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Rainbow Leadership
Banquet

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Reverend Martin
Luther King, Jr.

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Named in honor of one of the university's most distinguished graduates, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Program of the School of Theology was established in order to accent the degree of resolve and intentionality in the School with regard to exemplifying the spirit and substance that emerged from the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Although the Program is located within the theological school of the United Methodist Church, and therefore, is supported by and attempts to address United Methodist constituents, its activities and outlook are ecumenical, international and multicultural.

Accordingly, the King Program seeks to develop the following foci:

1. Recruitment and retention of ethnic minority persons for all levels of participation in the School. To break down all barriers to inclusiveness and to foster a community diversity.

2. Financial and other support services designed to attract minority and culturally diverse students and to assist their integration into the theological community in a manner most conducive to their academic success.

3. Curriculum development and resources as a means by which the teaching/learning process itself can become more multicultural and multi-ethnic.

4. Continuing education programs for clergy and lay persons that focus on issues of social justice, inter-group relations and inclusiveness in the mission of the church.

5. Special programs such as Martin Luther King Day Celebration and Black History Month, conferences and other events throughout the academic year that highlight and celebrate the achievements and perspectives of ethnic and other minorities.
Welcome from Rainbow Multiversity

This Annual Rainbow Leadership Banquet is the fifth in our empowering tradition of celebration, reflection, and inspiration. This event is unique in Boston's political life, bringing together all parts of our coalition based on common ground.

It is a time when we pay tribute to Dr. King and those in our community who walk in his footsteps. It is a time when we take pride in our progress and rededicate ourselves to the continuing struggle for freedom.

This past year the Rainbow met with tremendous victories, heartbreaking tragedies, and profound challenges. Our groundbreaking work resulted in historic victories across the country - from Ithaca to New York City to Virginia to Seattle. A rainbow agenda of empowerment, choice, and coalition politics won.

As we ended the decade, many of the concepts and principles we pioneered and advocated - from national health to peace based on justice in the Middle East - came to the forefront of national debate and in some cases, became national policy.

At the same time, we have met profound reversals for civil rights protection, for self-determination, for human rights and human needs. Locally, Boston has yet to meet the obligation to educate the youth, to provide job and housing opportunities to the people, and to establish equality and mutual respect.

In the face of the Stuart case and the state budget crisis, we must appreciate the tremendous challenges before us. These next few years will continue to be years of turmoil and change, with new electoral districts, new public officials, new policies. We must renew our commitment to work together to assure that changes will be in the direction of social and economic justice. Though we are often belittled as "minorities" and "special interests," we represent the new majority and the true national interest.

As Jesse Jackson says, "The arc of the universe is long but it swings towards justice. We've come too far to turn back now."

May Louie
Chairperson,
Rainbow Multiversity
As an activist who faced jail for his beliefs, as a veteran of more than twenty years of service in the Georgia General Assembly and as a writer, teacher and lecturer, Julian Bond has been on the cutting edge of social change since he was a college student leading sit-ins and registering voters. Bond helped form the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) in 1960.

He was first elected in 1965 to the GA House of Representatives, but the House would not seat him because of his opposition to the war in Vietnam. In 1966 the US Supreme Court finally forced the GA House to seat him. In 1968, Bond, cochair of the insurgent Georgia Loyal National Delegation to the Democratic Convention, was the first Black nominated for US vice president; he withdrew his name because he was too young to serve.

Bond was elected to the State Senate in 1974, where he served until an unsuccessful congressional race in 1986. Bond sponsored extensive legislation, including a pioneer sickle cell anemia testing program and a program providing low-interest home loans. He waged a successful fight to create a majority Black congressional district in Atlanta and organized the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus.

Bond serves on the NAACP National Board. He is president emeritus of the Southern Poverty Law Center, a member of the Commission on US-African Relations of the International Center for Development Policy, a founding member of the Atlanta Black-Jewish Coalition.

Bond is host of “America’s Black Forum,” and a commentator for radio’s “Byline.” He was narrator of both parts of the critically-acclaimed documentary series “Eyes on the Prize.” Bond’s writings include A Time To Speak, A Time To Act and Black Candidates - Southern Campaign Experiences.
Chairman of the National Board of Directors of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Dr. Kenneth Edelin was born in Washington, D.C. and attended segregated public schools in the city until he won a scholarship to a private school in Massachusetts. After attending Columbia College in New York and Meharry Medical College in Tennessee, he earned his M.D. in 1967. He began his residency training in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Boston City Hospital in 1971, becoming chief resident in 1973, the first African-American to hold that position.

