

CHOOSING TO PARTICIPATE

Upstanders: Portraits of Courage

Twenty-five Greater Boston-area individuals and groups are being recognized as Upstanders for the ways they created change in their communities, and in the lives of others. A photographic tribute to these Upstanders is on display at the Boston Public Library as part of Facing History and Ourselves' *Choosing to Participate* exhibit.

Steven D. Botkin

Founder, Men's Resources International

Committed to a society in which all men and boys have access to resources and support for living free of violence and oppression

Larry Camerlin

Founder, Angel Flight New England

Provides free air transportation to medical patients who could not otherwise afford treatment

Vivian D'Amato

Concerned Citizen

Provides meals to neighbors and friends who are experiencing difficulty

Gerald Chertavian

Founder, Year Up

Provides urban youth with the skills, experiences, and support that will empower them to reach their potential

Shaumba-Yandje Dibinga

Founder, OriginNation, Inc

Educates her students about their history, health, and self-awareness, and encourages them to strive toward their full potential

Casey A. Ehrlich

Founder, Blanket the Globe

Inspires and empowers young people to voice their concerns about the environment through her website

Gerdon Encarnacion

Student Leader

Founded a youth-run after-school program aimed at ending youth violence

Philip and Sandy Gordon

Co-founded, EdVestors and Boston Arts Academy

Works to improve education and students' access to the arts

Lindsay Hyde

President, Strong Women, Strong Girls

Empowers low-income, at-risk girls and helps them develop the skills they need to succeed

Nancy Jamison

Founder, Fair Foods

Provides perishable food to low-income areas

Jayson Joyce

Student, Bishop Feehan High School

Works towards creating awareness about the genocide in Darfur

Dr. Jeremiah Lowney

Founder, Haitian Health Foundation

Started two nonprofit medical clinics to improve the health and well being of the poor and sick in Haiti

Lynn Margherio

Founder, Cradles to Crayons

Engages children in hands-on volunteer projects for families in need

Mass Equality

Non-profit coalition

Led campaign to legalize gay marriage and initiated a tidal wave for future change

Erin Miller

Initiator of Change

Started and led a successful campaign to change the Natick High School Mascot

Mother Caroline Academy Students

Mother Caroline Academy & Education Center, Dorchester

Initiated a community-wide anti-violence campaign called Spread the Peace

Minh Nguyen

Founder, Project Booknet

Distributed thousands of books to schools, libraries, and community programs that would normally go to waste

Linda Pelosi

Mother

Helped an elderly woman in need and committed a small act of kindness

Janet Penn

Founder, Interfaith Action

Trains and mentors youth to plan, develop, and run programs on diversity and pluralism

Jesse Sage

Program Director, HAMSA

Launched the award-winning website iAbolish.org to raise awareness about slavery

Phitsamay Sychitkokhong Uy

Coordinator, Legacies of War

Advocates on behalf of the Southeast Asian American and provides space to heal the wounds of war

Aimee Thompson

Founder, Close to Home

Fosters an alternative response to domestic violence by building and strengthening relationships in communities

Teen Empowerment Youth Organizers

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Build tolerance, peace and community by organizing large events that bring positive messages to their peers and others

Renata von Tscherner

Founder, Charles River Conservancy

Protects and improves riverside parklands between Watertown and the harbor

Unknown Upstander

Honors the unknown and anonymous people who do the right thing

Ted Wells

Teacher, The Park School

Teaches students about the environment and makes recycling fun
