyond himself to his neighbor and in doing that we have been blessed with his energy and effort.”

Frank lives in Westford with his wife Reine and his daughter Tammy.



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Local Hero

JoAnne McQuilkin, Tewksbury



JoAnne McQuilkin has devoted most of her adult life to serving children, young women and families through community service and volunteerism.

Her friends, family and colleagues recount the untold hours she has given to “help create a better community, especially for low-income children and families.”

For over 12 years, JoAnne has coordinated the Enterprise Bank Christmas Toy Drive, securing the donations of hundreds of toys that are shared with agencies including CTI, Girls Inc., Lowell House and the Salvation Army, who distribute them to deserving children. “JoAnne does not begin in December,” notes Enterprise Bank’s Maryellen Fitzpatrick. “She shops all year for best prices on toys and wrapping and plans fundraisers to ensure all the children who need gifts will have them. Her work over the past decade has impacted thousands of children,” adds Fitzpatrick.

Ms. McQuilkin also serves as Board President and classroom instructor for SuitAbility, Inc., CTI’s work entry / re-entry program for low-income women, where through instruction and guidance, she helps young women build self-confidence and their careers, and meet their personal and professional goals. JoAnne also has served the Today’s Girls/Tomorrow’s Leaders program at the Merrimack Valley United Way.



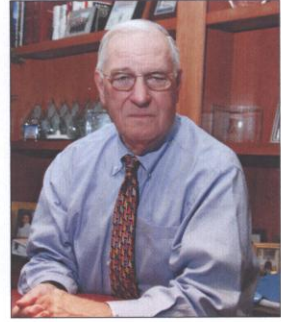
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The Late Edward A. Fish

Edward A Fish passed away on June 15, 2010, just two days after his 77th birthday. Hundreds gathered at his memorial service to salute the man whose life's work had been building quality affordable housing and better lives for countless individuals and families in the City of Lowell and throughout New England, the mid-Atlantic and southeastern United States.



Over 30 years ago, Ed Fish struck a three-decade-long development partnership with area stakeholders to change the face of Lowell by preserving its historic buildings with integrity and a vision of practical use. This was at a time when Lowell was declining and others were disinvesting in the City. His vision helped shape Lowell's downtown neighborhood character and fulfilled its promise as a bustling cityscape for people of all socio-economic backgrounds. Among his successes are the Market Mills, Jaycee Place, Rogers Hall, Ayer's Loft and Renaissance on the River.

"He loved cities, from Lawrence to Lowell to Springfield to Columbia Point and the South End," says friend and associate David Smith, noting we can take comfort in knowing his work will endure. Tonight we celebrate Ed Fish's determination, vision and hard work and salute his success in creating community renewal and better lives for all community members.



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Local Hero

Stephen Greene, Lowell



Stephen Greene is a local hero of environmental stewardship, devoting well over 30 hours a month as a volunteer, activist, organizer and leader, helping steer the City of Lowell's environmental planning and successfully bringing local residents together to address litter reduction and enhance beautification.

With a strong professional background in environmental management and sustainable practices, Stephen has directed his expertise to assist and lead organizations such as Keep Lowell Beautiful to do just that—beautify and clean up the City—and engage its residents, businesses and government to make Lowell a better place to live, work and visit. Stephen has been President of this Keep America Beautiful affiliate for the past two years.

His volunteer work also encompasses serving the City of Lowell on dozens of environmentally-related planning and advisory committees including the Green Building Commission and the Solid Waste Management Commission; the National Park Service; Community Gardens Greenhouse and all the neighborhood groups.

Stephen is principal of Howland Greene Consultants, LLC, specializing in sustainable business practices and sustainability reporting, and is Chair of the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority's Wastewater Advisory Committee.



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Local Hero—Members & Volunteers, Lowell Telecommunications Corporation

LTC is Lowell's public access station where its members and volunteers produce nearly 3,000 hours of community-based programming that is aired on channels 8, 10 and 95.