In a highly political and publicized case in 1975, he was tried for manslaughter for performing an abortion and found guilty. The verdict was overturned by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court in 1976. He continued his residency training in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Boston City Hospital in 1971, becoming chief resident in 1973, the first African-American to hold that position.

In a highly political and publicized case in 1975, he was tried for manslaughter for performing an abortion and found guilty. The verdict was overturned by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court in 1976. He continued his work at the hospital, establishing an adolescent Obstetrics and Gynecology Clinic, a methadone maintenance program for heroin addicted pregnant women, and an ambulatory abortion clinic. His work continued as gynecologist-in-chief at University Hospital, medical director of the Boston Family Planning Project, and currently as associate dean for Student and Minority Affairs at Boston University School of Medicine. In addition to many professional honors and positions, Dr. Edelin has also served on the boards of organizations such as the Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts, the NAACP Legal Defense Fund (New England committee chair), the Solomon Carter Fuller Mental Health Center, Roxbury Comprehensive Community Health Center (former board chairman).

For a lifetime of service and example, for his work for social and political justice, for his innovative and dedicated work for the provision of health care for the oft-neglected, and for his unflinching support of women's reproductive rights, Dr. Edelin is presented the Fifth Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Award.
Carmen Fields, co-anchor of WGBH's 10 o'clock news since October 1987, is a 15 year veteran of Boston journalism. A native of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Fields was educated at Lincoln University in Missouri, with a graduate degree from Boston University. She has worked at the Boston Globe, WNEV-TV and WBZ.

The high regard in which her colleagues hold her both locally and nationally is exemplified in her work as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Black Journalists.

Fields is widely respected for her thoughtful and insightful approach to the news, as well as her forthright presentation of it.

She is dedicated, not only to her profession, but also to a deep sense of justice and truth. As she explains, "I came into a medium that was exclusive in both the participation and coverage of Blacks. I have tried to broaden the base of access not just for Blacks but for all unheard voices."
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MARY BERTIN

As a teenager Mary Bertin became involved in the Civil Rights Movement through her mother. In 1965 she moved to Boston and became active in the Black United Front. During her 16 years as a Roxbury resident, Mary was an organizer for City Councilor Charles Yancey and worked with the tenant task force at Franklin Park I and II to force HUD to bring housing conditions up to code.

When Mary moved to the Fenway in 1983, she became a member of the board of directors for the Fenway Community Development Corporation and was its vice president 1988-89. She also served as cochair for the Joint Committee on the Northeastern Master Plan, a coalition of community organizations fighting institutional expansion.

As a 19-year employee of New England Telephone, Mary has been active on workers' issues. She filed one of the earliest sex and race discrimination suits with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission against NET and won. As a member of the IBEW Local 2222, she played an important role in the recent strike of NYNEX workers and helped bring the Rev. Jesse Jackson to Boston for one of the largest labor rallies in city history.

During recent years Mary has become actively involved in the Rainbow Coalition. In 1988 she served as the volunteer coordinator for the Massachusetts Jackson Campaign and was a Jackson delegate to the Democratic National Convention. Mary's commitment to neighborhood, workplace and electoral organizing is not only informed by her strong vision of equality, but backed up by many hours of hard work, exemplifying the contributions of the woman for whom this award is named.
In 1968, Henry Hampton founded Blackside in a brownstone in Boston’s South End. The company is now one of the oldest minority-owned television and film production companies in the country, having produced some 40 commercial, industrial, educational and documentary programs, including “Kinfolks” and “Voices of a Divided City.” Today, Blackside and Henry Hampton are best known as the producers of the internationally celebrated “Eyes on the Price” series which this week began airing nationally with its recounting of the story of America's Civil Rights Movement: the eight part “Eyes on the Prize, II.”

