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Pat Myers, Keynote Speaker



Mayor Menino, Gemini, and Sr. Margaret Leonard

Ambassadors Rise & Shine for Project Hope's Annual Fundraising Breakfast at the Boston Harbor Hotel

Over 200 people gathered at the Boston Harbor Hotel on April 29, 2010 to celebrate Project Hope's mission of helping families move up and out of poverty. Mayor Menino welcomed guests and Project Hope's Executive Director, Sister Margaret Leonard, delivered a compassionate address encouraging individuals to come together to do more for the low income families in Dorchester and Roxbury. The event also included testimonials from Project Hope Ambassadors: Women who as current and former participants in Project Hope's programs who epitomize incredible strength and resilience in their journeys out of poverty.

Pat Myers, a long-time participant and one of the first graduates of the Partners HealthCare training program, a collaboration between Partners HealthCare and Project Hope. When Pat first arrived at Project Hope and was asked for a resume, she responded that she did not have one but proceeded to jot down her job history on a napkin. Her tenacity and determination convinced the staff of Project Hope that she should be accepted into the program. One week after she graduated from the Career and Workforce Development Program she was offered a full-time position as a Sterile Processing Technician in the operating room of Mass General Hospital (MGH). Pat has been with MGH for 6 years, was part of the first MGH Sterile Processing Certification program, and has become a member of the HAZMAT first responder's team. Pat was honored with the Partners in Excellence Award from MGH for her outstanding achievements. Pat is truly an Ambassador of Project Hope.

Project Hope is a multi-service agency in the Dudley area of Dorchester/Roxbury whose mission is to partner with families as they move up and out of poverty. The agency provides homeless women with children and low-income individuals with an integrated system of supports; access to education, job training, housing, and emergency services, even as it works for broader systems change in the public domain.

More than 1,000 families, primarily in the Dorchester and Roxbury areas, turn to Project Hope to access such services annually. Project Hope is an agency known for its compassionate service to families in crisis, for the respect in which each family is held, and for building communities of support.

For more information about Project Hope visit www.prohope.org or contact Elizabeth Zarrella, Director of Development & External Affairs.