The member volunteers have contributed to programming that is rich in content and cultural diversity covering many areas of community life including arts and culture (above its members cover the internationally recognized Lowell Folk Festival), local and area human services, business and commerce, ethnic and faith diversity, freedom of speech and open communication. Among the number of memorable productions LTC's volunteer members cover are local sports games, the Lowell Folk Festival, the Southeast Asian Water Festival, and many other community and municipal events.

Over 30% of their public access programs air in Khmer, Portuguese, Spanish and Greek and serve niche communities that cannot find this information anywhere else. Many of its volunteer producers expand outreach by distributing their shows to Chelmsford, Dracut, Tyngsboro, Tewksbury and Billerica public access stations, as well.

This year, LTC is launching its much-planned-for expansion of their training and production facilities at 256 Market Street in downtown Lowell and is excited by the potential for increased programming and partnerships across the community.



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Local Hero State Senator Susan Tucker

Senator Sue Tucker represents the City of Lawrence and the towns of Andover, Dracut, and Tewksbury in the Massachusetts Senate. She is



Chair of the Housing Committee, Vice Chair of the Telecommunications & Energy Committee and a member of the Senate Ways & Means Committee. Her work as a legislator is part of a lifelong commitment to advocacy and community service.

Senator Tucker has earned a reputation as an independent and responsive leader who gets things done, taking on near-impossible challenges and winning, like her efforts to reform the Registry of Motor Vehicles and to combat auto insurance fraud, helping reduce insurance rates for tens of thousands of Massachusetts drivers and earning her the Pioneer Institute's Better Government Award.

As Housing Chair, Senator Tucker has sponsored and passed legislation addressing the foreclosure crisis in Massachusetts as well as landmark legislation to preserve affordable housing. She was named the 2009 Legislator of the Year by the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials.

Senator Tucker also chaired the Human Service and Elder Affairs Committee, advocating tirelessly for senior citizens and received many Legislative Leadership Awards from statewide groups that fight child abuse and advocate for foster children, the elderly and disabled, and the homeless.

Senator Tucker and her husband Mike reside in Andover and have two grown sons.



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Rebecca Duda, Dracut



History teacher Rebecca Duda of Dracut's Lakeview Junior High School has stretched the boundaries of creative education and community service by integrating her efforts to restore the long-forgotten Claypit Cemetery along Pawtucket Boulevard with her students' eagerness to conduct their own primary research.

Ms. Duda took the opportunity that Claypit Cemetery offered to teach her students how to use census records, vital records and other resources at the Dracut Historical Society (and partnered with the Lowell Historic Board) to uncover the unique history of those buried there.

Through creativity, hard work and the ability to inspire her students in the process, Rebecca has strived to restore the physical site of Claypit Cemetery and its rich history that has been forgotten. Along the way, she has set a new standard of excellence in hands-on teaching and community service for students.

As Rebecca enters her seventh year at Lakeview Junior High, she also has distinguished herself with many educator awards including the William Spratt Award for Outstanding Social Studies Teacher; the Milken National Outstanding Educator; as a Distinguished Educator by her alma mater, Salem State University; and is noted among Who's Who Among American Teachers and Educators.



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Ashley Toland, Tewksbury

As a student of Tewksbury Memorial High School, Ashley Toland has earned numerous awards for academic, athletic and community service including the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association's Individual Community Service Award.



Among her long list of service projects, Ashley has earned recognition for her organizational and planning skills, her understanding of technology to build an effective donation website and her willingness to ask the community to help low income children obtain school supplies and other essentials to begin the school year. Recently recognized by the Lowell Sun for her backpack project, it ran this headline: "Tewksbury teen's school supplies drive exceeds goal for second straight year," resulting in nearly 300 filled backpacks valued at over \$10,000.

For a number of years, Ms. Toland also has volunteered and fund-raised for the Lowell Humane Society, E.C.H.O. – Earth, Culture and Humanity Organization, United Way of Massachusetts Bay, the Salvation Army and the Wish Project.

As Ashley enters her last year at Tewksbury High, she has begun shadowing a local pharmacist and hopes to major in pharmacology in college.



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