This citywide award to Blackside and Henry Hampton is not solely based on “Eyes” however. We note the inspiring and critical contribution to our collective history that the series continues to offer. We also note the political and social role such a work plays today to combat all too common expressions of racism and injustice. But as the “Eyes” series recounts a social and historical problem, it recounts more importantly a history of resistance, organization and empowerment. That tradition is what we honor with this award, as it relates to this city: the work of a community-based, 21 year-old project, that has served as home and inspiration to many African-American filmmakers, researchers and technicians, who have brought their skills to projects in every medium and in every part of this country.
Special Recognition Award

EASTERN AIRLINES WORKERS

This award recognizes the valiant example of the International Association of Machinists union and the solidarity of the Transport Workers Union (Flight Attendants) and Airline Pilots Association with the Machinists’ strike against Eastern Airlines through most of 1989. Their courageous effort to fight the union-busting of Eastern/Continental owner Frank Lorenzo, in the face of a decade-long attack on organized labor that was supported by two presidents and major financial institutions, was truly inspiring.

Despite a resolution that the unions and their supporters would not describe as a victory, the nation came closer to a full-scale stoppage of air passenger service than most citizens know and most airline executives would like to believe. The dramatic car caravan from Miami to New York City in August and September was one example of the many campaigns organized by the unions. Their efforts to expose the politics of corporate raiders and leveraged buyouts that exclude the human equation of employees—and their right to organize—and ignore the safety of consumers will greatly affect future organizing efforts.

Judy Coughlin, Transport Workers Union, Bill Conley, International Association of Machinists
The Lowell Effort to Stop English Only

In 1989, the Latino community, Cambodian community and other fair-minded people in Lowell joined together to fight the "Bigot bill" — the English Only resolution introduced by school committee member George Kouloheras. Though the community lost the resolution vote, they were able to considerably narrow the margin of victory, register hundreds of new voters and educate people about their rights and potential power. The effort against English Only ousted school committee members who were active supporters of the resolution. It underscored the importance of fighting the vicious English Only movement and demonstrated the clout and political potential of a multiracial coalition in the city of Lowell.
In the weeks before the November 1989 Boston municipal election, a coalition of community activists, educators, parents, elected officials and representatives of Boston's communities of color came together to fight the replacement of the city's elected School Committee with a mayor-appointed board. Despite being outspent by a 100 to 1 ratio, and facing the power of a citywide political organization, the Committee for Real Change waged a spirited grassroots political fight challenging the attempt to impose a "political quick fix" to problems within the educational system, and effectively stopped the proposal.

For its efforts to preserve voting rights in general, and district representation in particular; for its championing of an inclusive and empowering process to produce quality change; and for its work to foster public awareness that the future of the city and its children should not be a political football, the Committee for Real Change is presented this Special Recognition Award.

Back (left to right): Tony Crayton, Bob Terrell, Marilyn Wu, Charles Yancey, Diane Stephenson, John Demeter. Front (left to right): Helen Cox, May Louie, Hattie McKinnis, Richard Thompson, Ros Everdell.
On April 8th, 1989, more than 500 neighborhood residents, elected office holders and city officials gathered for the first citywide convention focused on development issues affecting the neighborhoods of Boston. This day-long event brought together activists from every neighborhood to address common concerns across geographic, ethnic, and racial boundaries. The convention was an historic event, the first large scale gathering of Boston's neighborhoods, working together to forge a common agenda for community control of development.

The State of the Neighborhoods Convention was organized by the Center for Community Action, the Coalition for Community Control of Development and the Episcopal City Mission, and cosponsored by 110 neighborhood organizations, churches, elected officials, and citywide groups. Special Recognition is given to the sponsors for their vision of a better Boston through strengthening the voice of the neighborhoods.
African American
Allston/Brighton
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Labor
Lesbian & Gay
Physically Challenged
Roxbury
South End
Free My People (FMP) is a youth-led, youth-run political organization based in Boston’s inner-city African-American and Latino community. They have worked to connect understanding of what they term “drug slavery” and “apartheid slavery” and incorporate an understanding of the issue of women's liberation as it applies to the quality of the men and women in the organization. FMP is waging a “twin-coke-free-zone” campaign directed at removing Coca Cola from the schools, because of the company’s investment in apartheid, as well as the removal of cocaine from the neighborhoods.

