



# PROJECT PLACE

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## Reentry Services Expand

Project Place was pleased to be awarded a grant from the Department of Labor to expand our reentry services. Recognizing that the best way to prevent recidivism is through work, Project Place created the Boston Career Pathway Collaborative (BCPC), a seamless system of training, case management, mentoring, credentialing, education support, job placement and follow-up services geared to the needs of men and women returning from incarceration. Participants identify their individual strengths and weaknesses as they design a clear career pathway. BCPC presents a strategic way of maximizing resources and linking key players to provide comprehensive services. Partnering with the Suffolk County House of Correction, the reentry program will help men and women participating in state or local work-release programs gain the job skills and experience necessary to succeed in growth occupations upon reintegrating back into society. An exciting part of the program includes the involvement of the House of Corrections with local employers in the design phase of the program to best prepare clients with the skills they need to compete for current, local jobs.

BCPC is the newest addition, complementing the work being done by our other programs serving incarcerated men and women: POWR (Partnerships to Opportunities for Women in Reentry) and our oldest program CREW (Community Reentry for Women), which has been operating with the Suffolk County House of Corrections for 10 years. Beth Carter (*pictured at podium*) is our new Director of Reentry Services. Beth previously worked with the women at Betty's Place, Project Place's rapid rehousing program and has experience as a probation officer and HUD housing certification manager. We are excited for the commitment, energy and insight Beth is bringing to our newest programs.



## In his own words: Ken Newman



Ken Newman, Project Place student and GateHouse resident, spoke at the Project Place Charity Golf Tournament in July (*pictured with this year's winning golf team.*) Ken was living in the park next to Project Place when he first walked through our doors. Through hard work and dedication, Ken has rediscovered his love for personal training, maintains a solid base of training clients around Boston, and is completing his degree in physical training at UMass Boston.

*A year ago I was sleeping on a bench in the dog park on Washington Street. Last night I slept in my beautiful, warm and safe studio apartment GateHouse. In a few words what PP has given me is freedom, dignity, opportunity, altruism and hope. I could go on and on about how at home I feel, and the support I receive from Rose at the lunch counter, to a simple smile and wave from Suzanne on the elevator. My pledge to everyone at PP is that I will continue doing the next right thing, moving upward and forward. Sincerely, Ken Newman*

# HAPPENING AT PROJECT PLACE...

## 16th Annual Charity Golf Tournament

On July 28th, golfers tee'd off at the Bay Club at Mattapoisett for Project Place's 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf Tournament. The shotgun start began a full round of golf, with the weather cooperating for the whole day. The event was sponsored by Eastern Bank, Highland Street Foundation, Courier Corporation, Moriarty & Associates, Holland & Knight, Jean Tempel, Myers & Chang and Downtown Boston Business Improvement District. At the end of the day, "Team Smitty" (pictured at right) emerged the winners in a card-off against Team McGrath (pictured below).



Golfers who participated in the "super value ticket" were given more chances to win wonderful prizes such as Red Sox tickets, a Bluetooth speaker, and a signed Bruins hockey stick! Players enjoyed lunch provided by the Bay Club. Awards and raffle were presented during the luncheon. Ken Newman spoke to the group about how Project Place played a crucial role in his journey from living on a park bench in the South End to his permanent home at Project Place's GateHouse. Ken received a standing ovation, a warm welcome and a gift of Red Sox tickets – won as part of the raffle – as appreciation for all of his hard work.



Thanks to our supportive golfers and sponsors, over \$45,000 was raised for Project Place programs and services. We truly appreciate your support and cannot wait to see you all at next year's tournament!

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## Staff News

- On Friday, September 5, Project Place staff (*pictured at right*) gathered together in retreat by the ocean, hosted by board member Jim Stowe and his wife Barbara Stowe. Each year staff enjoys a day of reflection, relaxation and a chance to get to know each other outside of the office and classroom. As always, Jim and Barbara were gracious hosts of Project Place's annual staff retreat, and we cannot thank them enough for opening their home and feeding us!



- Join us in welcoming some recent additions to the Project Place team: Diana DeMont, CREW Instructor/Case Manager; Priyanka Gogia, Instructor/Case Manager; Kate Healey, Employment Specialist; Matt McLaughlin, Resource/Veterans Case Manager and Zachary Smola, Instructor/Case Manager.

- Recently, Project Place staff took the "Ice Bucket Challenge" to raise awareness of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) and to support ALS research (*pictured at left*). As a member agency of the community at-large, Project Place is always eager to pay it forward and give it back.

## Coming Attractions

Be on the look out for a new face  
of Project Place...  
coming in late 2014!  
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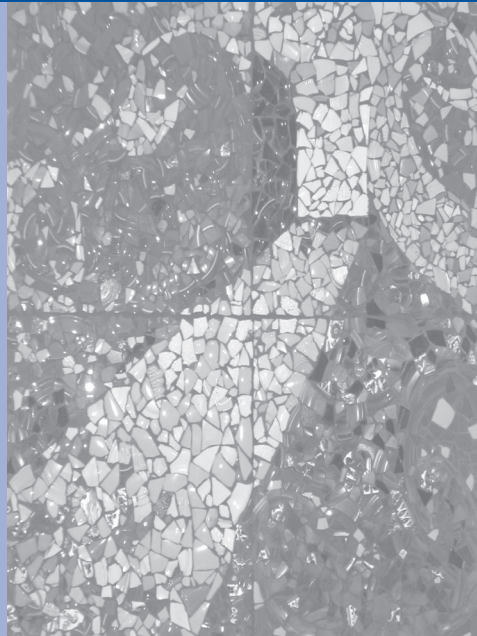
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## SAVE THE DATE!

Project Place has a full calendar of events this fall and winter! For information contact development: 617-542-3740 or [info@projectplace.org](mailto:info@projectplace.org).

**October 29—6:30p**

Howl-O-Ween at Howl at the Moon Boston, hosted by the Project Place Young Professionals

**November 12—6:00p**

Nick Flynn speaks at Project Place

**November 20—7:30p**

Gimme Shelter! at Church Boston, a benefit concert supporting Project Place

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