The group is developing the speaking, writing and organizing skills of young people through programs like “team speaking” in which members have appeared in 24 high schools and colleges in the Boston area in the last year. In the presentations they combine extemporaneous delivery based on collective preparation. For this innovative addition to the great tradition of African-American oratory, and for the empowering and community-building example for youth, Free My People is presented this award.

Left to right: Abduhl Yahya, Falisha Bias, Alexander Lynn
Edythe York was drawn into Boston politics over the issue of parent participation in education. A mother of two, Edythe joined the Citizens for Boston Schools, an organization that sought out and supported candidates for the Boston School Committee. Edythe became a member of the Washington Allston Home & School Association, chair of the Committee for a New Washington Allston School and the education committee of the local anti-poverty organization, APAC. She established an after-school program in five Allston Brighton public schools. One of the organizers of the Community Schools, she is a charter member and the first program chair of the Jackson-Mann Community School Board. During the court-ordered desegregation of the schools she served on the staff of the Boston University-District One Collaborative.

Edythe graduated from the Extension School at Harvard in 1984. A supporter of district representation on the Boston City Council and School Committee, Edythe campaigned for district school committee candidates and served on the staff of School Committee member William Marchione and School Committee member Kitty Bowman. Most recently she cochaired, with Joyce King, the Committee for Voting Rights in opposition to the school governance referendum for an appointed school committee.
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Arab-American

ARABIC HOUR TELEVISION PROGRAM

What began nine years ago in a barn outside Boston with one camera and unskilled volunteers has grown into a solid weekly program of community news, interviews, politics, culture and entertainment with broadcast runs in ten U.S. cities. Relying totally on volunteers and individual contributions, the program has guarded its independence, trained newcomers in media skills and above all provided a forum for the Arab American community to speak with its own voice. Born in an era when "Arab" has often been associated in the U.S. with negative images, the Arabic Hour has fought stereotyping and isolation of its community by showing the diversity and rich heritage of Arab Americans, films of the modern Arab world and coverage of allies, artists and events.

The Arabic Hour addresses critical topics ignored and distorted in the major media such as the occupation of Palestinian and Lebanese land. The program's commitment to portraying faithfully its community's growing political identity and enfranchisement has led to steady coverage of Arab-American voter registration and participation in the Jackson for President campaign.

The Chinese Progressive Association Workers Center was started in 1987 by the Chinese Progressive Association and displaced garment workers from the P&L Sportswear Co. following their successful campaign for equal access to unemployment benefits and job retraining. In three years, the Workers Center has established itself as a unique community institution run by and for immigrant workers.

The Workers Center strives to combat workplace discrimination, organize the unemployed and the unorganized and work towards the full participation and empowerment of Chinese immigrant workers within the labor movement. The Workers Center organized Chinese immigrant women workers — with an unemployment rate double that of women workers citywide — to demand equal access to unemployment insurance and other benefits. Workers Center victories this past year resulted in Chinese interpreter services at the Boston unemployment offices and a commitment from the Department of Employment and Training to translate unemployment insurance forms and materials into six languages statewide.
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Dorchester
MATTIE DELOACH

"We've got to save the ones we have, to regain the ones we may have lost," Mattie DeLoach said recently, explaining the philosophy behind Wiping Out Drug Abuse (WODA) Inc., a Dorchester non-profit corporation she founded in 1986 to fight the growing influence of drugs on neighborhood youth. While working at the business she started, DeLoach's Superette at Columbia Point, Mattie learned from the teenagers confiding in her that for too many young people, the price for doing the right thing was ridicule instead of reward; the price for staying off drugs was staying away from their peer group. By recognizing and rewarding young people who lead drug-free lives, WODA seeks to enhance their self-esteem and provide the community with positive, drug-free role models.

A native of Mississippi, a mother of five children and nine grandchildren, Mattie has lived in the Dorchester community for twenty years. She studied business administration at UMass/Boston and political science at the University of Southern California. Her skills and adventurous spirit led her to various positions in theater and entertainment as an actress, theatrical talent agent and promotions and advertising consultant. Recently Mattie opened the New Wave/Gospel/Country/Pop Productions Company.
Adrianne Amirian has been the Director of Social Services for Crossroads Family Shelter in East Boston for four years. She has a long history of assisting people in need. Adrianne worked for the Welfare Department from 1970-77 and then worked for what is now DSS in protective services from 1977-83. She earned her MSW from Boston University.

Adrianne explains that her background as a cultural and religious "minority" living in Brookline has aided her in understanding newcomer families who come to Crossroads for emergency assistance. She explains that "sometimes newcomers are seen as intruders in the society competing for limited resources. Sometimes people resent their success. We try really hard to have other residents at Crossroads try to be understanding and sympathetic." Adrianne's family came to Boston as Armenian immigrants, a people who know all too much about war, genocide and cultural oppression. Adrianne sensitively helps many of the newcomer families to East Boston's changing and now diverse multicultural community.
StreetSAFE, a non-profit organization sponsored by The Boston-Fenway Program, Inc., is the Fenway community's crime prevention program. Since 1983, StreetSAFE volunteers have patrolled the streets and alleys of the Fenway/St. Botolph neighborhoods in a non-aggressive, non-discriminatory presence against crime. In addition to reporting crimes in progress and medical emergencies, crime watch volunteers take action on street light outages, blocked wheelchair access ramps and unsafe building conditions. Other StreetSAFE efforts include public safety education, the operation of the Jersey Street Safety Center, the DayWatch Program and the creation of numerous projects in which residents, businesses and institutions work together to make the neighborhood safer for everyone.
The problems facing Latino children in public schools have become an important focus of community action. Dropout rates of over 50%, lack of communication with Latino parents, and serious concerns regarding the overall experience of Latino children have moved parents, community organizations and activists to organize themselves to confront these problems. This year's Mauricio Gaston Award goes to two important organizing efforts: the Latino Parents Association in Boston and the Marta Rosa Campaign Organization in Chelsea.

- The agreement between the Chelsea School Committee and Boston University will affect the lives of many Latino children, who make up the largest percentage within the school system. The agreement incorporated the criticism of Latino parents in Chelsea, and highlighted the absence of Latinos from all levels of decision-making in the city. This was the context for the success of the Marta Rosa Campaign Organization, which brought about the election of the first Latina elected official in Chelsea. The Campaign Organization focused attention on the issues of bilingual education, representation and accountability at a critical time for public education in the city.

- The Latino Parents Association first organized in 1988 in reaction to the conditions at the Edwards School in the South End. Well publicized confrontations with Boston school officials took place as parents pressed for attention to their children's needs. In 1989, parents, advocates and school administrators developed the basis of a program to prevent Latino drop out from the public schools. This agreement represented the first public acknowledgement by the school system of the problems faced by Latino children and was endorsed by the School Superintendent and the Boston School Committee.
Haitian
EVENS PAUL (KOMPE PLIM)

The liaison for the Committee in Solidarity with Haiti in Boston, K. Plim, as he is known, is a founding member of Democratic Unity Conferation (KID) in Haiti. He served as a spokesperson for KID in the U.S. and Haiti. On an October 21, 1989 return trip to Haiti, he spoke publicly, advocating non-violent struggle to make the government more democratic. The following day he was arrested and charged with “plotting to overthrow the government.” Jailed along with a trade union leader and former army corporal who headed a popular organization, K. Plim was beaten and has not been allowed medical attention.

For his work among Boston’s Haitian community and his national role in bringing attention to the political crisis in his country and for the example of his current unjust and brutal incarceration, in the tradition of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., he is presented this award.

(For information on his case, and to help, contact: The League of Haitian Families, Boston, 266-3363.)
Antonieta Gimeno, a native of Mexico, has lived in Jamaica Plain since 1980. A single mother of twin 10-year-old girls, Antonieta has been an activist parent for six years in the Boston Public Schools as a member of the Trotter School Parent Council and presently with the Latino Parents Association. Working with young people is important to her because she sees education as the tool to empower people. She serves as a role model as a single Latina parent who works full time and is still able to contribute to the community in many ways. As a paralegal in the Immigration Unit at Jamaica Plain Legal Services Center, Antonieta spends much of her working time assisting Central American refugees, as well as other Latino and Third World immigrants.

Antonieta was cofounder of the Friends of Comadres, a multicultural women's group that provides concrete support to the women of El Salvador and educated the Jamaica Plain community and other North Americans about the realities of the war. In this as in all efforts, Antonieta sees herself, not as a prominent individual activist, but as part of a community of people working together to create a better society.
For fifteen weeks last year, thousands of Boston area telephone workers waged a successful contract strike against the NYNEX Corporation. The strike began after seven weeks of bargaining around a simple issue: the company wanted its union members to begin paying a portion of their medical benefits. The union did not. Workers knew that NYNEX was using the excuse of escalating medical costs in an attempt to pad profits with workers givebacks. In the course of this struggle, members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) and the Communications Workers of America (CWA) joined the Rainbow Coalition and others to organize the largest labor rally in recent memory. On August 15, 1989, 15,000 people gathered in Boston where they heard Rev. Jesse Jackson applaud the telephone workers' fight and then marched through downtown Boston to the New England Telephone headquarters.

Coming at the end of a long decade of lost strikes and unsuccessful anti-concession struggles, the unity and determination of the IBEW-CWA strikers provides an inspiring example for other trade unionists.
1989 marked the passage of the Gay Civil Rights Bill putting the State of Massachusetts second in the country with legislation on the books protecting lesbian and gay people from discrimination. This victory took 17 years and the combined efforts of the Massachusetts Lesbian & Gay Political Caucus, Greater Boston Lesbian & Gay Political Alliance and the Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights. The Caucus, which started 17 years ago, was persistent in their lobbying efforts on Beacon Hill. The Alliance moved beyond the lesbian and gay community, through political endorsements and active campaigns, developing a stronger and broader base. The Coalition emphasizes broadening the agenda and a highly visible grassroots approach to lobbying. The largest show of support for the Gay Rights Bill was a rally held in October at the State House just one week before the Senate's vote.

This was truly a victory shared by all that took enduring commitment, effective mobilizing of the lesbian and gay community, building a broad base of support and a wave of new organizing that culminated in passage of this historic legislation.

Back (l-r): Rich Chamberlin (CLGCR), Don Gorton (GBLGPA), Carrie Wofford (CLGCR), Andrew Held (CLGCR), Jeffrey Martin (CLGCR). Front (l-r): Rich Braun (CLGCR), Donna McKay Randozzi (GBLGPA), Arline Isaacson (MLGPO), and La Fontaine (CLGCR)
Bernice Lockhart has more than 25 years of direct involvement with programs for disabled and non-disabled persons of all ages. Until 1988 she worked with the Education Collaborative for Greater Boston (Ed Co) as project director of Metro Pathways, an alternative education program serving 35 urban and suburban high schools. From 1971 to 1975, Bernice was director of the Handicapped Component of Community Interaction Through Youth, an integrated program providing disabled and non-disabled young people with learning exposure to science, libraries, merchandising and other practical community activities.

Bernice is a faculty adviser to Special Education Curriculum at Harvard University, where she earned her Ed.M. degree, and a member of the executive boards of WGBH Parenting Project and the American Friends Service Committee. She also serves on the Task Force on Racism of the New England Consultation of Church Leaders and with Partners for Disabled Youth. She is currently the program manager of Minority Outreach at the Boston Center for Independent Living.
This past summer a group of Roxbury tenants came together and decided enough was enough. Tenants living in 2 Savin Street–386 Warren Street were tired of the substandard conditions and arson threats. They organized and formed Tenants Against Sleazy Slumlords (TASS). Already, the tenants have stopped a potential arson threat to their building, forced their landlord to begin repairs, filed a $200,000 lawsuit against their landlord (Daniel Stamos and his partners) and initiated negotiations for the sale of the building as a limited equity cooperative. In their refusal to give in to a slumlord who has made money off their misery, TASS provides hope and inspiration to many throughout the Roxbury community.
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South End
DOROTHY JOHNSON

Dorothy Johnson has dedicated herself to community service for over twenty years. Born in Worcester, Dorothy moved to the South End in 1969 and got her start in community service recruiting children for the Head Start program and working with the UMass Community Workers Program. In the early seventies, Dorothy moved to Unity Towers in Villa Victoria where she became president of the Unity Towers Tenant Council. She was also active in the St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church and joined Ruth Batson in the University Hospital Consultation Education Program working with families and the elderly.

In recent years, Dorothy served as a steering committee member of the Washington Street Corridor Coalition and on the Parish Council of St. Stephen’s Church. She has been active in the South End Chapter of the Mass Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities, the Episcopal Diocese Women with Disabilities and the MBTA Access advisory board. She is a member of the Ward 5 Democratic Committee, Four Corners Development Corporation board of trustees, the Arlington Street Developers board of directors and is involved with the Bay Village Association. Dorothy was active in church outreach and organizing the South End for the 1988 Jackson campaign.
A Brief History of the Boston Rainbow

In 1983, the people of Boston created new common ground in the fight for political power and progressive policy by making Mel King the first African-American candidate in a final election for mayor. The King Campaign brought together local struggles for political power, affordable housing, decent jobs, equal education and open access, as well as international peace. African-Americans, Latinos, Asians and whites from across the city joined forces to form a new political organization, the Rainbow Coalition.

Since the Boston Rainbow Coalition’s formation, the Rainbow movement has gone nationwide. Jesse Jackson’s 1984 and 1988 presidential campaigns have reached into every corner of this nation, challenging people with a new vision and direction and forming unprecedented alliances around common concerns. In 1987, the Massachusetts Rainbow formally affiliated with the National Rainbow.

Organizationally, the work of the Boston Rainbow is divided into different components: the Rainbow Coalition as the community membership organization and the Multiversity for educational work.

Rainbow Coalition

The Rainbow Coalition has been active in local, state and national elections, including the 2 Jesse Jackson Campaigns for President. In 1988, the Jackson Campaign won 20 percent of the vote in Massachusetts, over 30 percent in the city of Boston. This set the stage for future work to build and expand the Rainbow, mobilize for local elections, support national and state universal same day voter registration legislation, monitor the 1990 census and the 1991 reapportionment process, and support other progressive legislation.

The Boston Rainbow has been active in an impressive array of community struggles and has been involved in every major election since its formation. The Rainbow continues to be deeply involved in community control and
housing issues. The Rainbow has joined with other groups in the fight for land control through the Coalition for Community Control of Development, the Eviction Free Zone, the Washington Street Corridor Coalition, the South End Neighborhood Housing Initiative, the Greater Roxbury incorporation effort, and the State of the Neighborhoods Convention.

The Rainbow participated in the challenge to city and state electoral district lines because they violated the concept of one person-one vote, and diluted the vote of people of color. A new legislative district was created, the 5th Suffolk, which brought the election of the first Latino and Puerto Rican to the state legislature. The Rainbow helped bring together a significant effort which almost rejected City Hall’s heavy-handed moves to take over school governance, and which did succeed in convening a more democratic process to study and improve public education.

The Rainbow lends its support to a wide range of concerns. As labor struggled to stand its ground, the Rainbow supported the striking Eastern Airlines and NYNEX workers. It has supported, among others, campaigns against racial violence, the promotion of universal health care, cultural and language rights, a just Supreme Court, gay and lesbian rights, and international peace.

The Rainbow has been active in virtually every neighborhood and constituency group in Boston, dedicated to the fight for empowerment and justice.

Rainbow Multiversity

Rainbow Multiversity, the Rainbow’s tax-exempt educational arm, is dedicated to community education and empowerment, and to promoting a democratic society based upon equality and justice, regardless of race, class, sex, age, nationality, sexual orientation, physical ability or religion.
Multiversity opened its doors in September 1984 and since that time there have been many educational events, including the Annual Rainbow Leadership Banquets commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and honoring local activists.

Multiversity has carried on the Rainbow's tradition of supporting voting rights. It produced "The Boston Voters Handbook" and will publish updated versions of this essential tool for accessing the political system.

The Multiversity is developing other resources to aid and encourage voter registration and expanded political participation. It works with community organizations and leaders to conduct voter registration to reverse the decline of registered voters in the city of Boston.

The Multiversity's first major cultural project was the 1988 production and performance of Francena Roberson's original African-American play, "Where the Crayfish Run."

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We can help you talk about AIDS. Call 1-800-342-AIDS for a free guide. The hotline for the hearing impaired is 1-800-AIDS-TTY.
His light still shines.

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Fifth Annual Rainbow Leadership Banquet Program

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Program

Introduction of Head Table
Mistress of Ceremony, Carmen Fields

Invocation
Reverend Imani-Sheila Newsome
Assistant Dean for Students, B.U. School of Theology

Welcome
May Louie, Chairperson
Boston Rainbow Multiversity

Dinner

Presentation of
Constituency & Neighborhood Awards

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Keynote Address
Former Georgia State Senator Julian Bond

Presentation of Special Recognition, Cultural, &
Carrie S. Turnbow awards

Presentation of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Award

Acceptance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Award
Dr. Kenneth Edelin

Benediction

Please join us for music and dancing.
Rainbow Multiversity &
The Martin Luther King, Jr. Program
Boston University School of Theology
cordially invite you to

The Fifth Annual
Rainbow Leadership
Banquet

in honor of the Reverend
Martin Luther King, Jr.

Saturday, January 20, 1990
5:00 pm
Boston University Ballroom
775 Commonwealth Avenue
Boston, Massachusetts

with
Julian Bond, Keynote Speaker
Veteran Civil Rights Leader

May Louie, Chairperson
Boston Rainbow Coalition
The Fifth Annual Rainbow Leadership Banquet

Please join us in celebrating our achievements and reaffirming our shared values.

The fifth annual Rainbow Leadership Banquet in honor of the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. comes at a very significant moment in the political life of this country. Come see old friends, make new ones, and recognize outstanding contributions to the cause of social justice. We will honor local Rainbow leaders who have been keeping alive the dream of the late Reverend King.

Saturday, January 20, 1990

Reception 5 pm
Dinner 6 pm
Dancing After

Patron $500
Sponsor $250
Supporter $175
Contributor $125
Guest $40

RSVP by January 15th.
Tickets will be held at door.

We urge you to take advantage of the incentives for reduced price tickets.

Rainbow Multiversity

410A Columbus Avenue
Boston, Massachusetts 02116
(617)424-1041
The Rainbow Multiversity is the tax exempt educational arm of the Boston Rainbow Coalition. Any guest, contributor, supporter, sponsor or patron can become a member of the Rainbow Coalition by checking the box.

Please return your reservation by January 15th. Make checks payable to: Rainbow Multiversity, Inc., 410A Columbus Avenue, Boston, MA 02116

We urge you to take advantage of incentives for reduced price tickets. Please call (617) 424-1041.

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Dear Friends:

The Rainbow Multiversity and the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Program of the Boston University School of Theology invite you to join us in commemorating the Fifth Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Leadership Banquet by placing an ad in our Program Book.

The publication will pay tribute to the memory of Dr. King and to those who carry on the movement for social justice.

The banquet will be held on Saturday, January 20, 1990 at Boston University, the George Sherman Union Ballroom. The evening will feature former Georgia State Senator and veteran civil rights leader, Julian Bond as keynote speaker. We welcome you to join us.

We hope you will consider purchasing an advertisement and attached you will find an ad sheet with rates and deadline. What better way for you to promote your organization, event, or business to a diverse audience of over 1000 attendees while honoring Dr. King?

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions, please call us at 424-1041.

Sincerely,

May Louie
Chair
February 14, 1990

Ms. Lydia Lowe
Chinese Progressive Association Workers Center
27 Beach Street, #3B
Boston, MA 02111

Dear Lydia:

On behalf of Rainbow Multiversity and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Program at Boston University’s School of Theology, we want to thank you and CPA for your support of the Fifth Annual Rainbow Leadership Banquet held on Saturday, January 20 in honor of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.

As you know, over 900 people attended the banquet celebrating the holiday. Rainbow Leadership awards were given to twenty-three individuals and organizations for their efforts to carry on Dr. King’s movement for social and economic justice.

An event of this type is made possible only by the combined efforts of many people. We want you to know how much we appreciated your support and participation and the greeting you placed in the program book.

Again thanks for your past and future support. We look forward to working together in the coming year and, hopefully, seeing you at next year’s banquet.

Sincerely,

Diane Stephenson
Ad Book Coordinator
March 2, 1990

Chinese Progressive Assn Workers Center
27 Beach Street #3B
Boston MA 02111

Dear Workers Center,

Allow me to congratulate you for receiving the Rainbow Constituency Award from the Rainbow Multiversity in January. Your work is timely, vital and inspiring.

May peace and strength be with you.

Yours truly,

David Scondras
CITY COUNCILLOR